

## House of Councilors Election Survey

a1 Q1. First, I would like to ask you some questions concerning those people who filed their candidature in your electoral district.

{Note for interviewer: Hand respondent the Candidate List A.

Along with the names of the candidates, there is a picture of a thermometer on the list.

Number of candidates in this electoral district (circle one that applies):

1. 2 candidates
2. 3 candidates
3. 4 candidates
4. 5 candidates
5. 6 candidates
6. 7 or more candidates

(1) Are there any names on this list that you know? Please answer by the number.

(2) How much do you know about this candidate? (If the answer is neither 1. Know a lot or 2. Know a little, then circle 3. Know only the candidate's name)

(3) (Ask to those who answered: "know a lot" or "know a little") There is a picture of a thermometer. If you feel completely neutral about the candidate, indicate this neutral feeling by giving him/her a rating of 50°C. If you like the candidate, rate him/her between 50°C to 100°C depending on how positively you feel. Conversely, if you dislike the candidate, then rate between 0°C to 50°C depending on how negatively you feel.

Repeat Q1 until respondent runs out of names of candidates that he/she knows. However, the maximum number of names required would be six. Even if there are more than 6 candidates on the list, stop Q1 there and move onto Q2. When the respondent runs out of names, make sure to ask: "Is there anyone else?"

If the respondent's answer for SQ2 is "DK", then code SQ3 as 111; if "NA", then as 222.}

a1s1x1p Q1.(1)-SQ1. Are there any names on this list that you know?

- a1s1x1c
1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ2)
  2. No (proceed to Q2)

a1s1x2 Q1.(1)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

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| 1. Know a lot                     | (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ3) |
| 2. Know a little                  | (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ3) |
| 3. Know only the candidate's name | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ1) |
| 4. DK                             | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ1) |
| 5. NA                             | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ1) |

a1s1x3

Q1.(1)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.  
( ) degrees

a1s2x1p

Q1.(2)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

a1s2x1c

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| 1. Yes (specify by the number: ) | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ2) |
| 2. No                            | (proceed to Q2)         |

a1s2x2

Q1.(2)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Know a lot                     | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ3) |
| 2. Know a little                  | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ3) |
| 3. Know only the candidate's name | (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ1) |
| 4. DK                             | (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ1) |
| 5. NA                             | (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ1) |

a1s2x3

Q1.(2)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.  
( ) degrees

a1s3x1p

Q1.(3)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

a1s3x1c

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Yes (specify by the number: ) | (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ2) |
| 2. No                            | (proceed to Q2)         |

a1s3x2

Q1.(3)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Know a lot                     | (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ3) |
| 2. Know a little                  | (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ3) |
| 3. Know only the candidate's name | (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ1) |
| 4. DK                             | (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ1) |
| 5. NA                             | (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ1) |

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a1s3x3 Q1.(3)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.  
( ) degrees

a1s4x1p Q1.(4)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

- a1s4x1c 1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ2)  
2. No (proceed to Q2)

a1s4x2 Q1.(4)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ3)
3. Know only the candidate's name (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ1)
4. DK (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ1)
5. NA (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ1)

a1s4x3 Q1.(4)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.  
( ) degrees

a1s5x1p Q1.(5)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

- a1s5x1c 1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ2)  
2. No (proceed to Q2)

a1s5x2 Q1.(5)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ3)
3. Know only the candidate's name (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ1)
4. DK (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ1)
5. NA (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ1)

a1s5x3 Q1.(5)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.  
( ) degrees

a1s6x1p Q1.(6)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

a1s6x1c

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1. Yes (specify by the number: \_\_\_\_\_) (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ2)
2. No (proceed to Q2)

Q1.(6)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ3)
3. Know only the candidate's name (proceed to Q2)
4. DK (proceed to Q2)
5. NA (proceed to Q2)

Q1.(6)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.

( ) degrees

Q2. {SHOW CARD #1} Do you plan to go to the upcoming House of Councilors election?

Choose one that best reflects your intention.

1. On election day I have something else to do, so going to vote is difficult.
2. I have nothing else to do, but going to vote is too much trouble.
3. I have no problems with going to vote.
4. DK
5. NA

Q3. {SHOW CARD #2} In regard to voting, several opinions are shown on the list.

Choose one that best reflects your own.

1. Voting in elections is a citizen's duty, and all citizens are obliged to vote.
  2. Voting in elections is something that a citizen really should do.
  3. Voting in elections is something that each citizen must decide on their own to do.
- One is not obliged to vote.
4. DK
  5. NA

Q4. {SHOW CARD #3} How close of a race do you think the electoral district in which you live will be in the upcoming House of Councilors election?

1. Since the candidate I support is fairly strong, I think that even if I don't vote,



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- he/she shall be elected.
2. Even if I don't vote, I think the candidate that I support will gather just enough votes be elected.
  3. Since the candidate that I support is barely ahead, I think that if I will vote, he/she may be elected.
  4. If I don't vote, the candidate that I support may have a hard time winning. But if I vote, he/she may come out ahead.
  5. Even if I vote, I think that the candidate that I support may have a hard time winning.
  6. Other ( )
  7. There are no candidates that I support.
  8. I have not decided which candidate to support.
  9. DK
  10. NA

Q5. {SHOW CARD #4} What are your feelings toward people and political parties that are influential in politics? Please express your likes and dislikes in terms of temperature. If you feel completely neutral about the person or the political party on the list, indicate this neutral feeling by giving them a rating of 50 °c. If you like the person or political party listed, rate them between 50 to 100°c depending on how positively you feel. Conversely, if you dislike the person or party, rate them 0 to 50 °c depending on how negatively you feel.

{Note for interviewer: Repeat through (1) to (8). Code DK as "111", NA as "222".}

The first person on the list is Junichiro Koizumi. How do you feel about the Prime Minister Koizumi?

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|------|--|------------|
| a5x1 | (1) Junichiro Koizumi                        | ( )degrees |
| a5x2 | (2) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)           | ( )degrees |
| a5x3 | (3) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)          | ( )degrees |
| a5x4 | (4) Clean Government Party (New Komeito/CGP) | ( )degrees |
| a5x5 | (5) Social Democratic Party (SDP)            | ( )degrees |
| a5x6 | (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)              | ( )degrees |
| a5x7 | (7) New Conservative Party (NCP)             | ( )degrees |
| a5x8 | (8) Liberal Party (LBP)                      | ( )degrees |

Q6. {SHOW CARD #5} How do you feel about the Koizumi Cabinet's record?

a6x1 (1) How would you evaluate their fiscal structural reform? Choose one from the list.

1. Very favorably
2. Somewhat favorably
3. Neither favorably nor unfavorably
4. Somewhat unfavorably
5. Very unfavorably
6. DK
7. NA

a6x2 (2) How would you evaluate their contra-cyclical policy?

1. Very favorably
2. Somewhat favorably
3. Neither favorably nor unfavorably
4. Somewhat unfavorably
5. Very unfavorably
6. DK
7. NA

a6x3 (3) How about their foreign policy?

1. Very favorably
2. Somewhat favorably
3. Neither favorably nor unfavorably
4. Somewhat unfavorably
5. Very unfavorably
6. DK
7. NA

a6x4 (4) What is your overall evaluation of the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Very good

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2. Somewhat good
3. Neither good nor bad
4. Somewhat bad
5. Very bad
6. DK
7. NA

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Q7. {SHOW CARD #6} Putting elections aside, which of Japan's party do you usually support?

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
3. Clean Government Party (New Komeito/CGP) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
6. New Conservative Party (NCP) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
7. Liberal Party (LBP) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
8. Other ( ) (proceed to Q7-SQ1)
9. No such party (proceed to Q7-SQ2)
10. DK (proceed to Q7-SQ2)
11. NA (proceed to Q7-SQ2)

a7s1

Q7-SQ1. (Asked to those who chose 1 to 8 in Q7.) How strongly do you support this party: enthusiastically or not so enthusiastically?

1. Enthusiastically
2. Not so enthusiastically
3. DK
4. NA

a7s2

Q7-SQ2. (Asked to those who chose 9 to 11 in Q7.) If you are to name one party that you favor the most, which do you choose?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)

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4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other ( )
9. No such party
10. DK
11. NA

(To all respondents)

Q8. {SHOW CARD #6} Is there a political party you would never support? ... Is there any other party that you would never support? (M.A.)

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|-------|----------------------|
| a8_1  | 1. LDP               |
| a8_2  | 2. DPJ               |
| a8_3  | 3. CGP (New Komeito) |
| a8_4  | 4. SDP               |
| a8_5  | 5. JCP               |
| a8_6  | 6. NCP               |
| a8_7  | 7. LBP               |
| a8_8  | 8. Other ( )         |
| a8_9  | 9. No such party     |
| a8_10 | 10. DK               |
| a8_11 | 11. NA               |

Q9. Now, generally speaking, how would you evaluate the Koizumi Cabinet?

(1) First, please tell us what you like about the Koizumi Cabinet. Give as many comments as you can think of. ... Anything else? (Open Ended)

{Note for interviewer: Make sure to ask "Anything else?" and have the respondent answer more than one. Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it.}

1. DK
2. NA

(2) What you dislike about the Koizumi Cabinet? Give as many comments as you can think of. ... Anything else? (Open Ended)

{Note for interviewer: Make sure to ask "Anything else?" and have the respondent answer more than one. Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it.}

1. DK

2. NA

Q10. Generally speaking, what kind of party is the LDP? Please tell us what you think about this party. Any comment is welcome. For example, is there something you like or dislike about the LDP? ... Anything else? (Open Ended)

{Note for interviewer: Pause between questions, repeat all questions for each party on the list.}

(1) What kind of party is the LDP? (Open Ended)

1. DK

2. NA

(2) What kind of party is the DPJ? (Open Ended)

1. DK

2. NA

(3) What kind of party is the CGP (New Komeito)? (Open Ended)

1. DK

2. NA

(4) What kind of party is the SDP? (Open Ended)

1. DK

2. NA

(5) What kind of party is the JCP? (Open Ended)

1. DK

2. NA

Q11. {SHOW CARD #7} Do you intend to vote in the upcoming House of Councilors

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election?

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| 1. I plan to vote.                      | (proceed to Q11-SQ1) |
| 2. I will probably vote.                | (proceed to Q11-SQ1) |
| 3. I will probably abstain from voting. | (proceed to Q12)     |
| 4. I plan to abstain from voting.       | (proceed to Q12)     |
| 5. I have not decided/DK                | (proceed to Q12)     |
| 6. NA                                   | (proceed to Q12)     |

a11s1

Q11-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #8} (Asked to those who chose 1 and 2 in Q11) Have you decided for whom to vote in the prefectural constituency election?

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| 1. I have decided for whom to vote.           | (proceed to Q11-SQ2) |
| 2. I have decided for which party to vote.    | (proceed to Q11-SQ3) |
| 3. Not decided on the candidate or the party. | (proceed to Q11-SQ6) |
| 4. DK   | (proceed to Q11-SQ6) |
| 5. NA   | (proceed to Q11-SQ6) |

a11s2p

Q11-SQ2. (Asked to those who chose 1 in Q11-SQ1) For whom will you vote?

a11s2c

{Note for interviewer: Hand respondent the Candidate List A.}

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (proceed to Q11-SQ4)

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|-------|----------------------|
| 1. DK | (proceed to Q11-SQ4) |
| 2. NA | (proceed to Q11-SQ4) |

a11s3

Q11-SQ3 {SHOW CARD #9} For which party will you vote?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other ( )
9. Independent
10. DK

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11. NA

a11s4

Q11-SQ4. {SHOW CARD #10} When deciding for whom to vote in your electoral district, what did you consider the most important? Choose one from the list.

1. The candidate's affiliated party
2. The candidate's policy
3. The candidate's personality
4. Request(s) to vote for a certain candidate
5. Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
6. Nothing in particular (proceed to Q11-SQ6)
7. DK (proceed to Q11-SQ6)
8. NA (proceed to Q11-SQ6)

a11s5

Q11-SQ5. {SHOW CARD #10} What did you consider the second most important? Choose one from the list.

1. The candidate's affiliated party
2. The candidate's policy
3. The candidate's personality
4. Request to vote for a certain candidate
5. Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
6. Nothing in particular
7. DK
8. NA

a11s6

Q11-SQ6. {SHOW CARD #11} Have you decided for whom you vote in proportional-representation election?

1. I have decided for whom to vote. (proceed to Q11-SQ7)
2. I have decided for which party to vote. (proceed to Q11-SQ8)
3. Not decided on the candidate or the party. (proceed to Q11-SQ12)
4. DK (proceed to Q11-SQ12)
5. NA (proceed to Q11-SQ12)

a11s7p

Q11-SQ7. (Asked to those who chose 1 in Q11-SQ6) For whom will you vote?

a11s7c

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{Note for interviewer: Hand respondent the Candidate List B.}

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (proceed to Q11-SQ9)

1. DK (proceed to Q11-SQ9)

2. NA (proceed to Q11-SQ9)

a11s8

Q11-SQ8 {SHOW CARD #12} For which party will you vote?

1. LDP

2. DPJ

3. CGP (New Komeito)

4. SDP

5. JCP

6. NCP

7. LBP

8. Jiyu-rengo

9. Other ( )

10. DK

11. NA

a11s9

Q11-SQ9. {SHOW CARD #13} When deciding for whom or for which party to vote in proportional-representation election, what did you consider the most important?

Choose one from the list.

1. The candidate's affiliated party

2. The candidate's policy

3. The candidate's personality

4. Request(s) to vote for a certain candidate

5. Other (please specify: )

6. Nothing in particular (proceed to Q11-SQ11)

7. DK (proceed to Q11-SQ11)

8. NA (proceed to Q11-SQ11)

a11s10

Q11-SQ10. {SHOW CARD #13} What did you consider the second most important?

Choose one from the list.

1. The candidate's affiliated party



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2. The candidate's policy
3. The candidate's personality
4. Request(s) to vote for a certain candidate
5. Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
6. Nothing in particular
7. DK
8. NA

a11s11

Q11-SQ11. Please confirm the party you intend to vote for in the constituency election and the proportional-representation election: are they the same or different?

1. The same party (proceed to Q12)
2. Different parties (proceed to Q11-SQ12)
3. DK (proceed to Q12)
4. NA (proceed to Q12)

a11s12

Q11-SQ12. (To those who answered "Different parties" in Q11-SQ11.)

{SHOW CARD #14} Why is that? Please choose one from the list.

1. In my district, there is no candidate from the party that I support.
2. In my district, the candidate from the party I support will certainly win even if I don't vote for him/her.
3. In my district, the candidate from the party I support will certainly lose even if I vote for him/her.
4. In the proportional-representation district, there is a candidate for whom I would like to vote, though he/she is not from the party I support.
5. I chose for whom to vote regardless of candidates' affiliated parties.
6. I considered the balance of the seats in the House.
7. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
8. DK
9. NA

(To all respondents)

a12

Q12. Please recall last year's House of Representatives election (in year 2000.) Did you

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vote in that election?

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Yes             | (proceed to Q12-SQ1) |
| 2. No              | (proceed to Q13)     |
| 3. DK or forgotten | (proceed to Q13)     |
| 4. NA              | (proceed to Q13)     |

a12s1

Q12-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-representation election?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other ( )
9. Independent
10. Forgotten
11. DK
12. NA

a12s2

Q12-SQ2. For which party did you vote in the proportional-representation election?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other ( )
9. Forgotten
10. DK
11. NA

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a13 Q13. Please recall the previous House of Councilors election held three years ago (in 1998.) Did you vote in that election?

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| 1. Yes             | (proceed to Q13-SQ1) |
| 2. No              | (proceed to Q14)     |
| 3. DK or forgotten | (proceed to Q14)     |
| 4. NA              | (proceed to Q14)     |

a13s1 Q13-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-representation election?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. LBP
7. Other ( )
8. Independent
9. Forgotten
10. DK
11. NA

a13s2 Q13-SQ2. For which party did you vote in the proportional-representation election?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. LBP
7. Other ( )
8. Forgotten
9. DK
10. NA

Q14. {SHOW CARD #15} Which political parties do you think have the ability to be in charge of the government? Choose as many parties as you like from the list. (M. A.)

- a14\_1 1. LDP
- a14\_2 2. DPJ
- a14\_3 3. CCG (New Komeito)
- a14\_4 4. SDP
- a14\_5 5. JCP
- a14\_6 6. NCP
- a14\_7 7. LBP
- a14\_8 8. Other ( )
- a14\_9 9. DK
- a14\_10 10. NA

Q15. {SHOW CARD #16} (We would like to know your thoughts on recently expressed opinions regarding several national issues.) First, statements A and B address the issues of the financial reconstruction and the contra-cyclical policy.

- A. When the economic climate is bad as it is now, the government should put the priority on the contra-cyclical policy, even though it may delay the financial reconstruction.
- B. When the country is in so much debt as it is now, the government should put the priority on the financial reconstruction, even though it may delay the contra-cyclical policy.

a15s1 Q15-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

- 1. Agree with A
- 2. Somewhat agree with A
- 3. Somewhat agree with B
- 4. Agree with B
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

a15s2 Q15-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Somewhat unimportant
4. Unimportant
5. DK
6. NA

Q15-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? We will start with the LDP.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.}

a15s3x1 (1) LDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a15s3x2 (2) DPJ

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a15s3x3 (3) CGP (New Komeito)

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B

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4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a15s3x4

(4) SDP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a15s3x5

(5) JCP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a15s3x6

(6) NCP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a15s3x7

(7) LBP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

Q16. {SHOW CARD #17} Statements A and B address the issue of public welfare and the public burden.

A. Even if the taxes have to be increased, public services such as welfare should be improved.

B. Even if the public services such as welfare have to be weakened, the tax burden should be made lighter.

a16s1 Q16-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a16s2 Q16-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important

2. Somewhat important

3. Somewhat unimportant

4. Unimportant

5. DK

6. NA

a16s3x1 Q16-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? We will start with the LDP.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.}

(1) LDP

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1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a16s3x2** (2) DPJ

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a16s3x3** (3) CGP (New Komeito)

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a16s3x4** (4) SDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a16s3x5** (5) JCP

1. Agree with A



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2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a16s3x6

(6) NCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a16s3x7

(7) LBP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

Q17. {SHOW CARD #18} Statements A and B address the relationship between the government and the local autonomous bodies.

A. In order to support local autonomous bodies that are not competitive, it is legitimate to distribute government's subsidies.

B. In order to realize a vital society, local areas should participate in free competition and receive less government's subsidies.

Q17-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is the closest to your opinion.

a17s1

1. Agree with A

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2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s2

Q17-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Somewhat unimportant
4. Unimportant
5. DK
6. NA

Q17-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? We will start with the LDP.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.}

a17s3x1

(1) LDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s3x2

(2) DPJ

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s3x3 (3) CGP (New Komeito)

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s3x4 (4) SDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s3x5 (5) JCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s3x6 (6) NCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a17s3x7

(7) LBP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

Q18. {SHOW CARD #19} Statements A and B address the issue of constitutional amendment.

- A. The Constitution of Japan is becoming out of date, and should be amended in the near future.
- B. The Constitution of Japan is good and respectable overall, and should not be amended at this point in time.

a18s1

Q18-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a18s2

Q18-SQ2. How important is the issue of constitutional amendment to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Somewhat unimportant
4. Unimportant
5. DK
6. NA

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Q18-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with, concerning the issue of constitutional amendment? We will start with the LDP.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.}

a18s3x1

(1) LDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a18s3x2

(2) DPJ

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a18s3x3

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a18s3x4

(4) SDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a18s3x5

(5) JCP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a18s3x6

(6) NCP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a18s3x7

(7) LBP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

Q19. {SHOW CARD #20} Statements A and B address the issue of the right to collective self-defense.

A. In order to strengthen the Japan-US security regime, the use of the right to collective self-defense should be approved.

B. Because Japan might be involved in international conflicts, the use of the right to

collective self-defense should not be approved.

a19s1 Q19-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is the closest to your opinion.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a19s2 Q19-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Somewhat unimportant
4. Unimportant
5. DK
6. NA

Q19-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with, concerning this issue? We will start with the LDP.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.}

a19s3x1 (1) LDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a19s3x2 (2) DPJ

1. Agree with A

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2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a19s3x3** (3) CGP (New Komeito)

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a19s3x4** (4) SDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a19s3x5** (5) JCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

**a19s3x6** (6) NCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A



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3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a19s3x7

(7) LBP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

Q20. {SHOW CARD #21} Statements A and B address the issue of Prime Minister's official visit to Yasukuni Shrine.

- A. In order to console the souls of the war dead, the Prime Minister should pay an official visit to Yasukuni Shrine.
- B. To be in accord with the principle of separation of politics and religion, the Prime Minister should not pay an official visit to Yasukuni Shrine.

a20s1

Q20-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is the closest to your opinion.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a20s2

Q20-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important

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3. Somewhat unimportant
4. Unimportant
5. DK
6. NA

Q20-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with, concerning this issue? We will start with the LDP.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.}

a20s3x1

(1) LDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a20s3x2

(2) DPJ

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a20s3x3

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

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a20s3x4

(4) SDP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a20s3x5

(5) JCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a20s3x6

(6) NCP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a20s3x7

(7) LBP

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a21

Q21. {SHOW CARD #22} Now, we often hear the words “conservative” and “liberal”

0 --- 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 --- 6 --- 7 --- 8 --- 9 --- 10      11 (DK)    12 (NA)

(liberal)    (conservative)

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Somewhat dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
6. DK
7. NA

1. Single party government led by the LDP
2. Coalition government led by the LDP and other parties, excluding the DPJ
3. Coalition government led by various parties including the LDP and the DPJ
4. Coalition government led by various parties excluding the LDP
5. Other ( )
6. DK
7. NA

1. Almost always
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Never
5. DK

6. NA

a25

Q25. List as many ministries and governmental agencies as you can think of.

{Note for interviewer: Circle the number the respondent mentions. Count only the correct responses. If the respondent answers with the names that were used prior to the government reorganization, regard them as correct answers.}

1. National Police Agency
2. Defense Agency
3. Financial Services Agency
4. Cabinet Office (General Administrative Agency of the Cabinet; Economic Planning Agency; Okinawa Development Agency)
5. Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications (Management and Coordination Agency; Home Affairs Ministry; Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications)
6. Ministry of Justice
7. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
8. Ministry of Finance (Finance Ministry)
9. Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ministry of Education; Science and Technology Agency)
10. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Ministry of Health and Welfare; Ministry of Labour)
11. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
12. Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Ministry of International Trade and Industry)
13. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (Ministry of Transport; Ministry of Construction; Hokkaido Development Agency; National Land Agency)
14. Ministry of the Environment (Environment Agency)
15. DK
16. NA

a26

Q26. {SHOW CARD #26} How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate? Choose one from the list.

1. Very Good

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2. Somewhat good
3. Neither good nor bad
4. Somewhat bad
5. Very bad
6. DK
7. NA

a27

Q27. {SHOW CARD #27} How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate compared to that of a year ago?

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. No change
4. A little worse
5. Much worse
6. DK
7. NA

a28

Q28. {SHOW CARD #28} How do you anticipate Japan's economic climate to be a year from now?

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. No change
4. A little worse
5. Much worse
6. DK
7. NA

a29

Q29. {SHOW CARD #29} How responsible do you think is the government for economic climate and business conditions?

1. Extremely responsible
2. Responsible
3. Somewhat responsible
4. Not responsible

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5. DK

6. NA

Q30. {SHOW CARD #30} We would like to ask several questions regarding politics in general. How would you feel about following statements? Choose one that best reflects your attitude toward each statement.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.}

a30x1 (1) Politics is something one must actively work on.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Somewhat disagree

4. Disagree

5. DK

6. NA

a30x2 (2) Politics is something to be put under the civil surveillance.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Somewhat disagree

4. Disagree

5. DK

6. NA

a30x3 (3) Politics can only take its course.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Somewhat disagree

4. Disagree

5. DK

6. NA

a30x4 (4) Everyday living is deeply connected to politics.

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1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Disagree
5. DK
6. NA

a30x5 (5) I can sustain my level of living without relying on the government.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Disagree
5. DK
6. NA

a30x6 (6) If possible, I don't want to get involved in political matters.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Disagree
5. DK
6. NA

Q31. {SHOW CARD #31} The following are the statements often made about politics.

How do you feel about each of them? Do you agree or disagree?

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.}

a31x1 (1) Political parties make it possible for people's voices to be heard in politics.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Disagree
5. DK



6. NA

a31x2

(2) Elections make it possible for people's voices to be heard in politics.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Disagree
5. DK
6. NA

a31x3

(3) The National Diet makes it possible for people's voices to be heard in politics.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Disagree
5. DK
6. NA

Q32. {SHOW CARD #32} The following statements are about the relationship between Japanese people, elections, and politics. Choose the response that best reflects your opinion.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.}

a32x1

(1) Since numerous people will vote in elections, it really doesn't matter whether or not I vote.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

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a32x2 (2) I have no power to influence the government's actions.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a32x3 (3) Politics and government are so complicated that I sometimes cannot understand what's happening.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

Q33. {SHOW CARD #33, 34,35} How do you feel about the following statements?

Choose the response that best reflects your opinion on each issue.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.}

{SHOW CARD #33}

a33x1 (1) In Japan today, politicians do not think much about the people.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

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- a33x2      (2) I don't know how things would change in the future, so it is useless to think ahead.
1. Agree
  2. Somewhat agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Somewhat disagree
  5. Disagree
  6. DK
  7. NA
- a33x3      (3) The general standard of living is getting lower.
1. Agree
  2. Somewhat agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Somewhat disagree
  5. Disagree
  6. DK
  7. NA
- a33x4      (4) Considering how the world has been changing, there is little hope for children's future.
1. Agree
  2. Somewhat agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Somewhat disagree
  5. Disagree
  6. DK
  7. NA
- a33x5      (5) Today's world is becoming less compassionate.
1. Agree
  2. Somewhat agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Somewhat disagree

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5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x6 (6) In this world, it is only natural that some people have power and others don't.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x7 (7) We must obey our parents regardless of what they say.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x8 (8) Those who break society's rules must be severely punished.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

{SHOW CARD #34}

a33x9 (9) Those who take the role of a leader must carry themselves with dignity when they

deal with the followers.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a33x10

(10) It is preferable that young children not be educated in a coed system.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a33x11

(11) In today's world, one's educational background and one's financial situation determine everything.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a33x12

(12) Though there is a lot of information about politics and society, I really don't know what to believe.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree

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4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x13 (13) In today's world, those who are honest lose out and those who are clever benefit.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x14 (14) I feel that my opinions and concerns are not accepted by others in the world.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x15 (15) If I continue to live the way I do now, I will never realize my dreams.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x16 (16) If I put my effort into it, I can do anything on my own.

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1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

{SHOW CARD #35}

a33x17

(17) If I try hard to communicate with others, they will all understand me.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a33x18

(18) Most of my own needs are met when I meet other people's needs.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a33x19

(19) Getting along with others is easier when I try to anticipate what they want or need.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree

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6. DK

7. NA

a33x20 (20) Most people are trustworthy.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x21 (21) Most people will respond in kind when they are trusted by others.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x22 (22) When negotiating over an important issue with a total stranger, it is essential to have a personal introduction by someone I know well.

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

a33x23 (23) I trust a person I know well, more than one whom I don't know.

1. Agree



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2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

a33x24

(24) Generally speaking, a person with whom I have had a longer relationship is likely to help me when I need it.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

Q34. {SHOW CARD #36, 37} Statement A and Statement B represent the opposite views.

If you were to make a choice, which statement would you say you agree? Choose the response that best reflects your opinion on each issue.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.}

a34x1

(1) {SHOW CARD #36}

A: One should be more concerned about the affairs of society and country.

B: One should be more concerned about the affairs of one's private life.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x2

(2) {SHOW CARD #36}

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A: I want to receive benefits from Japan and from the society.

B: I want to do something for Japan and for the society.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x3 (3) {SHOW CARD #36}

A: I want to concentrate on saving money and making good investments in order to prepare for the future.

B: I want to concentrate on having fun and enjoying life on a day-to day basis.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x4 (4) {SHOW CARD #36}

A: The benefit of the people should be prioritized over the benefit of an individual.

B: The benefit of an individual should be prioritized over the benefit of the people.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x5 (5) {SHOW CARD #36}

A: I'd rather have more free time than to have more income.

B: I'd rather have more income than to have more free time.

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1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x6 (6) {SHOW CARD #37}

A: Generally speaking, I think that Japan has favorable prospects for the future.

B: Generally speaking, I think that Japan has unfavorable prospects for the future.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x7 (7) {SHOW CARD #37}

A: The patriotic feelings among Japanese people should be more encouraged to grow.

B: It is up to each individual to have patriotic feelings.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

a34x8 (8) {SHOW CARD #37}

A: I prefer the life that is relaxed and emotionally enriching.

B: I intend to put an emphasis on making my life materially affluent.

1. Agree with A
2. Somewhat agree with A
3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a34x9

(9) {SHOW CARD #37}

A: If I had a chance, I'd like to live abroad for a couple of years.

B: Even if I had a chance, I would not want to live abroad for a couple of years.

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

a35

Q35. {SHOW CARD #38} How satisfied are you with your family's present financial situation?

1. Very satisfied

2. Somewhat satisfied

3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

4. Somewhat dissatisfied

5. Very dissatisfied

6. DK

7. NA

a36

Q36. {SHOW CARD #39} How does your family's present financial situation compare to that of a year ago?

1. Much better

2. A little better

3. No change

4. A little worse

5. Much worse

6. DK

7. NA

a37 Q37. {SHOW CARD #40} What do you think your family's financial situation will be in the future?

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. No change
4. A little worse
5. Much worse
6. DK
7. NA

a38 Q38. {SHOW CARD #41} How responsible do you think is the government for family's financial situation?

1. Extremely responsible
2. Responsible
3. Somewhat responsible
4. Not responsible
5. DK
6. NA

Q39. {SHOW CARD #42} Where do you mainly get the information on Japan's economic climate from? Choose all that apply. (M. A.)

- a39\_1 1. Media
- a39\_2 2. Conversations with colleagues and friends
- a39\_3 3. My own and family' experiences
- a39\_4 4. Other ( )
- a39\_5 5. DK
- a39\_6 6. NA

a40 Q40. {SHOW CARD#43} Do you think that media's attitude toward Japan's present economic climate is optimistic or pessimistic? Choose one from the list.

1. Very optimistic
2. Somewhat optimistic

3. Neither optimistic nor pessimistic
4. Somewhat pessimistic
5. Very pessimistic
6. DK
7. NA

Q41. What kind of expectations do you have for the Koizumi Cabinet?

a41x1

(1) {SHOW CARD #44} What kind of expectations do you have for their fiscal structural reform?

1. Very positive
2. Somewhat positive
3. Neither positive nor negative
4. Somewhat negative
5. Very negative
6. DK
7. NA

a41x2

(2) {SHOW CARD #44} How about their contra-cyclical policy?

1. Very positive
2. Somewhat positive
3. Neither positive nor negative
4. Somewhat negative
5. Very negative
6. DK
7. NA

a41x3

(3) {SHOW CARD #44} How about their foreign policy?

1. Very positive
2. Somewhat positive
3. Neither positive nor negative
4. Somewhat negative
5. Very negative
6. DK

7. NA

a41x4

(4) {SHOW CARD #44} Overall, what kind of future expectations do you have for the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Very positive
2. Somewhat positive
3. Neither positive nor negative
4. Somewhat negative
5. Very negative
6. DK
7. NA

Q42. {SHOW CARD #46} How reliable are the following? Choose one that best reflects your opinion for each item.

{Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all items listed.}

a42x1

(1) The ruling parties.

1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA

a42x2

(2) Political parties as institutions.

1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA

a42x3

(3) The general behavior of political parties and politicians.

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1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA

a42x4 (4) Indirect democracy such as the electoral process.

1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA

a43x1 Q43. (1) {SHOW CARD #46} Thinking of ten or fifteen years from now, which one of the following goals is the most important as a national goal of our nation?

1. Maintaining order in the nation
2. Giving the people more say in important political decisions
3. Stabilizing the economy
4. Protecting freedom of speech
5. DK
6. NA

a43x2 (2) How about the second most important goal?

1. Maintaining order in the nation
2. Giving the people more say in important political decisions
3. Stabilizing the economy
4. Protecting freedom of speech
5. Cannot think of any
6. DK
7. NA



a44 Q44. {SHOW CARD #47} Do you think that, in Japanese society today, the gap in the living standard is getting smaller or bigger?

1. Much smaller
2. Somewhat smaller
3. Neither smaller nor bigger
4. Somewhat bigger
5. Much bigger
6. DK
7. NA

Q45. Think of a person over 20 y. o. with whom you talk about Japanese Prime Minister, politicians and elections. Following questions concerns him/her.

a45x1 (1) Is there such a person with whom you talk about Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q45-(1)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q45-(1)-A )

a45x1a (1)-A. Do you have a spouse?

1. Yes (proceed to Q45-(1)-SQ4)
2. No (proceed to Q46)

a45x1s1 Q45. (1)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #48} What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse (proceed to Q45-(1)-SQ4)
2. Another immediate family member
3. A relative
4. A coworker
5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group
6. An acquaintance from another group
7. An neighbor
8. A friend
9. Other ( )
10. DK

11. NA

a45x1s2 Q45. (1)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

1. Male
2. Female
3. DK
4. NA

a45x1s3 Q45. (1)-SQ3. (If the respondent answered "Spouse" or "Another immediate family member" in Q45 (1)-SQ1, then skip this question.) How close are you with that person?

1. Very close
2. Somewhat close
3. Not very close
4. DK
5. NA

a45x1s4 Q45. (1)-SQ4. How often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person recently?

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely
4. DK
5. NA

a45x1s5 Q45. (1)-SQ5. Do you ever watch TV news, read newspapers or magazine articles regarding politicians, politics and elections with that person?

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely
4. DK
5. NA

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a45x1s6

Q45. (1)-SQ6. How well do you think that person knows about politics?

1. Very well
2. Somewhat well
3. Not so well
4. DK
5. NA

a45x1s7

Q45. (1)-SQ7. Which party do you think that person vote for in this upcoming House of Councilors election?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other ( )
9. DK
10. NA

a45x1s8

Q45. (1)-SQ8. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK
4. NA

a45x1s9

Q45. (1)-SQ9. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK
4. NA

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- a45x1s10 Q45. (1)-SQ10. Is that person in the position above you, below you, or about the same?
1. Above
  2. Below
  3. Same
  4. Hard to say
  5. DK
  6. NA
- a45x2 Q45.(2) Is there anyone else whom you talk to about Prime Minister, politicians and elections?
1. Yes (proceed to Q45-(2)-SQ1)
  2. No (proceed to Q45-(2)-A)
- a45x2a1 Q45.(2)-A. (If respondent chose "spouse" in Q45-(1)-SQ1, skip this question and  
a45x2a2 proceed to Q46.) Do you have a spouse?
1. Yes (proceed to Q45-(2)-SQ4)
  2. No (proceed to Q46)
- a45x2s1 Q45. (2)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #48} What is your relation to the person you talk with?
1. Spouse (proceed to Q45-(2)-SQ4)
  2. Another immediate family member
  3. A relative
  4. A coworker
  5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group
  6. An acquaintance from another group
  7. An neighbor
  8. A friend
  9. Other ( )
  10. DK
  11. NA
- a45x2s2 Q45. (2)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?
1. Male

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2. Female

3. DK

4. NA

a45x2s3

Q45. (2)-SQ3. (If the respondent answered "Spouse" or "Another immediate family member" in Q45 (1)-SQ1, then skip this question.) How close are you with that person?

1. Very close

2. Somewhat close

3. Not very close

4. DK

5. NA

a45x2s4

Q45. (2)-SQ4. How often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person recently?

1. Very often

2. Sometimes

3. Rarely

4. DK

5. NA

a45x2s5

Q45. (2)-SQ5. Do you ever watch TV news, read newspapers or magazine articles regarding politicians, politics and elections with that person?

1. Very often

2. Sometimes

3. Rarely

4. DK

5. NA

a45x2s6

Q45. (2)-SQ6. How well do you think that person knows about politics?

1. Very well

2. Somewhat well

3. Not so well

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4. DK

5. NA

a45x2s7

Q45. (2)-SQ7. Which party do you think that person vote for in this upcoming House of Councilors election?

1. LDP

2. DPJ

3. CGP (New Komeito)

4. SDP

5. JCP

6. NCP

7. LBP

8. Other ( )

9. DK

10. NA

a45x2s8

Q45. (2)-SQ8. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Yes

2. No

3. DK

4. NA

a45x2s9

Q45. (2)-SQ9. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

1. Yes

2. No

3. DK

4. NA

a45x2s10

Q45. (2)-SQ10. Compared to you, is that person a senior or a junior?

1. Senior

2. Junior

3. About the same

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4. Hard to say

5. DK

6. NA

a45x3

Q45.(3) Is there anyone else whom you talk to about Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes

(proceed to Q45-(3)-SQ1)

2. No

(proceed to Q45-(3)-A)

a45x3a1

Q45.(3)-A. (If respondent chose "spouse" in Q45-(1)-SQ1 or Q45-(2)-SQ1, skip this

a45x3a2

question and proceed to Q45-SQ11.) Do you have a spouse?

1. Yes

(proceed to Q45-(3)-SQ4)

2. No

(proceed to Q45-SQ11)

a45x3s1

Q45. (3)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #48} What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse

(proceed to Q45-(3)-SQ4)

2. Another immediate family member

3. A relative

4. A coworker

5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group

6. An acquaintance from another group

7. An neighbor

8. A friend

9. Other ( )

10. DK

11. NA

a45x3s2

Q45. (3)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

1. Male

2. Female

3. DK

4. NA

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a45x3s3

Q45. (3)-SQ3. (If the respondent answered "Spouse" or "Another immediate family member" in Q45 (3)-SQ1, then skip this question.) How close are you with that person?

1. Very close
2. Somewhat close
3. Not very close
4. DK
5. NA

a45x3s4

Q45. (3)-SQ4. How often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person recently?

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely
4. DK
5. NA

a45x3s5

Q45-(3)-SQ5. Do you ever watch TV news, read newspapers or magazine articles regarding politicians, politics and elections with that person?

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely
4. DK
5. NA

a45x3s6

Q45-(3)-SQ6. How well do you think that person knows about politics?

1. Very well
2. Somewhat well
3. Not so well
4. DK
5. NA

a45x3s7

Q45-(3)-SQ7. Which party do you think that person vote for in this upcoming House of



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1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other (                      )
9. DK
10. NA

a45x3s8

Q45-(3)-SQ8. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK
4. NA

a45x3s9

Q45-(3)-SQ9. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK
4. NA

a45x3s10

Q45-(3)-SQ10. Compared to you, is that person a senior or a junior?

1. Senior
2. Junior
3. About the same
4. Hard to say
5. DK
6. NA

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a45x4 Q45.(4) Is there anyone else whom you talk to about Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q45-(4)-SQ1)

2. No (proceed to Q45-(4)-A)

a45x4a1 Q45.(4)-A. (If respondent chose "spouse" in Q45-(1)-SQ1, Q45-(2)-SQ1, or Q45-(3)-SQ1,  
a45x4a2 skip this question and proceed to Q45-SQ11.) Do you have a spouse?

1. Yes (proceed to Q45-(4)-SQ4)

2. No (proceed to Q45-SQ11)

a45x4s1 Q45. (4)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #48} What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse (proceed to Q45-(4)-SQ4)

2. Another immediate family member

3. A relative

4. A coworker

5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group

6. An acquaintance from another group

7. An neighbor

8. A friend

9. Other ( )

10. DK

11. NA

a45x4s2 Q45. (4)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

1. Male

2. Female

3. DK

4. NA

a45x4s3 Q45-(4)-SQ3. (If the respondent answered "Spouse" or "Another immediate family member" in Q45 (4)-SQ1, then skip this question.) How close are you with that person?

1. Very close

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2. Somewhat close
3. Not very close
4. DK
5. NA

a45x4s4 Q45-(4)-SQ4. How often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person recently?

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely
4. DK
5. NA

a45x4s5 Q45-(4)-SQ5. Do you ever watch TV news, read newspapers or magazine articles regarding politicians, politics and elections with that person?

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely
4. DK
5. NA

a45x4s6 Q45-(4)-SQ6. How well do you think that person knows about politics?

1. Very well
2. Somewhat well
3. Not so well
4. DK
5. NA

a45x4s7 Q45-(4)-SQ7. Which party do you think that person vote for in this upcoming House of Councilors election?

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2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)

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4. SDP
5. JCP
6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other (                      )
9. DK
10. NA

**a45x4s8**      Q45-(4)-SQ8. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK
4. NA

**a45x4s9**      Q45-(4)-SQ9. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK
4. NA

**a45x4s10**      Q45-(4)-SQ10. Compared to you, is that person a senior or a junior?

1. Senior
2. Junior
3. About the same
4. Hard to say
5. DK
6. NA

Q45.-SQ11. Does the first person know others that you have just mentioned? (M. A.)

**a45s11\_1**      1. The 2nd person

**a45s11\_2**      2. The 3rd person

**a45s11\_3**      3. The 4th person

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- a45s11\_4 4. No  
a45s11\_5 5. DK  
a45s11\_6 6. NA

Q45.-SQ12. Do other people you just mentioned know each other? (M. A.)

- a45s12\_1 1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> know each other.  
a45s12\_2 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> know each other  
a45s12\_3 3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> know each other.  
a45s12\_4 4. No  
a45s12\_5 5. DK  
a45s12\_6 6. NA

(Asked to all respondents)

Q46. (1) {SHOW CARD #50} From which sources do you usually obtain political information? First, how about the newspaper? (M. A.)

- a46x1\_1 1. Asahi Newspaper  
a46x1\_2 2. Mainichi Newspaper  
a46x1\_3 3. Yomiuri Newspaper  
a46x1\_4 4. Sankei Newspaper  
a46x1\_5 5. Nihon Keizai Newspaper  
a46x1\_6 6. Tokyo Newspaper  
a46x1\_7 7. Hokkaido Newspaper  
a46x1\_8 8. Kahoku Newspaper  
a46x1\_9 9. Chunichi Newspaper  
a46x1\_10 10. Kobe Newspaper  
a46x1\_11 11. Chugoku Newspaper  
a46x1\_12 12. Nishi Nihon Newspaper  
a46x1\_13 13. Some other newspaper ( )  
a46x1\_14 14. None  
a46x1\_15 15. DK  
a46x1\_16 16. NA

Q46. (2) How about the TV programs? (M. A.)

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- a46x2\_1 1. NHK news programs
- a46x2\_2 2. Yumi Ida's "Today's Events" (NTV)
- a46x2\_3 3. Yuko Kimura & Yuichi Mayama's "News Plus 1" (NTV)
- a46x2\_4 4. Tetsuya Chikushi's "News 23" (TBS)
- a46x2\_5 5. Koji Matsubara & Tomoko Ogawa's "News Forest" (TBS)
- a46x2\_6 6. Naoko Tashiro's "News Japan" (FTV)
- a46x2\_7 7. Yuko Ando's "FNN Super News" (FTV)
- a46x2\_8 8. Hiroshi Kume's "News Station" (ATV)
- a46x2\_9 9. Etsuko Komiya's "Super J Channel" (ATV)
- a46x2\_10 10. Maako Kotani's "World Business Satellite" (TTV)
- a46x2\_11 11. Bunchin Katsura's "Wake Up" (NTV)
- a46x2\_12 12. Kazuo Tokumitsu's "The Sunday" (NTV)
- a46x2\_13 13. Hiroshi Sekiguchi's "Sunday Morning" (TBS)
- a46x2\_14 14. Misuzu Tamaru's "News Special" (TBS)
- a46x2\_15 15. Shuntaro Torigoe's "Scoop 21" (ATV)
- a46x2\_16 16. Yuji Kuroiwa's "News 2001" (FTV)
- a46x2\_17 17. Shinsuke Shimada's "Sunday Project" (ATV)
- a46x2\_18 18. Isao Fukutome & Takae Mikumo's "Broadcaster" (TBS)
- a46x2\_19 19. Other program ( )
- a46x2\_20 20. None
- a46x2\_21 21. DK
- a46x2\_22 22. NA

Q46. (3) {SHOW CARD #52} How about other media? (M. A.)

- a46x3\_1 1. Radio programs
- a46x3\_2 2. Weekly magazines
- a46x3\_3 3. News source sites on WWW
- a46x3\_4 4. News on WWW distributed by mail magazines, etc. (not including web sites or mail magazines that support particular candidates)
- a46x3\_5 5. Candidates' or their supporters' web sites
- a46x3\_6 6. Mail magazines that support particular candidates
- a46x3\_7 7. Other ( )
- a46x3\_8 8. None

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- a46x3\_9 9. DK  
a46x3\_10 10. NA

Q47. {SHOW CARD #53} Do you use the Internet? Choose all that apply. (M. A.)  
("Using the Internet" includes seeing homepages (accessing the web sites), sending and receiving e-mails, both from the computer and the mobile phones.)

- a47\_1 1. for e-mails  
a47\_2 2. for seeing web sites  
a47\_3 3. for other purposes (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
a47\_4 4. No  
a47\_5 5. DK  
a47\_6 6. NA

{Face sheet}

Demographic Background Information on Respondent

- gender F1. Gender  
1. Male  
2. Female

- gengo F2. Age: What is the day, month and year of your birth? How old are you?  
1. Meiji  
2. Taisho } (circle one) Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Showa }  
Age ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

- residyr0 F3. Place of Residence: How long have you lived in your present location, or within 30 minutes by foot from your present location?  
1. Less than 3 years  
2. 3 to 9 years  
3. 10 to 14 years  
4. 15 years or more (If respondent lived in their present location their entire life, circle the next answer.)

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5. All my life

6. NA

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F4. Education: {SHOW CARD #54} What is your highest level of education?

1. Primary or lower-secondary school (junior high school)

2. High school

3. Junior college and trade school

4. University and graduate school

5. NA

F5. Employment Information:

occup5a1

(1) What is your current employment status?

1. Employed

2. Self-employed

3. Work in a family business

4. Student

5. Housewife

6. Unemployed

7. Other ( )

8. NA

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(2) Occupation: What kind of things do you usually do at work? (eg. schoolteacher, farmer, bus driver, automobile engineer, supermarket cashier, bank accountant, computer programmer, pensioner, housewife, etc.)

Respondent's answer( )

<Classify respondent's answer>

1. Farm, forest or fishery worker

2. Administrative Civil Servant

3. Free-lance worker & artist

4. Office Administrator

5. Engineer

6. Office worker



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7. Sales person
8. Other (employed)
9. Student
10. Housewife
11. Other (unemployed)
12. Unclassifiable
13. DK
14. NA

**whoearn1** F6. Information about the Head of the Household: Are you the head of your family's household?

1. Yes (proceed to F7)
2. No (proceed to F6-1)

**occup6a1** F6-1. What is the current employment status of the head of your household?

1. Employed
2. Self-employed
3. Work in a family business
4. Student
5. Housewife
6. Unemployed
7. Other ( )
8. NA

**occup6b1** F6-2. What kind of things does he/she usually do at work? (eg. schoolteacher, farmer, bus driver, automobile engineer, supermarket cashier, bank accountant, computer programmer, pensioner, housewife, etc.)

Respondent's answer( )

<Classify respondent's answer>

1. Farm, forest or fishery worker
2. Administrative Civil Servant
3. Free-lance worker & artist
4. Company Director, Office Administrator

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5. Engineer
6. Office worker
7. Sales person
8. Other (employed)
9. Student
10. Housewife
11. Other (unemployed)
12. Unclassifiable
13. DK
14. NA

typeho01 F7. Type of Residence: {SHOW CARD #55} What type of residence do you live in?

1. Own detached house
2. Own condominium or apartment
3. Rent privately-owned house
4. Rent privately-owned apartment
5. Rent publicly-owned apartment
6. Rent company-owned house or apartment
7. Live at place of work, dormitory
8. Other ( )
9. NA

hincome F8. Household income: {SHOW CARD #56} What was your family's income, before taxes, during the last year (January to December)?

1. Less than 2 million yen
2. G. E. 2 ~ L. T. 4 million
3. G. E. 4 ~ L. T. 6 million
4. G. E. 6 ~ L. T. 8 million
5. G. E. 8 ~ L. T. 10 million
6. G. E. 10 ~ L. T. 12 million
7. G. E. 12 ~ L. T. 14 million
8. G. E. 14 ~ L. T. 20 million
9. More than 20 million yen

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11. NA

Sometime after the House of Councilors election, most likely between 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of August, we plan to do a simply telephone survey, which would take no more than 5 minutes. Your kind cooperation would be very much appreciated. If you think you can cooperate, I would like to write down your telephone number. Mobile phone would be just as good.

1. Yes Respondent's phone number ( )
2. No
3. NA

Thank you for your cooperation with this survey!

srvynt\_a      <For the Interviewer>  
 srvydt\_a      Date of Interview:  
 time\_a        Length of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  
 visit\_a       Number of times visited to complete the survey: