

House of Representatives Pre-Election Survey 2003

d1 Q1. First, I would like to ask you some questions regarding the 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] nor 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.}

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

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| d1s1x1p | 1. Yes (specify by the number:) | (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ2) |
| d1s1x1c | 2. No | (proceed to Q2) |

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

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| d1s1x2 | 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) |

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

d1s1x3	() degrees
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Q1.(2)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

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| d1s2x1p | 1. Yes (specify by the number:) | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ2) |
| d1s2x1c | 2. No | (proceed to Q2) |

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- d1s2x2 Q1.(2)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?
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)
- d1s2x3 Q1.(2)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- d1s3x1p Q1.(3)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?
1. Yes (specify by the number:) (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ2)
d1s3x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)
- d1s3x2 Q1.(3)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?
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)
- d1s3x3 Q1.(3)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- d1s4x1p Q1.(4)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?
1. Yes (specify by the number:) (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ2)
d1s4x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)
- d1s4x2 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)
- d1s4x3 Q1.(4)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- d1s5x1p Q1.(5)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?
1. Yes (specify by the number:) (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ2)
d1s5x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)
- d1s5x2 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)

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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)

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

d1s5x3

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

- d1s6x1p 1. Yes (specify by the number:) (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ2)
- d1s6x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)

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

- d1s6x2 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

d1s6x3

d2

Q2. {SHOW CARD #1} Do you plan to go to the upcoming House of Representatives (Lower House) 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

d3

Q3. Do you plan to do absentee balloting? Choose one that best reflects your intention.

1. I have done absentee balloting already.
2. I plan to do absentee balloting.
3. There is a possibility I will do absentee balloting.
4. I have no plan to do absentee balloting.
5. DK
6. NA

d4

Q4. {SHOW CARD #3} 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 decides on their own, so one should not be obliged to vote.
4. DK
5. NA

d5

Q5. {SHOW CARD #4} How close of a race do you think the single-representation election where you live will be (in the upcoming House of Representative election)?

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

Q6. {SHOW CARD #5} 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°c to 100°c depending on how positively you feel. Conversely, if you dislike the person or party, rate them 0°c to 50 °c depending on how negatively you feel.

{Note for interviewer: Repeat through (1) to (10). 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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| d6x1 | (1) Junichiro Koizumi | ()degrees |
| d6x2 | (2) Shinzo Abe | ()degrees |
| d6x3 | (3) Naoto Kan | ()degrees |
| d6x4 | (4) Ichiro Ozawa | ()degrees |
| d6x5 | (5) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) | ()degrees |
| d6x6 | (6) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) | ()degrees |
| d6x7 | (7) Clean Government Party (New Komeito/CGP) | ()degrees |
| d6x8 | (8) Social Democratic Party (SDP) | ()degrees |
| d6x9 | (9) Japan Communist Party (JCP) | ()degrees |
| d6x10 | (10)New Conservative Party (NCP) | ()degrees |

Q7. {SHOW CARD #6} How do you feel about the Koizumi Cabinet's record?

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| d7x1 | (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 |

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5. Very unfavorably
6. DK
7. NA

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

d7x2

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

(3) How about their foreign policy?

d7x3

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

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

d7x4

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

d8 Q8. {SHOW CARD #7} Putting elections aside, which political party in Japan 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. X (blank) (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)

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- d8s1 Q8-SQ1. (Asked to those who chose 1 to 8 in Q8.) How strongly do you support this party: enthusiastically or not so enthusiastically?
1. Enthusiastically
 2. Not so enthusiastically
 3. DK
 4. NA

- d8s2 Q8-SQ2. (Asked to those who chose 9 to 11 in Q8.) If you are to name one party that you favor the most, which do you choose?
1. LDP
 2. DPJ
 3. CGP (New Komeito)
 4. SDP
 5. JCP
 6. NCP
 8. Other ()
 9. No such party
 10. DK
 11. NA

(To all respondents)

- Q9. {SHOW CARD #7} Is there a political party you would never support? ... Is there any other party that you would never support? (M.A.)

- d9_1 1. LDP
- d9_2 2. DPJ
- d9_3 3. CGP (New Komeito)
- d9_4 4. SDP
- d9_5 5. JCP
- d9_6 6. NCP
- d9_7 8. Other ()
- d9_8 9. No such party
- d9_9 10. DK
- d9_10 11. NA

- d9_11 Q10. 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 as much as possible. Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it.}

1. DK
2. NA

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(2) What do 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 as much as possible. Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it.}

1. DK

2. NA

Q11. 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

d12

Q12. {SHOW CARD #8} Do you intend to vote in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

1. I plan to vote.

(proceed to Q12-SQ1)

2. I will probably vote.

(proceed to Q12-SQ1)

3. I will probably abstain from voting.

(proceed to Q13)

4. I plan to abstain from voting.

(proceed to Q13)

5. I have not decided/DK

(proceed to Q13)

6. NA

(proceed to Q13)

d12s1

Q12-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #9} (Asked to those who chose 1 and 2 in Q12) Have you decided for whom to vote in the single-representation election?

1. I have decided for whom to vote.

(proceed to Q12-SQ2)

2. I have decided for which party to vote.

(proceed to Q12-SQ3)

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- 3. Not decided on the candidate or the party. (proceed to Q12-SQ6)
- 4. DK (proceed to Q12-SQ6)
- 5. NA (proceed to Q12-SQ6)

Q12-SQ2. (Asked to those who chose 1 in Q12-SQ1) For whom will you vote?

d12s2c {Note for interviewer: Hand respondent the Candidate List A.}

d12s2p Candidate's name: _____ (proceed to Q12-SQ4)

- 1. DK (proceed to Q12-SQ4)
- 2. NA (proceed to Q12-SQ4)

(The particular code number of the each candidate was filled by interviewer after the interviw. DK=88. NA = 99)

Q12-SQ3 {SHOW CARD #9} For which party will you vote?

- d12s3
- 1. LDP
 - 2. DPJ
 - 3. CGP (New Komeito)
 - 4. SDP
 - 5. JCP
 - 6. NCP

 - 8. Other ()
 - 9. Independent
 - 10. DK
 - 11. NA

Q12-SQ4 {SHOW CARD #12} For which party will you vote in the proportional-representation election?

- d12s4
- 1. LDP
 - 2. DPJ
 - 3. CGP (New Komeito)
 - 4. SDP
 - 5. JCP
 - 6. NCP

 - 8. Jiyu-rengo
 - 9. Other ()
 - 10. DK
 - 11. NA

Q12-SQ5. Please confirm the party you intend to vote for in the single representation election and the proportional-representation election: are they the same or different?

- d12s5
- 1. The same party (proceed to Q13)
 - 2. Different parties (proceed to Q12-SQ6)
 - 3. DK (proceed to Q13)
 - 4. NA (proceed to Q13)

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d12s6 Q12-SQ6. (To those who answered "Different parties" in Q11-SQ5.)
{SHOW CARD #12} Why is that? Please choose one from the list.

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

(To all respondents)

d13 Q13. Please recall the previous House of Representatives election held three years ago (in 2000.) Did you vote in that election?

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| 1. Yes | (proceed to Q13-SQ1) |
| 2. No | (proceed to Q14) |
| 3. I was not eligible to vote | (proceed to Q14) |
| 4. DK or forgot(ten) | (proceed to Q14) |
| 5. NA | (proceed to Q14) |

d13s1 Q13-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-representation election?

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

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

- d13s2
1. LDP
 2. DPJ
 3. CGP (New Komeito)
 4. SDP
 5. JCP

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6. NCP
7. LBP
8. Other ()
9. Forgotten
10. DK
11. NA

d14

Q14. Please recall last year's House of Councilors election (in year 2001.) Did you vote in that election?

1. Yes (proceed to Q14-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q15)
3. I was not eligible to vote (proceed to Q15)
4. DK or forgotten (proceed to Q15)
5. NA (proceed to Q15)

d14s1

Q14-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

d14s2

Q14-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

Q15. {SHOW CARD #13} 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.)

d15.1 1. LDP

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d15_2

d15_3 2. DPJ

d15_4 3. CGP (New Komeito)

d15_5 4. SDP

d15_6 5. JCP

d15_7 6. NCP

d15_8

d15_9 8. Other ()

d15_10 9. DK

d15_11 10. NA

d15_12

Q16. {SHOW CARD #14} (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 as 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.

d16s1 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

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

- d16s2
1. Very important
 2. Somewhat important
 3. Somewhat unimportant
 4. Unimportant
 5. DK
 6. NA

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.}

d16s3x1 (1) LDP

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

- d16s3x2 (2) DPJ
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d16s3x3 (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

- d16s3x4 (4) SDP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d16s3x5 (5) JCP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d16s3x6 (6) NCP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d16s4 Q16-SQ4. {SHOW CARD #15}. Do you think your opinion is influenced by opinions of newspaper or TV programs? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

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1. Influenced a lot
2. Influenced somewhat
3. Was not influenced much
4. Was not influenced at all
5. DK
6. NA

d16s5

Q16-SQ5 {SHOW CARD #15}. Do you think other people's opinions are influenced by opinions of newspaper or TV programs? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

1. Influenced a lot
2. Influenced somewhat
3. Was not influenced much
4. Was not influenced at all
5. DK
6. NA

d16s6

Q16-SQ6. {SHOW CARD #16} Assume you were discussing this issue of financial reconstruction and the contra-cyclical policy in the train with your friend. Do you think other passengers will think of you repulsively? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

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

Q16-SQ7. {SHOW CARD #17} In what ways would you be willing to express your opinions regarding the issue of financial reconstruction and the contra-cyclical policy? Choose all of the methods which you would be willing to do (M. A.)

d16s7_1

1. Write letters to newspaper

d16s7_2

2. Express your opinion to family member of friends

d16s7_3

3. Express your opinion to family member of friends if requested

d16s7_4

4. Sign a petition

d16s7_5

5. Express your opinion when interviewed on the street

d16s7_6

6. Express your opinion on the Internet

d16s7_7

7. none of the above

d16s7_8

8. DK

d16s7_9

9. NA

Q17. {SHOW CARD #18} 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.

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

d17s1 Q17-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

d17s2 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.}

(1) LDP

- d17s3x1
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

(2) DPJ

- d17s3x2
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

- d17s3x3
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK

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6. NA

- d17s3x4 (4) SDP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d17s3x5 (5) JCP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d17s3x6 (6) NCP
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 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 subsidies.

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

- d18s1 Q18-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

- d18s2 Q18-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

Q18-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

d18s3x1

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

(2) DPJ

d18s3x2

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

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

d18s3x3

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

(4) SDP

d18s3x4

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

(5) JCP

d18s3x5

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

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- 5. DK
- 6. NA

(6) NCP

- d18s3x6
- 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 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.

- d19s1
- Q19-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

- d19s2
- Q19-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

Q19-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.}

- d19s3x1
- (1) LDP
- 1. Agree with A
 - 2. Somewhat agree with A
 - 3. Somewhat agree with B
 - 4. Agree with B
 - 5. DK

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6. NA

(2) DPJ

d19s3x2

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

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

d19s3x3

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

(4) SDP

d19s3x4

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

(5) JCP

d19s3x5

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

(6) NCP

d19s3x6

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 the right to collective self-defense.

A. In order to strengthen the Japan-US security regime, the use of the right to collective

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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.

d20s1 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

d20s2 Q20-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
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.}

(1) LDP

d20s3x1

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

(2) DPJ

d20s3x2

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

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

d20s3x3

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

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- 5. DK
- 6. NA

(4) SDP

d20s3x4

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

(5) JCP

d20s3x5

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

(6) NCP

d20s3x6

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

Q21. {SHOW CARD #22} 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.

Q21-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is the closest to your opinion.

d21s1

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

Q21-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

d21s2

- 1. Very important

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

Q21-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

d21s3x1

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

(2) DPJ

d21s3x2

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

(3) CGP (New Komeito)

d21s3x3

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

(4) SDP

d21s3x4

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

(5) JCP

d21s3x5

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

(6) NCP

- d21s3x6
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

d22 Q22. {SHOW CARD #23} Now, we often hear the words “conservative” and “liberal” being used. What do you think is your political position on a scale of 0 to 10? 0 stands for a liberal position and 10 for a conservative position.

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

(liberal) (conservative)

Q23. {SHOW CARD #24} How satisfied are you with the present political situation?

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

d24 Q24. {SHOW CARD #25} Which type of government do you wish to have after the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

d25 Q25. {SHOW CARD #26} Regardless of whether or not there is an upcoming election, some people show continuous interests in politics, and others don't. How regularly do you pay attention to the political situation?

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

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6. NA

d26 Q26 {SHOW CARD #27} Are you a supporter of the Koizumi Cabinet? Choose one from the following.

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Do not support strongly
4. Do not support at all
5. DK
6. NA

d27 Q27. {SHOW CARD #28} How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate? Choose one from the list.

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

d28 Q28. {SHOW CARD #29} 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

d29 Q29. {SHOW CARD #30} 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

d30 Q30. {SHOW CARD #31} How responsible do you think the government is for economic climate and business conditions?

1. Extremely responsible
2. Responsible
3. Somewhat responsible

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4. Not responsible
5. DK
6. NA

Q31. {SHOW CARD #32} 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.}

- d31x1 (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

- d31x2 (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

- d31x3 (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 #33} 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.}

- d32x1 (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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(2) I have no power to influence the government's actions.

- d32x2
1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Somewhat disagree
 5. Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA

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

- d32x3
1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Somewhat disagree
 5. Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA

(4) Generally speaking, Congresspersons stop thinking about the public's interest immediately after taking office.

- d32x4
1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Somewhat disagree
 5. Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA

Q33. {SHOW CARD #34,35,36} 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 #34}

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

- d33x1
1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Somewhat disagree
 5. Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA

(2) I don't know how things would change in the future, so it is useless to think ahead.

- d33x2
1. Agree

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

(3) The general standard of living is getting lower.

d33x3

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

(4) Considering how the world has been changing, there is little hope for our children's future.

d33x4

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

(5) Today's world is becoming less compassionate.

d33x5

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

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

d33x6

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

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

d33x7

1. Agree

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

d33x8 (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 #35}

d33x9 (9) Those who take the role of a leader must carry themselves with dignity when they deal with followers.

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

d33x10 (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

d33x11 (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

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d33x12 (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
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. DK
7. NA

d33x13 (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

d33x14 (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

d33x15 (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

d33x16 (16) If I put my effort into it, I can do anything on my own.

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

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{SHOW CARD #36}

- d33x17 (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
- d33x18 (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
- d33x19 (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
 6. DK
 7. NA
- d33x20 (20) Most people are trustworthy.
1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Somewhat disagree
 5. Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA
- d33x21 (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

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d33x22 (22). By helping people in trouble today, someone else will help me when I am in trouble someday.

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

d33x23 (22). If you help a person, the world is made so that next time when you are in trouble, someone will help you.

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

d33x24 (24) If you received aid during times of difficulties by someone, one should help that person if he/she is troubled in the future.

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

d33x25 (25) Generally speaking, if you are helped by someone, you should aid other people as well.

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

d34x1 Q34. {SHOW CARD #37,38} Statement A and Statement B represent opposite views. If you were to make a choice, with 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.}

(1) {SHOW CARD #37}

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

(2) {SHOW CARD #37}

d34x2

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

(3) {SHOW CARD #37}

d34x3

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

(4) {SHOW CARD #37}

d34x4

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

(5) {SHOW CARD #37}

d34x5

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.

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

d34x6 (6) {SHOW CARD #38}

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

d34x7 (7) {SHOW CARD #38}

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

d34x8 (8) {SHOW CARD #38}

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

(9) {SHOW CARD #38}

d34x9 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

d35 Q35. {SHOW CARD #39} How satisfied are you with your family's present financial situation?

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

d36 Q36. {SHOW CARD #40} 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

d37 Q37. {SHOW CARD #41} 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

d38 Q38. {SHOW CARD #42} How responsible do you think the government is for a family's financial situation?

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

Q39. What kind of expectations do you have for the Koizumi Cabinet?

d39x1 (1) {SHOW CARD #43} 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

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- 6. DK
- 7. NA

- d39x2 (2) {SHOW CARD #43} 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

- d39x3 (3) {SHOW CARD #43} 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

- d39x4 (4) {SHOW CARD #43} 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

Q40. {SHOW CARD #44} 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.}

- d40x1 (1) The ruling parties.
- 1. Very reliable
 - 2. Somewhat reliable
 - 3. Somewhat unreliable
 - 4. Not reliable
 - 5. DK
 - 6. NA

- d40x2 (2) Political parties as institutions.
- 1. Very reliable
 - 2. Somewhat reliable

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3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA

- d40x3 (3) The general behavior of political parties and politicians.
1. Very reliable
 2. Somewhat reliable
 3. Somewhat unreliable
 4. Not reliable
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d40x4 (4) Indirect democracy such as the electoral process.
1. Very reliable
 2. Somewhat reliable
 3. Somewhat unreliable
 4. Not reliable
 5. DK
 6. NA

- d41x1 Q41. (1) {SHOW CARD #45} Thinking about 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

- d41x2 (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

- d42 Q42 {SHOW CARD #46} Supposing that the present Japanese society as a whole were divided into five strata, which stratum would you categorize yourself in? Choose one and circle the number.
1. Upper stratum
 2. Upper middle stratum
 3. Lower middle stratum
 4. Upper lower stratum

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5. Lower stratum

Q43. Think of a person over 20 y. o. with whom you talk about the Japanese Prime Minister, politicians and elections. The following questions concern him/her.

- d43x1 (1) Is there such a person with whom you talk about Prime Minister, politicians and elections?
1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(1)-SQ1)
 2. No (proceed to Q43-(1)-A)

- d43x1a (1)-A. Do you have a spouse?
1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(1)-SQ3)
 2. No (proceed to Q44)

- d43x1s1 Q43. (1)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #47} What is your relation to the person you talk with?
1. Spouse
 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

- d43x1s2 Q43. (1)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?
1. Male
 2. Female
 3. DK
 4. NA

- d43x1s3 Q43. (1)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?
1. Very often
 2. Sometimes
 3. Rarely
 4. DK
 5. NA

- d43x1s4 Q43. (1)-SQ4. How well do you think that person knows politics?
1. Very well
 2. Somewhat well
 3. Not so well
 4. DK

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5. NA

d43x1s5 Q43. (1)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

d43x1s6 Q43. (1)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

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

d43x1s7 Q43. (1)-SQ7. 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

d43x1s8 Q43. (1)-SQ8. Is that person in a social status above you, below you, or about the same?

1. Above
2. Below
3. Same
4. Hard to say
5. DK
6. NA

d43x2 Q43.(2) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(2)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q43-(2)-A)

d43x2a1 Q43.(2)-A. (If respondent chose "spouse" in Q43-(1)-SQ1, skip this question and proceed to Q44.) Do you have a spouse?

- d43x2a2
1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(2)-SQ3)
 2. No (proceed to Q44)

d43x2s1 Q43. (2)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #47} What is your relation to the person you talk with?

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1. Spouse
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

d43x2s2 Q43. (2)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

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

d43x2s3 Q43. (2)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

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

d43x2s4 Q43. (2)-SQ4. How well do you think that person knows politics?

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

d43x2s5 Q43. (2)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in this upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

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Q43. (2)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

- d43x2s6
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK
 4. NA

Q43. (2)-SQ7. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

- d43x2s7
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK
 4. NA

Q43. (2)-SQ8. Is that person in a social status above you, below you, or about the same?

- d43x2s8
1. Above
 2. Below
 3. Same
 4. Hard to say
 5. DK
 6. NA

Q43.(3) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

- d43x3
1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(3)-SQ1)
 2. No (proceed to Q43-(3)-A)

Q43.(3)-A. (If the respondent chose "spouse" in Q43-(1)-SQ1 or Q43-(2)-SQ1, skip this question and proceed to Q43-SQ9.) Do you have a spouse?

- d43x3a1
- d43x3a2
1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(3)-SQ3)
 2. No (proceed to Q43-SQ9)

Q43. (3)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #47} What is your relation to the person you talk with?

- d43x3s1
1. Spouse
 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. A neighbor
 8. A friend
 9. Other ()
 10. DK
 11. NA

Q43. (3)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

- d43x3s2
1. Male

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2. Female

3. DK

4. NA

d43x3s3 Q43-(3)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

1. Very often

2. Sometimes

3. Rarely

4. DK

5. NA

d43x3s4 Q43-(3)-SQ4. How well do you think that person knows politics?

1. Very well

2. Somewhat well

3. Not so well

4. DK

5. NA

d43x3s5 Q43-(3)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in this upcoming House of Representatives election?

1. LDP

2. DPJ

3. CGP (New Komeito)

4. SDP

5. JCP

6. NCP

7. Other ()

8. DK

9. NA

d43x3s6 Q43-(3)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Yes

2. No

3. DK

4. NA

d43x3s7 Q43-(3)-SQ7. 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

d43x3s8 Q43-(3)-SQ8. Is that person in a social status above you, below you, or about the same?

1. Above

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2. Below
3. Same
4. Hard to say
5. DK
6. NA

d43x4 Q43.(4) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(4)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q43-(4)-A)

d43x4a1 Q45.(4)-A. (If the respondent chose "spouse" in Q43-(1)-SQ1, Q43-(2)-SQ1, or Q43-(3)-SQ1, skip this question and proceed to Q43-SQ9.) Do you have a spouse?

- d43x4a2
1. Yes (proceed to Q43-(4)-SQ3)
 2. No (proceed to Q43-SQ3)

d43x4s1 Q43. (4)-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #47} What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse
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

d43x4s2 Q43. (4)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

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

d43x4s3 Q43-(4)-SQ3. 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

d43x4s4 Q43-(4)-SQ4. How well do you think that person knows about politics?

1. Very well
2. Somewhat well

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3. Not so well
4. DK
5. NA

d43x4s5 Q43-(4)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in this upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

Q43-(4)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

- d43x4s6
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK
 4. NA

Q43-(4)-SQ7. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

- d43x4s7
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK
 4. NA

Q43-(4)-SQ8. Is that person in a social status above you, below you, or about the same?

- d43x4s8
1. Above
 2. Below
 3. Same
 4. Hard to say
 5. DK
 6. NA

Q43.-SQ9. Does the first person know any of the other people that you have just mentioned? (M. A.)

- d43s9_1 1. The 2nd person
- d43s9_2 2. The 3rd person
- d43s9_3 3. The 4th person
- d43s9_4 4. No
- d43s9_4 5. DK
- d43s9_5

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d43s9_6 6. NA

d43s10_1 Q43.-SQ10. Do the other people you just mentioned know each other? (M. A.)

(For those who mentioned 3 or 4 others)

- d43s10_2 1. The 2nd and 3rd know each other.
d43s10_3 2. The 2nd and 4th know each other
d43s10_4 3. The 3rd and 4th know each other.
d43s10_5 4. No
d43s10_5 5. DK
d43s10_6 6. NA

d44x1_1 (Asked to all respondents)

d44x1_2 Q44. (1) {SHOW CARD #49} From which sources do you usually obtain political information? First, how about the newspaper? (M. A.)

- d44x1_3 1. Yomiuri Newspaper
d44x1_4 2. Asahi Newspaper
d44x1_5 3. Mainichi Newspaper
d44x1_6 4. Sankei Newspaper
d44x1_7 5. Nihon Keizai Newspaper
d44x1_8 6. Tokyo Newspaper
d44x1_9 7. Hokkaido Newspaper
d44x1_9 8. Kahoku Newspaper
d44x1_10 9. Chunichi Newspaper
d44x1_11 10. Kobe Newspaper
d44x1_12 11. Chugoku Newspaper
d44x1_12 12. Nishi Nihon Newspaper
d44x1_13 13. Some other newspaper ()
d44x1_14 14. None
d44x1_15 15. DK
d44x1_16 16. NA

Q44. (2) How about TV programs? (M. A.)

- d44x2_1 1. NHK news programs
d44x2_2 2. Izumi Oguri's "Today's Events" (NTV)
d44x2_3 3. Masako Fuefuki & Takahiko Fujii's "News Plus 1" (NTV)
d44x2_4 4. Tetsuya Chikushi & Mitsuyo Kusano's "News 23" (TBS)
d44x2_4 5. Hideya Sugio & Tomoko Ogawa's "News Forest" (TBS)
d44x2_5 6. Hiroyuki Abe & Christel Takigawa's "News Japan" (FTV)
d44x2_6 7. Taro Kimura & Yuko Ando's "FNN Super News" (FTV)
d44x2_7 8. Hiroshi Kume's "News Station" (ATV)
d44x2_8 9. Etsuko Komiya's "Super J Channel" (ATV)
d44x2_8 10. Maoko Kotani's "World Business Satellite" (TTV)
d44x2_9 11. Bunchin Katsura's "Wake Up" (NTV)
d44x2_10 12. Kazuo Tokumitsu's "The Sunday" (NTV)
d44x2_11 13. Hiroshi Sekiguchi's "Sunday Morning" (TBS)
d44x2_12 14. Misuzu Tamaru's "News Special" (TBS)

d44x2_13
d44x2_14

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d44x2_15

d44x2_16 15. Yuji Kuroiwa's "News 2001" (FTV)

d44x2_17 16. Souichiro Tahara's "Sunday Project" (ATV)

d44x2_18 17. Isao Fukutome & Takae Mikumo's "Broadcaster" (TBS)

d44x2_19 18. Radio programs

d44x2_20 19. Weekly magazines

d44x2_21 20. Other program ()

d44x2_22 21. DK

d44x2_22 22. NA

Q45 {SHOW CARD #51} Do you use cellular phones and/or computers? Please include use at home, work, and school when answering. For each item, please choose one answer and circle the number

(1) Talk on cellular phone

- d45x1
1. Frequently
 2. Sometimes
 3. Seldom
 4. Never

(2) Use e-mail on cellular phone

- d45x2
1. Frequently
 2. Sometimes
 3. Seldom
 4. Never

(3) Check webpages on cellular phone (Including searching for information)

- d45x3
1. Frequently
 2. Sometimes
 3. Seldom
 4. Never

(4) Use e-mail on computer

- d45x4
1. Frequently
 2. Sometimes
 3. Seldom
 4. Never

(5) Check webpages on computer

- d45x5
1. Frequently
 2. Sometimes
 3. Seldom
 4. Never

【For those who checked 1-3 for more than one item among Q45 (2)-(5)】

Q45-SQ If so, how often do you do the things listed below? Choose one answer for each item and circle the number.

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- d45sx1 (1) Read political news on the Internet
- d45sx2 (2) Check webpages of local self-governing bodies on the Internet
- d45sx3 (3) Check webpages related to politics owned personally or by private organizations
- d45sx4 (4) Read e-mail magazines related to politics on the internet (except those supporting particular candidates)
- d45sx5 (5) Check webpages of the candidates and supporters
- d45sx6 (6) Read e-mail magazines that support particular candidates
- d45sx7 (7) Read politics related BBS, IRC, and mailing lists on the Internet
- d45sx8 (8) Speak out about politics on the Internet
- (alternatives(choices?) for (1) – (8))
1. Almost everyday
 2. Often
 3. Sometimes
 4. Rarely

{Face sheet}

Demographic Background Information on Respondent

gender

F1. Gender

1. Male
2. Female

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F2. Age: What is the day, month and year of your birth? How old are you?

1. Meiji
2. Taisho
3. Showa

(circle one) Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____

Age ()

residy03

F3. Place of Residence: How long have you lived in your present location, or within 30 minutes by foot from your present location?

1. 3 years or less
2. 4 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.)
5. All my life
6. NA

educat03

F4. Education: {SHOW CARD #53} 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

occup5a3

F5. Employment Information:

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(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

occup5b3

(2) Occupation: What kind of things do you usually do at work? (e.g. schoolteacher, farmer, bus driver, automobile engineer, supermarket cashier, bank accountant, computer programmer, clerical staff member for a sales department, on-the-road salesperson, manufacturing electronic devices, pensioner, housewife, etc.)

Respondent's answer()

<Classify respondent's answer>

1. Farm, forest or fishery worker
2. Commercial / industrial service
3. Free-lance worker & artist
4. Managerial position
5. Professional or technical
6. Clerical and related work
7. Sales / service / manual labor
8. Other (employed)
9. Student
10. Housewife
11. Other (unemployed)
12. Unclassifiable
13. DK
14. NA

dcommute

(3) How long does it take to go from your house to your workplace, school, or place you spend most of your time? Choose one that best reflects your own. (Only for those who choose 1-4 in F5 (1).)

1. do not commute
2. within 20 minutes
3. 21 to 40 minutes
4. 41 to 61 minutes
5. more than 61 minutes
6. DK
7. NA

(4) Do you read e-mails or websites using a cellular phone/PHS during your commute? Choose all that apply on the list. (M. A.)

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dcomnet1

dcomnet2 1. Read e-mails

dcomnet3 2. Write e-mails

dcomnet4 3. Read websites

dcomnet5 4. Play Games

dcomnet6 5. Take pictures with a built-in camera

dcomnet7 6. Send pictures via e-mail

dcomnet8 7. others ()

dcomnet9 8. Do not use cellular phone or PHS

dcomnet0 9. not applicable to any of above categories

dcomnet0 10. DK

dcomnet0 11. NA

dcomnetx

F6. Information about the Head of the Household (the primary earner): Are you the head of your family's household?

whoearn3 1. Yes (proceed to F7)

2. No (proceed to F6-1)

occup6a3 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

occup6b3 F6-2. What kind of things does he/she usually do at work? (e.g. schoolteacher, farmer, bus driver, automobile engineer, supermarket cashier, bank accountant, computer programmer, clerical staff member for a sales department, on-the-road salesperson, manufacturing electronic devices, pensioner, housewife, etc.)

Respondent's answer()

<Classify respondent's answer>

1. Farm, forest or fishery worker

2. Commercial / industrial service

3. Free-lance worker & artist

4. Managerial position

5. Professional or technical

6. Clerical and related work

7. Sales / service / manual labor

8. Other (employed)

9. Student

10. Housewife

11. Other (unemployed)

12. Unclassifiable

13. DK

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14. NA

typeho03 F7. Type of Residence: {SHOW CARD #56} What type of residence do you live in?

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

hincom03 F8. Household income: {SHOW CARD #57} 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
10. DK
11. NA

F9. We may want to confirm several things at a later date, and would it very much appreciate if you could let us know of your phone number. Mobile phone numbers would work just as well. (Do not force respondent to give phone number)

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

Thank you for your cooperation with this survey!

<For the Interviewer>

srvymt_d Date of Interview:
srvydt_d Length of Interview: _____ minutes
time_d Number of times visited to complete the survey:
visit_d