

House of Representatives Pre-Election Survey 2005

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Q1. First of all, I would like to ask you some questions regarding the official candidates from your electoral district.

[Note for the interviewer: Hand respondent the Candidate List – on which you will see a picture of a thermometer alongside each candidate's name. Then indicate the number of candidates in the electoral district for this survey (choose one below):

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

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(1) Are there any names on this list that you know? Please give the answers by indicating the numbers given to the candidates on the list.

[Note for the interviewer: Allow the respondents to identify the candidates "in order of recognition" – independent from the order the candidates' names appear on the list.]

(2) How much do you know about this candidate?

(If the answer to (1) was "none," circle "3. do not know")

(3) **(To those who circled either "know a lot" or "know a little")**

Please look at the "thermometers" on the sheets in front of you. For each of the candidates that you "know," please rate your feelings towards them in terms of temperature. For example, if you feel "neutral" about the candidate, indicate this by marking 50°C. If you like the candidate, rate him/her between 50°C to 100°C – the higher the temperature, the more positive you feel towards the candidate – and reflect *how* positive you feel towards the candidate. If you dislike the candidate give a rating between 0°C to 50°C, again, reflecting how much you dislike the candidate.

[Note for the interviewer: code 111 for "do not know", code 222 for "no response"]

[Repeat (1) to (3) until the respondent runs out of names of candidates that he/she knows. (The maximum number of names required would be six – even if there are more.) Once the respondent runs out of names of candidates that he/she knows, make sure that "that is all they know" by asking "are there any more candidates that you know?" After checking that there is no one else, circle "3. do not know" (in (2)) for all those candidates that were unidentified.]

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

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| j1s1x1p | 1. Yes (specify by the number:) | (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ2) |
| j1s1x1c | 2. No | (proceed to Q2) |

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

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| j1s1x2 | 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) |

j1s1x3	Q1.(1)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
	() degrees

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

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| j1s2x1p | 1. Yes (specify by the number:) | (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ2) |
| j1s2x1c | 2. No | (proceed to Q2) |

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- j1s2x2 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)
- j1s2x3 Q1.(2)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- j1s3x1p 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)
j1s3x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)
- j1s3x2 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)
- j1s3x3 Q1.(3)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- j1s4x1p 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)
j1s4x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)
- j1s4x2 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)
- j1s4x3 Q1.(4)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- j1s5x1p 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)
j1s5x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)
- j1s5x2 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)
- j1s5x3 Q1.(5)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.
() degrees
- j1s6x1p Q1.(6)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?
1. Yes (specify by the number:) (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ2)
j1s6x1c 2. No (proceed to Q2)

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

- j1s6x2
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.

j1s6x3 () degrees

[For all respondents]

Q2. **The interviewer must check and see if there**

- j2
1. IS an LDP candidate (proceed to Q2 SQ1)
 2. ISN'T any LDP candidates (proceed to Q3) **in the electoral district for this survey.**

[Note for the interviewer: For all XXs that appear in the questions below, insert the LDP candidate's name upon reading the questions aloud.]

(1) **【SHOW CARD #1】** I would like to ask you a few questions about the LDP candidate from this district, XX. For each of the following agendas, please indicate how you feel about the LDP candidate, XX. Please **choose one** for each question. How do you feel about (i)? [Proceed in the same way for (ii)~(iv)]

- j2x1s1
- (i) I have faith in the candidate's ability and leadership potential as a politician
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j2x1s2
- (ii) I can trust the candidate as a person.
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j2x1s3
- (iii) I support the candidate's policies.
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j2x1s4
- (iv) The candidate will make local contributions.
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j2x2
- (2) **【SHOW CARD #2】** Where do you think XX candidate stands in relation to "postal privatization"?
1. For
 2. Against
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

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Q3. The interviewer must check the list to see whether there

- j3
1. IS an DPJ (democratic party of Japan) candidate (proceed to Q3 SQ1)
 2. ISN'T any DPJ candidate (proceed to Q4)
- in the electoral district for this survey.**

[Note for the interviewer: For all XXs that appear in the questions below, insert the DPJ candidate's name upon reading the questions aloud.]

(1) **【SHOW CARD #3】** I would like to ask you a few questions about the DPJ candidate from this district, XX. For each of the following agendas, please indicate how you feel about the LDP candidate, XX. Please **choose one** for each question. How do you feel about (i)? **[Proceed in the same way for (ii)~(iv)]**

- j3x1s1
- (i) I have faith in the candidate's ability and leadership potential as a politician
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j3x1s2
- (ii) I can trust the candidate as a person.
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j3x1s3
- (iii) I support the candidate's policies.
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j3x1s4
- (iv) The candidate will make local contributions.
1. Agree
 2. Do not agree
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j3x2
- (2) **【SHOW CARD #4】** Where do you think XX candidate stands in relation to "postal privatization"?
1. For
 2. Against
 3. Neither
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j4
- Q4. **【SHOW CARD #5】** Do you plan to go to the upcoming House of Representatives (Lower House) election? Choose one that best reflects your intention.
1. Voting would be difficult as I have other plans on the day of election.
 2. While I have no plans, going to vote seems too much trouble.
 3. I have no problems with going voting.
 4. DK
 5. NA

- j5
- Q5. **【SHOW CARD #6】** Do you plan to do early voting or absentee balloting? Choose one

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that best reflects your intention.

1. I have already done so.
2. I plan to do so.
3. I might do so.
4. I plan to do neither.
5. DK
6. NA

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Q6. **【SHOW CARD #7】** 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 each citizen's decision. One should not be obliged to vote.
4. DK
5. NA

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Q7. **【SHOW CARD #8】** In the upcoming House of Representative election, how fierce a competition (in your opinion) is the single-representation election in your residing district?

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 to be elected.
3. Since the candidate that I support is barely ahead, I think that if I 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

Q8. **【SHOW CARD #9】** What are your feelings towards people and political parties that are politically influential? 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 your neutral stance 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 positive you feel. Conversely, if you dislike the person or the party, give a rating between 0°c to 50 °c depending on how much you dislike them. The first person on the list is Junichiro Koizumi. How do you feel about the Prime Minister Koizumi?

[Note for interviewer: Repeat the "question" as for (1) right up to (12). Code DK as "111", NA as "222". For (11) and (12) follow the district code in the survey code booklet.]

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| j8x1 | (1) Junichiro Koizumi | ()degrees |
| j8x2 | (2) Shinzo Abe | ()degrees |
| j8x3 | (3) Okada | ()degrees |
| j8x4 | (4) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) | ()degrees |
| j8x5 | (5) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) | ()degrees |
| j8x6 | (6) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP) | ()degrees |
| j8x7 | (7) Social Democratic Party (SDP) | ()degrees |
| j8x8 | (8) Japan Communist Party (JCP) | ()degrees |
| j8x9 | (9) PNP (The People's New Party) | ()degrees |
| j8x10 | (10) NPN (New Party Nippon) | ()degrees |

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- j8x11 (11) The governor of your own prefecture ()degrees
[Note: Make sure to read out both the names of the governor and the prefecture.]
j8x12 (12) The assembly of your own district ()degrees
[Note: Read out "assembly" as XX xxx]

Q9. 【SHOW CARD #10】 How do you feel about the Koizumi Cabinet's record?

[Note for the interviewer: Use card #10 up to (4)]

- j9x1 (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
- j9x2 (2) 【SHOW CARD #10】 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
- j9x3 (3) 【SHOW CARD #10】 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
- j9x4 (4) 【SHOW CARD #10】 What is your overall evaluation of the Koizumi Cabinet?
1. Very good
2. Somewhat good
3. Neither good nor bad
4. Somewhat bad
5. Very bad
6. DK
7. NA
- j10 Q10. 【SHOW CARD #11】 Putting elections aside, which political party in Japan do you usually support?
1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
6. PNP (The People's New Party) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
7. NPN(New Party Nippon) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
8. Other () (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
9. No such party (proceed to Q10-SQ2)

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10. DK

(proceed to Q10-SQ2)

11. NA

(proceed to Q10-SQ2)

j10s1 Q10-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

j10s2 Q10-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 (Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. PNP (The People's New Party)
7. NPN(New Party Nippon)
8. Other ()
9. No such party
10. DK
11. NA

[For all respondents]

j11_1 Q11. **【SHOW CARD #11】** Is there a political party you would never support? ... Is there any other party that you would never support? (M.A.)

- j11_2 1. LDP
- j11_3 2. DPJ
- j11_4 3. CGP (Komeito)
- j11_5 4. SDP
- j11_6 5. JCP
- j11_7 6. PNP (The People's New Party)
- j11_8 7. NPN(New Party Nippon)
- j11_9 8. Other ()
- j11_10 9. No such party
- j11_11 10. DK
11. NA

j11_10 Q12. Now, generally speaking, how would you evaluate the Koizumi Cabinet?

j11_11 (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 the 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

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

[Note for the 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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Q13. 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 (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

Q14. What mattered **most** to you in this election? Please mention any issues or problems (as concretely as possible) that was most important to you in this election.

[Note for the interviewer: Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it. If the respondent gives more than one issue/problem, ask them which the most important issue was. If the respondent answers that there was no such particular issue, mark "1. none in particular" outside the free-response margin.]

Q15. **【SHOW CARD #12】** Do you intend to vote in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

- j15
1. I plan to vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ1)
 2. I will probably vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ1)
 3. I will probably abstain from voting. (proceed to Q16)
 4. I plan to abstain from voting. (proceed to Q16)
 5. I have not decided/DK (proceed to Q16)
 6. NA (proceed to Q16)

j15s1 Q15-SQ1. **【SHOW CARD #13】** (Asked to those who chose 1 and 2 in Q15) Have you decided for whom to vote in the single-representation election?

1. I have decided for whom to vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ2)
2. I have decided for which party to vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ3)
3. Not decided on the candidate or the party. (proceed to Q15-SQ6)
4. DK (proceed to Q15-SQ6)
5. NA (proceed to Q15-SQ6)

Q15-SQ2. (Asked to those who chose 1 in Q12-SQ1) For whom will you vote?

[Hand respondent the Candidate List A.]

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

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

[Note for the interviewer: Upon finishing the interview, the interviewer must fill in the particular code number of the each candidate (on the list) and the party (as shown Q16 SQ3). For the candidates, mark DK=88. NA = 99.]

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Q15-SQ3 【SHOW CARD #14】 For which party will you vote?

j15s3

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. PNP (The People's New Party)
7. NPN(New Party Nippon)
8. Other ()
9. Independent
10. DK
11. NA

Q15-SQ4 【SHOW CARD #14】 For which party will you vote in the proportional-representation election?

j15s4

[Note for the interviewer: Do not mark "8" – null option. Watch out for other similar cases to follow.]

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. PNP (The People's New Party)
7. NPN (New Party Nippon)
8. X
9. Other ()
10. DK
11. NA

Q15-SQ5. [To those who have answered 1, or 2 in Q15] 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?

j15s5

1. The same party (proceed to Q16)
2. Different parties (proceed to Q15-SQ6)
3. DK (proceed to Q16)
4. NA (proceed to Q16)

Q15-SQ6. (To those who answered "Different parties" in Q15-SQ5.)

j15s6

【SHOW CARD #15】 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

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[For all respondents]

j16 Q16. Please recall the previous House of Representatives election held two years ago (in 2003). Did you vote in that election? (For those who did not vote) Was it abstention or were you not eligible to vote?

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| 1. I voted. | (proceed to Q16-SQ1) |
| 2. I abstained | (proceed to Q17) |
| 3. I was not eligible to vote | (proceed to Q17) |
| 4. DK or forgot(ten) | (proceed to Q17) |
| 5. NA | (proceed to Q17) |

j16s1 Q16-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-representation election?

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

j16s2 Q16-SQ2. For which party did you vote in the proportional-representation election?

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

j17 Q17. Please recall the last House of Councilors election (2004.) Did you vote in that election? (For those who did not vote) Was it disposal of your right to vote, or were you not eligible to vote?

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| 1. I voted. | (proceed to Q17-SQ1) |
| 2. I refused my right to vote | (proceed to Q18) |
| 3. I was not eligible to vote | (proceed to Q18) |
| 4. DK or forgot(ten) | (proceed to Q18) |
| 5. NA | (proceed to Q18) |

j17s1 Q17-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-representation election?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. X
7. X

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

Q17-SQ2. For which party did you vote in the proportional-representation election?

j17s2

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

Q18. **【SHOW CARD #16】** 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.)

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j18_2

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j18_5

j18_6

j18_7

j18_8

j18_9

j18_10

- 1. LDP
- 2. DPJ
- 3. CGP (Komeito)
- 4. SDP
- 5. JCP
- 6. PNP (The People's New Party)
- 7. NPN (New Party Nippon)
- 8. Other ()
- 9. DK
- 10. NA

Q19. **【SHOW CARD #17】** (We would like to know your thoughts on recently expressed opinions regarding several national issues.) First, statements A and B are two perspectives that address both the issues of financial reconstruction and contra-cyclical policy.

A. When the economic climate is as bad as it is now, the government should prioritize the contra-cyclical policy, while it may delay the financial reconstruction.

B. When the country is in so much debt as it is now, the government should prioritize financial reconstruction, even though it may delay the contra-cyclical policy.

Q19-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that most accurately reflects your opinion.

j19s1

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

Q19-SQ2. The issue of prioritizing either financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy – how important is this issue to you?

j19s2

- 1. Very important
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Somewhat unimportant

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4. Unimportant
5. DK
6. NA

Q19-SQ3. Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy”? Let’s start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

- j19s3x1 (1) LDP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j19s3x2 (2) DPJ
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j19s3x3 (3) CGP (Komeito)
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j19s3x4 (4) SDP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j19s3x5 (5) JCP
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 #18】** 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

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collective self-defense should not be approved.

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

j20s1

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

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

j20s2

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

Q20-SQ3. Where do you think the following political parties stand in relation to this issue? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

j20s3x1

(1) LDP

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

j20s3x2

(2) DPJ

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

j20s3x3

(3) CGP (Komeito)

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

j20s3x4

(4) SDP

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

j20s3x5

(5) JCP

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

Q21. **【SHOW CARD #19】** Statements A and B address the issue of public welfare and public burden.

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

Q21-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that most closely matches your opinion.

j21s1

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?

j21s2

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

Q21-SQ3. Where do you think the following political parties stand on the issue of public welfare and public burden? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

(1) LDP

j21s3x1

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

(2) DPJ

j21s3x2

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

(3) CGP (Komeito)

j21s3x3

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

(4) SDP

j21s3x4

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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

j21s3x5 (5) JCP

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

Q22. 【SHOW CARD #20】 Regarding the participation of the Self-Defense Forces in the Multinational Security Force, there are two opinions,

A: In order to make an international contribution, the SDF should join the Multinational Security Force in Iraq.

B: Under the current Constitution, the SDF should not be a part of the Multinational Security Force in Iraq.

j22s1 Q22-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

j22s2 Q22-SQ2 How important is the issue of the SDF participation in the Multinational Security Force to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important
4. Not important at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q22-SQ3 Finally, where do you think the following political parties stand on the issue of the SDF participation in the Multinational Security Force? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

j22s3x1 1) LDP

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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- j22s3x2 2) DPJ
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j22s3x3 3) CGP (Komeito)
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j22s3x4 4) SDP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j22s3x5 5) JCP
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

Q23. 【SHOW CARD #21】 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.

j23s1 Q23-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

j23s2 Q23-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

1. Very important

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

Q23-SQ3. Finally, where do you think the following political parties stand on the relationship between the government and local autonomous bodies? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

(1) LDP

j23s3x1

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

(2) DPJ

j23s3x2

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

(3) CGP (Komeito)

j23s3x3

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

(4) SDP

j23s3x4

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

(5) JCP

j23s3x5

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

Q24. **【SHOW CARD #22】** 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.

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Q24-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one closest to your pinion.

- j24s1
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

Q24-SQ2. How important is the issue of constitutional amendment to you?

- j24s2
1. Very important
 2. Somewhat important
 3. Somewhat unimportant
 4. Unimportant
 5. DK
 6. NA

Q24-SQ3. Finally, where do you think the following political parties stand on the issue of constitutional amendment? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

(1) LDP

- j24s3x1
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

(2) DPJ

- j24s3x2
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

(3) CGP (Komeito)

- j24s3x3
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

(4) SDP

- j24s3x4
1. Agree with A
 2. Somewhat agree with A
 3. Somewhat agree with B
 4. Agree with B
 5. DK
 6. NA

(5) JCP

- j24s3x5
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

Q25. **【SHOW CARD #23】** Regarding the maintenance of the public pension program, there are two opinions,

A: In order to have stable resources in the future, the premiums should be increased.
B: Because all of the generations should suffer together, the taxes should be increased.

j25s1

Q25-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

j25s2

Q25-SQ2 How important is the issue of the public pension maintenance to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important
4. Not important at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q25-SQ3 Finally, where do you think the following political parties stand on the issue of the public pension maintenance? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

j25s3x1

1) LDP

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

j25s3x2

2) DPJ

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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3) CGP (Komeito)

j25s3x3

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

4) SDP

j25s3x4

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

5) JCP

j25s3x5

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

Q26. 【SHOW CARD #24】 Regarding the issue of Japan's handling of problems in Iraq, there are two opinions,

A: Japan should seek to be actively involved in the operations that the U.S. and other countries are involved in Iraq.

B: Japan should not seek to be actively involved in the operations that the U.S. and other countries are involved in Iraq.

Q26-SQ1 Which statement do you agree with? Choose one from below.

j26s1

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

Q26-SQ2 How important is the issue of the Japan's involvement in Iraq to you?

j26s2

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important
4. Not important at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q26-SQ3 Finally, where do you think the following political parties stand on the issue of Japan's involvement in Iraq? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

1) LDP

j26s3x1

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

j26s3x2

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

j26s3x3

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

j26s3x4

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

j26s3x5

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

j27

Q27. **【SHOW CARD #25】**Regarding Koizumi's snap general election (Sep. 11th 2005) for the main, lower house two years ahead of schedule, there are two opinions,

- A. That the general election was necessary in order for reforms such as the postal privatization to take place.
- B. The reform plan was denied in the lower house – therefore, the general election for the lower house should not have been allowed.

Which statement do you agree with? Choose one from below.

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

Q28. Regarding the issue of postal privatization, there are two opinions,

- A. To lower the cost and make the postal services more efficient, postal privatization is highly agreeable.
- B. Some areas may suffer from postal privatization; therefore postal privatization is not recommendable.

Q28-SQ1 Which statement do you agree with? Choose one from below.

j28s1

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

j28s2

Q28-SQ2 【SHOW CARD #26】 How important is the issue of postal privatization to you? Please choose one.

- 1. Very important
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Not very important
- 4. Not important at all
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

Q28-SQ3 【SHOW CARD #26】 Finally, where do you think the following political parties stand on the issue of postal privatization? Let's start with the LDP...

[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same fashion for each party down the list.]

j28s3x1

1) LDP

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

j28s3x2

2) DPJ

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

j28s3x3

3) CGP (Komeito)

- 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

j28s3x4

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

j28s3x5

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

Q28-SQ4 **【SHOW CARD #27】** There are numerous opinions surrounding the issue of postal privatization. In your opinion, what would result from the privatization? List as many as you think are correct. (M.A.)
As a result of privatization...

j28s4_1

1. The government will become smaller, but cost-efficient.

j28s4_2

2. It will become impossible to sustain a nationally standardized postal price scheme.

j28s4_3

3. Private firms will no longer be threatened/pressurized by government organizations.

j28s4_4

4. There will be fewer post offices – and much inconvenience.

j28s4_5

5. Free market (competition) will bring economic vitality.

j28s4_6

6. Our safe postal banking scheme will be put to risk.

j28s4_7

7. There will be a stop to abusing funds for postal savings and life insurance enterprises.

j28s4_8

8. Postal privatization alone will not bring about fiscal and administration reform.

j28s4_9

9. Other ()

j28s4_10

10. DK

j28s4_11

11. NA

j28s5

Q28-SQ5 **【SHOW CARD #28】** Do you think your opinion (on postal privatization) is influenced by newspapers and TV programs? Please choose one from below.

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

j28s6

Q28-SQ6 **【SHOW CARD #28】** Do you think other people's opinions are influenced by newspapers and TV programs? Please choose one from below.

1. Influenced a lot
2. Influenced somewhat
3. Not influenced much

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4. Not influenced at all
5. DK
6. NA

j28s7

Q28-SQ7 【SHOW CARD #29】 Assume you were discussing this issue of postal privatization on the train with your friend. Do you think other passengers will be put off by this? Please choose one from below.

1. Yes, I think so.
2. Yes, they might..
3. No, they probably will not.
4. No, I disagree.
5. DK
6. NA

Q28-SQ8 【SHOW CARD #30】 In what ways would you be willing to express your opinions regarding the issue of postal privatization? Choose all methods that you might be willing to do (M. A.)

j28s8_1

1. Write to newspapers

j28s8_2

2. Express your opinion to family member or friends

j28s8_3

3. Express your opinion to family member or friends upon request

j28s8_4

4. Sign a petition

j28s8_5

5. Express your opinion when interviewed on the street

j28s8_6

6. Express your opinion on the Internet

j28s8_7

7. none of the above

j28s8_8

8. DK

j28s8_9

9. NA

j29

Q29 【SHOW CARD #31】 Here's a popular question. Are you conservative, or are you liberal? 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

(liberal)

(conservative)

11 (DK)

12 (NA)

j30

Q30 【SHOW CARD #32】 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

j31

Q31 【SHOW CARD #33】 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 ()

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6. DK

7. NA

j32 Q32 【SHOW CARD #34】 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

6. NA

j33 Q33. 【SHOW CARD #35】 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

j34 Q34. 【SHOW CARD #36】 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

j35 Q35. 【SHOW CARD #37】 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

j36 Q36. 【SHOW CARD #38】 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

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Q37. **【SHOW CARD #39】** How responsible do you think the government is for economic climate and business conditions?

j37

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

Q38. **【SHOW CARD #40】** 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.}

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

j38x1

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

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

j38x2

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

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

j38x3

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

Q39. **【SHOW CARD #41】** 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.]**

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

j39x1

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

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

j39x2

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

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

j39x3 (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

j39x4 (4) Generally speaking, Congresspersons stop thinking about the public's interest immediately after taking office.

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

j40 Q40. **【SHOW CARD #42】** There are two opinions (A and B) regarding inter-marriages. Which reflects your opinion best?

A: If the couple is happy, it should not matter where they are from.

B: If possible, I prefer a Japanese-Japanese marriage.

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

j41 Q41. **【SHOW CARD #43】** There are two opinions (A and B) regarding the issue of "different sir names after marriage". Which reflects your opinion best?

A: Couples should have equal rights as individuals. One should be allowed to retain his/her sir name.

B: One family should share the same sir name. One should not retain his/her sir name, separate from the spouse.

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

j42 Q42. **【SHOW CARD #44】** There are two opinions (A and B) regarding work. Which reflects your opinion best?

A: One's ability and achievements should be reflected in the salary.

B: One's age, and how long one has stayed with the company should be reflected in the salary.

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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

Q43. **【SHOW CARD #45】** If you had free-flowing funds at hand, how would you use it? A or B?

j43

A: Even if the interest is low, I would try to find the surest and safest way to make savings.

B: Rather than thinking about "safety", I would much rather take an option that yields high returns.

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

Q44. **【SHOW CARD #46,47,48】** 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 #46】

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

j44x1

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.

j44x2

1. Agree
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.

j44x3

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.

j44x4

1. Agree

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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.

j44x5

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.

j44x6

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.

j44x7

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

【SHOW CARD #48】

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

j44x8

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

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

j44x9

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

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

j44x10

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree

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

j44x11 (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

j44x12 (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

j44x13 (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

j44x14 (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

【SHOW CARD #49】

j44x15 (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

j44x16 (16) Most people are trustworthy

1. I think so
2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so

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3. I'm in between thinking so and not thinking so
4. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
5. I don't think so
6. DK
7. NA

(17) Most people will respond kindly when they are trusted by others.

j44x17

1. I think so
2. If I had to have an opinion, I would think so
3. I'm in between thinking so and not thinking so
4. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
5. I don't think so
6. DK
7. NA

(18) I have confidence in being able to tell apart trustworthy people from those who are untrustworthy.

j44x18

1. I think so
2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
3. I'm in between thinking so and not thinking so
4. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
5. I don't think so
6. DK
7. NA

(19) If I help someone, that person will eventually help me in return.

j44x19

1. I think so
2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
3. I'm in between thinking so and not thinking so
4. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
5. I don't think so
6. DK
7. NA

(20) The world is made so that if I help someone, when I am in trouble in the future I will be helped as well.

j44x20

1. I think so
2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
3. I'm in between thinking so and not thinking so
4. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
5. I don't think so
6. DK
7. NA

Q45. **[SHOW CARD #49,50]** 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.

j45x1

[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.]

(1) **[SHOW CARD #49]**

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

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(2) 【SHOW CARD #49】

j45x2

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 #49】

j45x3

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 #49】

j45x4

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 #49】

j45x5

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
4. Agree with B
5. DK
6. NA

[Note for interviewer: change of card]

(6) 【SHOW CARD #50】

j45x6

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

(7) 【SHOW CARD #50】

j45x7

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

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

(8) **【SHOW CARD #50】**

j45x8

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 #50】**

j45x9

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

Q46. **【SHOW CARD #51】** How satisfied are you with your family's present financial situation?

j46

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

Q47. **【SHOW CARD #52】** How does your family's present financial situation compare to that of a year ago?

j47

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

Q48. **【SHOW CARD #53】** What do you think your family's financial situation will be in the future?

j48

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

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Q49. **【SHOW CARD #54】** How responsible do you think the government is for a family's financial situation?

j49

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

Q50. (1) **【SHOW CARD #55】** What kind of expectations do you have for the Koizumi Cabinet? What kind of expectations do you have for their fiscal structural reform?

j50x1

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

(2) **【SHOW CARD #55】** How about their contra-cyclical policy?

j50x2

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

(3) **【SHOW CARD #55】** How about their foreign policy?

j50x3

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

(4) **【SHOW CARD #55】** Overall, what kind of future expectations do you have for the Koizumi Cabinet?

j50x4

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

Q51. **【SHOW CARD #56】** 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.}

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- j51x1 (1) The ruling parties.
1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA
- j51x2 (2) Political parties as institutions.
1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA
- j51x3 (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
- j51x4 (4) Indirect democracy such as the electoral process.
1. Very reliable
2. Somewhat reliable
3. Somewhat unreliable
4. Not reliable
5. DK
6. NA
- j52x1 Q52. (1) **【SHOW CARD #57】** 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 (proceed to Q53)
6. NA (proceed to Q53)
- j52x2 (2) **【SHOW CARD #57】** 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

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Q53. 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.

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

j53x1

1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(1)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q53-(1)-A)

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

j53x1a

1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(1)-SQ3)
2. No (proceed to Q54)

Q53. (1)-SQ1. **【SHOW CARD #58】** What is your relation to the person you talk with?

j53x1s1

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

Q53. (1)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

j53x1s2

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

Q53. (1)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

j53x1s3

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

Q53. (1)-SQ4. How well do you think that person knows politics?

j53x1s4

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

Q53. (1)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

j53x1s5

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

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Q53. (1)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

j53x1s6

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

Q53. (1)-SQ7. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

j53x1s7

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

Q53. (1)-SQ8. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

j53x1s8

1. Above
2. Below
3. Equal (the same)
4. Hard to say
5. DK 6. NA

Q53. (2) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

j53x2

1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(2)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q53-(2)-A)

(2)-A. Do you have a spouse?

j53x2a1

1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(2)-SQ3)

j53x2a2

2. No (proceed to Q54)

Q53. (2)-SQ1. 【SHOW CARD #58】 What is your relation to the person you talk with?

j53x2s1

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

Q53. (2)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

j53x2s2

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

Q53. (2)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

j53x2s3

1. Very often
2. Sometimes
3. Rarely

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4. DK
5. NA

j53x2s4 Q53. (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

j53x2s5 Q53. (2)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

j53x2s6 Q53. (2)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

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

j53x2s7 Q53. (2)-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

j53x2s8 Q53. (2)-SQ8. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

1. Above
2. Below
3. Equal (the same)
4. Hard to say
5. DK
6. NA

j53x3 Q53. (3) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(3)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q53-(3)-A)

(3)-A. Do you have a spouse?

- j53x3a1 1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(3)-SQ3)
- j53x3a2 2. No (proceed to Q53-SQ9)

j53x3s1 Q53. (3)-SQ1. 【SHOW CARD #58】 What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse
2. Another immediate family member

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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

- j53x3s2 Q53. (3)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?
1. Male
 2. Female
 3. DK
 4. NA

- j53x3s3 Q53. (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

- j53x3s4 Q53. (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

- j53x3s5 Q53. (3)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?
1. LDP
 2. DPJ
 3. CGP (Komeito)
 4. SDP
 5. JCP
 6. NCP
 7. Other ()
 8. DK
 9. NA

- j53x3s6 Q53. (3)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK
 4. NA

- j53x3s7 Q53. (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

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- j53x3s8 Q53. (3)-SQ8. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?
1. Above
 2. Below
 3. Equal (the same)
 4. Hard to say
 5. DK
 6. NA
- j53x4 Q53. (4) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?
1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(4)-SQ1)
 2. No (proceed to Q53-(4)-A)
- (4)-A. Do you have a spouse?
- j53x4a1 1. Yes (proceed to Q53-(4)-SQ3)
- j53x4a2 2. No (proceed to Q53-SQ(9))
- j53x4s1 Q53. (4)-SQ1. 【SHOW CARD #58】 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
- j53x4s2 Q53. (4)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?
1. Male
 2. Female
 3. DK
 4. NA
- j53x4s3 Q53. (4)-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
- j53x4s4 Q53. (4)-SQ4. How well do you think that person knows politics?
1. Very well
 2. Somewhat well
 3. Not so well
 4. DK
 5. NA
- j53x4s5 Q53. (4)-SQ5. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?
1. LDP
 2. DPJ
 3. CGP (Komeito)
 4. SDP

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5. JCP
6. NCP
7. Other ()
8. DK
9. NA

j53x4s6 Q53. (4)-SQ6. Do you think that person supports the Koizumi Cabinet?

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

j53x4s7 Q53. (4)-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

j53x4s8 Q53. (4)-SQ8. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

1. Above
2. Below
3. Equal (the same)
4. Hard to say
5. DK
6. NA

[Note for interviewer: For those who have responded to two or more (including his/her spouse), proceed to SQ9 and SQ10. If questions were specifically asked about one's spouse, the "... last person" is the spouse.]

Q53.-SQ9. Does the first person know any of the other people that you have just mentioned? (M. A.)

- | | |
|---------|-------------------|
| j53s9_1 | 1. The 2nd person |
| j53s9_2 | 2. The 3rd person |
| j53s9_3 | 3. The 4th person |
| j53s9_4 | 4. No |
| j53s9_5 | 5. DK |
| j53s9_6 | 6. NA |

Q53.-SQ10. Do the other people you just mentioned know each other? (M. A.)

(For those who mentioned 3 or 4 others)

- | | |
|----------|---|
| j53s10_1 | 1. The 2 nd and 3 rd know each other. |
| j53s10_2 | 2. The 2 nd and 4 th know each other |
| j53s10_3 | 3. The 3 rd and 4 th know each other. |
| j53s10_4 | 4. No |
| j53s10_5 | 5. DK |
| j53s10_6 | 6. NA |

[Note for interviewer: For those who have responded to two or more (including his/her spouse), proceed to SQ9 and SQ10. If questions were specifically asked about one's spouse, the "... last person" is the spouse.]

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[For all respondents]

Q54. (1) **【SHOW CARD #60】** From which sources do you usually obtain political information? First, how about the newspaper? (M. A.)

1. Yomiuri Newspaper
2. Asahi Newspaper
3. Mainichi Newspaper
4. Sankei Newspaper
5. Nihon Keizai Newspaper
6. Tokyo Newspaper
7. Hokkaido Newspaper
8. Kahoku Newspaper
9. Chunichi Newspaper
10. Kobe Newspaper
11. Chugoku Newspaper
12. Nishi Nihon Newspaper
13. Some other newspaper ()
14. None
15. DK
16. NA

(2) **【SHOW CARD #61】** How about TV programs? (M. A.)

1. NHK news programs
2. Izumi Oguri' s "Today' s Events" (NTV)
3. Masako Fuefuki & Hiroaki Konno' s "News Plus 1" (NTV)
4. Tetsuya Chikushi & Mitsuyo Kusano' s "News 23" (TBS)
5. Takae Mikumo • Hiroyuki Ikeda "Evening 5" (TBS)
6. MasayaMatsumoto & Christel Takigawa's "News Japan" (FTV)
7. Taro Kimura & Yuko Ando's "FNN Super News" (FTV)
8. Ichiro Furudate "Houdou (Broadcast) Station" (ATV)
9. Etsuko Komiya's "Super J Channel" (ATV)
10. Maoko Kotani's "World Business Satellite" (TTV)
11. Jiro Shinbo's "Wake Up!PLUS" (NTV)

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- j54x2_13 12. Kazuo Tokumitsu's "The Sunday" (NTV)
 j54x2_14 13. Hiroshi Sekiguchi's "Sunday Morning" (TBS)
 j54x2_15 14. Misuzu Tamaru's "News Special" (TBS)
 j54x2_16 15. Yuji Kuroiwa's "News 2001" (FTV)
 j54x2_17 16. Souichiro Tahara's "Sunday Project" (ATV)
 j54x2_18 17. Isao Fukutome & Junko Kubo's "Broadcaster" (TBS)
 j54x2_19 18. Morning and evening variety shows
 j54x2_20 19. Other television program(s) ()
 j54x2_21 20. Radio program(s) ()
 j55x1 21. Weekly magazine(s)
 j55x2 22. DK
 j55x3 23. NA

j54x2_22 Q55. **【SHOW CARD #62】** Do you use mobile phones and/or computers? Please include
 j54x2_23 use at home, work, and school when answering. How often do you use your mobile
 phone? **[Ask in the same manner for (2)-(5)]**

- j55x1 (1) Talk on cellular phone
 1. Frequently (proceed to Q55-SQ1)
 2. Sometimes (proceed to Q55-SQ1)
 3. Seldom (proceed to Q55-SQ1)
 4, Never
- j55x2 (2) Use e-mail on cellular phone
 1. Frequently (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 2. Sometimes (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 3. Seldom (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 4, Never
- j55x3 (3) Check webpages on cellular phone (Including searching for information)
 1. Frequently (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 2. Sometimes (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 3. Seldom (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 4, Never
- j55x4 (4) Use e-mail on computer
 1. Frequently (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 2. Sometimes (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 3. Seldom (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 4, Never
- j55x5 (5) Check the web on the computer
 1. Frequently (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 2. Sometimes (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 3. Seldom (proceed to Q55-SQ1 then to Q55-SQ2)
 4, Never

Q55-SQ1. [For those who circled 1, 2 or 3 in any of Q55(1) – (5)] The following are questions for mobile, PHS and computer users.

- j55s1x1 (1) About how many phone numbers are saved onto your mobile/PHS memory? If
 you have more than one mobile, please give us the total number. Remember to
 include both business and private numbers.
 () numbers
 0 I do not have a mobile
 1 DK
 2 NA

- j55s1x2 (2) About how many e-mail addresses are saved onto your mobile/PHS memory? If

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you have more than one mobile, please give us the total number– of both business and private e-mail addresses.

() numbers

- 0 I do not have a mobile
- 1 DK
- 2 NA

j55s1x3

(3) How many e-mail addresses are saved onto your computer e-mail account? If you have more than one e-mail account, please give us the combined number – of both business and private e-mail addresses.

() numbers

- 0 I do not have a mobile
- 1 DK
- 2 NA

Q55-SQ2. **【SHOW CARD #62】** [For those who circled 1, 2 or 3 in any of Q55(2) – (5).] How often do you do the things listed below? Let's start with "how often do you read the political news on the Internet?" **[Proceed in the same manner for all (2)-(8)]**

j55s2x1

(1) Read political news on the Internet

- 1. Almost everyday
- 2. Often
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Rarely
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

j55s2x2

(2) Check webpages of local self-governing bodies on the Internet.

- 1. Almost everyday
- 2. Often
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Rarely
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

j55s2x3

(3) Check webpages related to politics owned personally or by private organizations

- 1. Almost everyday
- 2. Often
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Rarely
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

j55s2x4

(4) Read e-mail magazines related to politics on the internet (except those supporting particular candidates)

- 1. Almost everyday
- 2. Often
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Rarely
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

j55s2x5

(5) Check webpages of the candidates and supporters

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1. Almost everyday
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. DK
6. NA

- j55s2x6 (6) Read e-mail magazines that support particular candidates
1. Almost everyday
 2. Often
 3. Sometimes
 4. Rarely
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j55s2x7 (7) Read politics related BBS, IRC, and mailing lists on the Internet
1. Almost everyday
 2. Often
 3. Sometimes
 4. Rarely
 5. DK
 6. NA

- j55s2x8 (8) Speak out about politics on the Internet
1. Almost everyday
 2. Often
 3. Sometimes
 4. Rarely
 5. DK
 6. NA

[For all respondents]

j56 Q56. About how many New Year Cards did you write last New Year? Include all New Year correspondences including e-mail.

() New Year cards

- | | |
|---|------|
| 0 | None |
| 1 | DK |
| 2 | 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 | } (choose one) | Day: _____ | Month: _____ | Year: _____ |
| 2. Taisho | | | | |
| 3. Showa | | | | |
- Age ()

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F3. 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>

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Date of Interview:

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Length of Interview: _____ minutes

time_j

Number of times visited to complete the survey:

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