

**Survey on the images of foreign countries and current topics (Issue 22)**

## Q1

How often do you watch news on TV? Please choose one of the following. (Only one)

1. Don't watch at all
2. Approximately once a week
3. Approximately 2-3 times a week
4. Approximately 4-5 times a week
5. Every day or almost every day
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

## Q2

How often do you read printed newspapers? Please choose one of the following. (Only one)

1. Don't read at all
2. Approximately once a week → Go to Q2SQ1
3. Approximately 2-3 times a week → Go to Q2SQ1
4. Approximately 4-5 times a week → Go to Q2SQ1
5. Every day or almost every day → Go to Q2SQ1
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

## Q2SQ1

Which newspaper do you usually read? Please choose one of the following. (Only one)

1. Yomiuri Shimbun → Go to Q2SSQ1
2. Asahi Shimbun → Go to Q2SSQ1
3. Mainichi Shimbun → Go to Q2SSQ1
4. Nihon Keizai Shimbun → Go to Q2SSQ1
5. Sankei Shimbun → Go to Q2SSQ1
6. A regional newspaper → Go to Q2SSQ1
7. A sports newspaper
8. Other newspaper
9. Don't know
10. Don't want to answer

## Q2SSQ1

When you usually read a newspaper, what parts of it do you read? (One for each)

|  |      |      |      |       |            |
|--|------|------|------|-------|------------|
|  | Read | Read | Read | Don't | Don't want |
|--|------|------|------|-------|------------|

|                                    | almost<br>every time | sometimes | almost<br>never | know | to answer |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|------|-----------|
| Front page (general section)       | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Politics section                   | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Economic section                   | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| International section              | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Cultural section                   | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Editorial/ commentary              | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Articles on everyday life/ society | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Stocks/ market situation           | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| Sports section                     | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |
| TV listings                        | 1                    | 2         | 3               | 4    | 5         |

## Q3

Are you interested in politics? (Only one)

1. Interested
2. Interested to some degree
3. Not very interested
4. Not interested
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

## Q4

Are you interested in international issues facing Japan? (Only one)

1. Interested
2. Interested to some degree
3. Not very interested
4. Not interested
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

P1. We would like to ask about the House of Councilors election. Some people went to vote, but others could not go for a variety of reasons. Did you vote in the House of Councilors election on June 21st? Please choose one of the following answers. (Only one)

1. I was planning to vote, but I could not
2. I did not go
3. I voted on election day

4. I voted earlier, or by absentee ballot
5. Don't remember/ don't know
6. Don't want to answer

**【P2 is for respondents who answered 3 or 4 in P1】**

P2\_1 For the candidate of which party did you vote in the prefectural district, where you vote for a candidate? Please choose one of the following answers. (Only one) **【Fixed from 8 on, the others are randomized (however, randomization order is the same in P2-1 and P2-2)】**

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Democratic Party of Japan
3. Japan Restoration Party
4. New Komeito
5. Japanese Communist Party
6. Your Party
7. Social Democratic Party
8. Other party/ independent
9. Voted a blank ballot
10. Did not vote in the electoral district
11. Don't remember/ don't know
12. Don't want to answer

P2\_2 And in the proportional national district, did you vote by indicating the name of an individual candidate, or did you vote by indicating the name of a party? Please choose one of the following answers. (Only one)

1. Voted by indicating the name of an individual candidate
2. Voted by indicating the name of a party
3. Voted a blank ballot
4. Did not vote in the proportional district
5. Don't remember
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

P2\_2\_1 **【Only those who answered 1 in P2-2】**

Which candidate did you vote for in the proportional district? Please write the name of the candidate. (Only one)

1. Candidate name (Name:            )
2. Don't remember the name of the candidate

3. Don't want to answer

P2\_2\_2 **【Only those who answered 2 in P2-2】 【Randomization order is the same as in P2-1】**

Which party did you vote for in the proportional district? Please choose one of the following answers.  
(Only one)

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Democratic Party of Japan
3. Japan Restoration Party
4. New Komeito
5. Japanese Communist Party
6. Your Party
7. Social Democratic Party
8. Other party
9. Don't remember/ don't know
10. Don't want to answer

P2\_3 When deciding how to vote in the following House of Councilors election, how important were, in your eyes, the LDP-New Komeito administration's response to and actual performance on the following issues? Please choose one for each. (One for each)

<All items randomized>

|                           | Important | Somewhat important | Neither | Almost not important | Not important | Don't want to answer |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Foreign policy            | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Fiscal policy             | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Economic policy           | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Financial policy          | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Energy policy             | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Education policy          | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Social security policy    | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Healthcare policy         | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Labor policy              | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Environmental policy      | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Political/ administrative | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| reform           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Decentralization | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Constitution     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

P2\_4 How important were, in your eyes, the DPJ administration's response to and actual performance on the following concrete issues and problems? (One for each)

<All items randomized>

|                                   | Important | Somewhat important | Neither | Almost not important | Not important | Don't want to answer |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Senkaku Islands issue             | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Takeshima Island issue            | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Consumption tax increase          | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Pension system reform             | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| TPP membership negotiations       | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Managing Diet affairs             | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Restoring the budget order        | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Reopening of nuclear power plants | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Measures on climate change        | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Measures on strong yen            | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |
| Deregulation                      | 1         | 2                  | 3       | 4                    | 5             | 6                    |

P3\_1 Do you remember for whom / for which party you voted in the House of Representatives election that was held on 16 December last year? (Only one)

1. Remember
2. Don't remember

3. Didn't vote
4. Don't want to answer

**【Only those who answered 1 in P3-1. The items from 13 on are fixed, the rest is randomized】**

P3\_2 For the candidate of which party did you vote in the single member district, where you vote for a candidate? Please choose one of the following answers. (Only one)

1. Democratic Party of Japan
2. Liberal Democratic Party
3. Tomorrow Party of Japan
4. New Komeito
5. Japanese Communist Party
6. Your Party
7. Japan Restoration Party
8. Social Democratic Party
9. New Party Daichi
10. People's New Party
11. New Party Nippon
12. New Renaissance Party
13. Other party/ independent
14. Don't want to answer

P3\_3 Then which party did you vote for in the PR district, where you vote for a party? Please choose one of the following answers. (Only one)

**【Only those who answered 1 in P3-1, randomization order is the same as in P3-2】**

1. Democratic Party of Japan
2. Liberal Democratic Party
3. Tomorrow Party of Japan
4. New Komeito
5. Japanese Communist Party
6. Your Party
7. Japan Restoration Party
8. Social Democratic Party
9. New Party Daichi
10. People's New Party
11. New Party Nippon
12. New Renaissance Party
13. Other party/ independent
14. Don't want to answer

P4\_1 The result of this election resolved the situation of a “twisted” Diet, as the ruling party took the majority in both the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors. Do you agree or disagree with the following two opinions about this? Please choose one for each. (One for each)

|   | Agree | Agree somewhat | Neither | Disagree somewhat | Disagree | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|---|-------|----------------|---------|-------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| If the majorities in the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors are different, then “checks and balances” are at work, and therefore it is good for Japan's politics      | 1     | 2              | 3       | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| If the majorities in the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors are the same, then decision-making does not take much time, and therefore it is good for Japan's politics | 1     | 2              | 3       | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |

P4\_2

Split both the fresh and the panel samples randomly into two parts. Ask the following two patterns.

**[2 parts in the fresh sample, 2 parts in the panel sample]**

#### Pattern A

Do you think that, in the future, the House of Councilors should be abolished, or do you not think so?  
(Only one)

1. I think it should be abolished
2. I don't think it should be abolished
3. Difficult to say one way or the other
4. Don't know
5. Don't want to answer

#### Pattern B

Currently, the Constitution prescribes a bicameral Diet. Do you think that, in the future, the Constitution should be revised to abolish the House of Councilors, or do you not think so? (Only one)

1. I think it should be abolished
2. I don't think it should be abolished
3. Difficult to say one way or the other
4. Don't know
5. Don't want to answer

※The split goes as follows.

Respondents who read the first page of Yomiuri according to Q2SQ and Q2SSQ1: Group A

Respondents who read the first page of Asahi according to Q2SQ and Q2SSQ1: Group B

Respondents who read the first page of Nikkei according to Q2SQ and Q2SSQ1: Group C

Respondents not falling into Group A, B, or C, are divided randomly into three groups: Group D, Group E, Group F

Pattern 1 (Randomization: Groups A and D according to the above-mentioned split)

Q4\_2\_1

Next, we present a list of events and occurrences that drew special attention during the previous month (June 2013). Which of these events and occurrences is, in your opinion, the most important one for Japan? And which of these is, in your opinion, the most important one for you personally? Please choose one for each. (One for each)

|   | Most important for Japan | Most important for you |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| House of Councilors election  | 1                        | 1                      |
| Growth strategy   | 2                        | 2                      |
| Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly election                                | 3                        | 3                      |
| Agura Bokujo Incident   | 4                        | 4                      |
| US President calls Russia to reduce strategic missiles by one third | 5                        | 5                      |
| Falling stock prices  | 6                        | 6                      |
| Number of the unemployed risen in the US                            | 7                        | 7                      |
| Economic climate evaluation revised upward                          | 8                        | 8                      |
| Yuichiro Miura Memorial Award established                           | 9                        | 9                      |

Pattern 2 (Randomization: Groups B and E according to the above-mentioned split)

Q4\_2\_2

Next, we present a list of events and occurrences that drew special attention during the previous

month (June 2013). Which of these events and occurrences is, in your opinion, the most important one for Japan? And which of these is, in your opinion, the most important one for you personally? Please choose one for each. (One for each)

|   | Most important for Japan | Most important for you |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Nuclear policy  | 1                        | 1                      |
| Fukushima nuclear accident  | 2                        | 2                      |
| Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly election  | 3                        | 3                      |
| Interparty Diet members' coalition launches legislative initiative to prevent overwork        | 4                        | 4                      |
| China and South Korea leaders criticize Japan on history issues                               | 5                        | 5                      |
| Osaka police conduct investigation on false records   | 6                        | 6                      |
| Agura Bokujo Incident   | 7                        | 7                      |
| General meeting of stockholders of electric companies reject all plans for "denuclearization" | 8                        | 8                      |
| Cabinet shuffle considered for autumn   | 9                        | 9                      |

### Pattern 3 (Randomization: Groups C and F according to the above-mentioned split)

Q4\_2\_3

Next, we present a list of events and occurrences that drew special attention during the previous month (June 2013). Which of these events and occurrences is, in your opinion, the most important one for Japan? And which of these is, in your opinion, the most important one for you personally? Please choose one for each. (One for each)

|   | Most important for Japan | Most important for you |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Growth strategy   | 1                        | 1                      |
| Rising yen exchange rate  | 2                        | 2                      |
| G8  | 3                        | 3                      |
| Meeting with 4 Eastern European countries' leaders on energy and security cooperation | 4                        | 4                      |
| Public pension system to broaden investment in stocks                                 | 5                        | 5                      |
| Violent fluctuations of stock prices  | 6                        | 6                      |
| US-China top-level summit   | 7                        | 7                      |
| Showa Denko's rare earth metals plant   | 8                        | 8                      |

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|--|---|---|
| reopened in China  |   |   |
| Mitsubishi UFJ paid State of New York to settle dispute out of court | 9 | 9 |

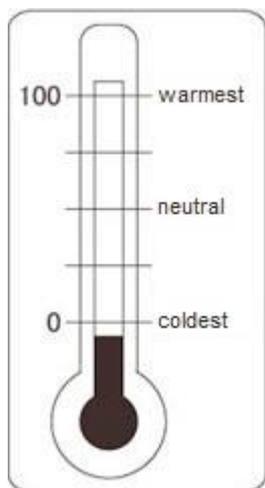
## Q5

Do you support, or not support the current Abe Cabinet? (Only one)

1. Support
2. Do not support
3. Don't know
4. Don't want to answer

## Q6

Please rate your feelings (degree of favorability) toward political parties listed below, by using something called “feeling thermometer”. If the “warmest” is 100 degrees, the “coldest” is 0 degrees, and neither “warm” nor “cold” is 50 degrees, what temperature expresses your feelings? If you don't know, please enter “888”; if you don't want to answer, please enter “999”. (Please answer about each item. Half-width numbers only) [Randomize categories.](#)



- Liberal Democratic Party → ( ) degrees
- Democratic Party of Japan → ( ) degrees
- Japan Restoration Party → ( ) degrees
- New Komeito → ( ) degrees
- Your Party → ( ) degrees
- People's Life Party → ( ) degrees
- Japanese Communist Party → ( ) degrees
- Social Democratic Party → ( ) degrees

Q7\_1 [Fresh sample split A]

[Once randomly assigned to either A or B, the respondents should always be presented with A or B from Q7 onward: fixed]

Are you satisfied or not satisfied with your well-being at present time? (Only one)

1. Satisfied
2. Mostly satisfied
3. Neither
4. Somewhat dissatisfied
5. Dissatisfied
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q7\_2 [Fresh sample split B]

How has your well-being changed compared to one month ago? (Only one)

1. Improved
2. Improved a little
3. Has not changed
4. Worsened a little
5. Worsened
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q7\_3 [Panel (common)]

Are you satisfied or not satisfied with your well-being at present time? (Only one)

1. Satisfied
2. Mostly satisfied
3. Neither
4. Somewhat dissatisfied
5. Dissatisfied
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q8\_1 [Fresh sample split A]

Do you think that your well-being is influenced or not influenced by government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced

4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q8\_2 [Fresh sample split B]

Do you think that the changes in your well-being are influenced or not influenced by government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced
4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q8\_3 [Panel (common)]

Do you think that your well-being is influenced or not influenced by government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced
4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q9\_1 [Fresh sample split A]

How do you consider the current situation of the Japanese economy? (Only one)

1. Good
2. Somewhat good
3. Neither good nor bad
4. Somewhat bad
5. Bad
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q9\_2 [Fresh sample split B]

How do you consider the current situation of the Japanese economy has changed compared to one month ago? (Only one)

1. Improved

2. Improved a little
3. Has not changed
4. Worsened a little
5. Worsened
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q9\_3 [Panel (common)]

How do you consider the current situation of the Japanese economy? (Only one)

1. Good
2. Somewhat good
3. Neither good nor bad
4. Somewhat bad
5. Bad
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q10\_1 [Fresh sample split A]

Do you think that the current situation of the Japanese economy is influenced or not influenced by government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced
4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q10\_2 [Fresh sample split B]

Do you think that the changes in the situation of the Japanese economy are influenced or not influenced by government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced
4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q10\_3 [Panel (common)]

Do you think that the situation of the Japanese economy is influenced or not influenced by the government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced
4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

#### Q11\_1

Next, we would like to ask you about opinions and feelings that you hold in your daily life. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinions? Please answer by choosing one for each. (One for each)

|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| In order to keep the sustainable pension system, consumption tax should be increased.  | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 | 6          | 7                    |
| Small government is better, even if the quality of the government service such as the social welfare program becomes poorer. | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 | 6          | 7                    |
| The local election suffrage should be granted to permanent residents (foreigners).   | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 | 6          | 7                    |

#### Q11\_2

Suppose some country invades another. Which one is closest to the maximum response that, in your opinion, Japan should take? (Only one)

1. Whatever the situation, Japan should not intervene in such international problems.
2. Whatever the situation, the measures Japan takes should be limited to diplomatic negotiations.
3. Depending on the situation, Japan should take measures up to imposing economic sanctions.
4. Depending on the situation, in addition to economic sanctions, Japan should take measures up to dispatching the Self-Defense Forces.
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q11\_3 We would like to ask you about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). There are those who support Japan's participation in the TPP and those who oppose to it. What do you think about it? (Only one)

1. Support
2. Rather support
3. Neither support nor oppose
4. Rather oppose
5. Oppose
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q11\_5\_1 What do you think about the current situation that US military bases are concentrated in Okinawa under Japan-US security arrangements? (Only one)

1. The burden on Okinawa is too heavy
2. The burden on Okinawa is not too heavy
3. Neither
4. Don't know
5. Don't want to answer

Q11\_5\_2 There is an opinion that even if the burden on Okinawa is too heavy, because of the strategic importance, the current situation that the bases are concentrated in Okinawa is unavoidable. What do you think about this opinion? (Only one)

1. I agree
2. I agree somewhat
3. Neither
4. I disagree somewhat
5. I disagree
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to answer

Q11\_5\_3 There are following opinions about the situation that US bases are concentrated in Okinawa. Do you agree or disagree with these opinions? (One for each)

|  |       |                |         |                   |          |            |               |
|--|-------|----------------|---------|-------------------|----------|------------|---------------|
|  | Agree | Somewhat agree | Neither | Somewhat disagree | Disagree | Don't know | Don't want to |
|--|-------|----------------|---------|-------------------|----------|------------|---------------|

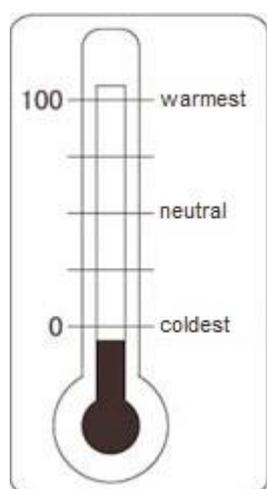
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | answer |
| Economic assistance to Okinawa should be increased  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7      |
| The burden on other prefectures should be increased by promoting the relocation of Okinawa bases “outside the prefecture” | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7      |
| The US troops stationed in Japan should be reduced by promoting the relocation of Okinawa bases “outside the country”     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7      |

Q12

[Countries: Group A – every month. Group B and Group C – alternating every month. Randomized]

[In July, Group B is not shown]

In the same way as we asked previously about political parties, please rate your feelings (degree of favorability) toward countries listed below, by using feeling thermometer. If the “warmest” is 100 degrees, the “coldest” is 0 degrees, and neither “warm” nor “cold” is 50 degrees, please answer with a number. If you don’t know, please enter “888”; if you don’t want to answer, please enter “999”. (Please answer about each item. Half-width numbers only)



- |             |   |             |           |
|-------------|---|-------------|-----------|
| USA         | → | ( ) degrees | } Group A |
| China       | → | ( ) degrees |           |
| South Korea | → | ( ) degrees |           |
| Germany     | → | ( ) degrees |           |

|                |   |             |   |         |
|----------------|---|-------------|---|---------|
| Thailand       | → | ( ) degrees | } | Group B |
| India          | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Russia         | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| North Korea    | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Brazil         | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| France         | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Australia      | → | ( ) degrees | } | Group C |
| United Kingdom | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Taiwan         | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Vietnam        | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Canada         | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |
| Saudi Arabia   | → | ( ) degrees |   |         |

## Q13

Do you think that whether people from other countries do or do not feel favorable towards Japan is influenced or not influenced by Japanese government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced
2. Influenced to some degree
3. Hardly influenced
4. Not influenced
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

## Q14\_1 [Fresh sample split A]

Countries: same as in Q12, order is the same

How do you consider the current situation of relations between Japan and each of the countries listed below? (One for each)

|             | Good | Somewhat good | Neither good nor bad | Somewhat bad | Bad | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|-------------|------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----|------------|----------------------|
| USA         | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| China       | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| South Korea | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Germany     | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Thailand    | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| India       | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Russia      | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |

|                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North Korea    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Brazil         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| France         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Australia      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| United Kingdom | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Taiwan         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Vietnam        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Canada         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Saudi Arabia   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

## Q14\_2 [Fresh sample split B]

Countries: same as in Q12, in the same order

How do you consider the relations between Japan and each of the countries listed below have changed compared to one month before? (One for each)

|                | Improved | Improved a little | Have not changed | Worsened a little | Worsened | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| USA            | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| China          | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| South Korea    | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Germany        | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Thailand       | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| India          | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Russia         | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| North Korea    | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Brazil         | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| France         | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Australia      | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| United Kingdom | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Taiwan         | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Vietnam        | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |
| Canada         | 1        | 2                 | 3                | 4                 | 5        | 6          | 7                    |

|              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saudi Arabia | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

## Q14\_3 [Panel (common)]

Countries: same as in Q12, in the same order

How do you consider the current situation of relations between Japan and each of the countries listed below? (One for each)

|                | Good | Somewhat good | Neither good nor bad | Somewhat bad | Bad | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|----------------|------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----|------------|----------------------|
| USA            | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| China          | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| South Korea    | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Germany        | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Thailand       | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| India          | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Russia         | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| North Korea    | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Brazil         | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| France         | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Australia      | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| United Kingdom | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Taiwan         | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Vietnam        | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Canada         | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |
| Saudi Arabia   | 1    | 2             | 3                    | 4            | 5   | 6          | 7                    |

## Q15\_1 [Fresh sample split A]

Do you think that the current situation of Japan's relations with other countries is influenced or not influenced by the Japanese government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced SQ
2. Influenced to some degree SQ
3. Hardly influenced SQ
4. Not influenced SQ

5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q15\_2 [Fresh sample split B]

Do you think that the changes of Japan's relations with other countries influence or do not influence the Japanese government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced SQ
2. Influenced to some degree SQ
3. Hardly influenced SQ
4. Not influenced SQ
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q15\_3 [Panel (common)]

Do you think that the current situation of Japan's relations with other countries is influenced or not influenced by the Japanese government's policies? (Only one)

1. Influenced SQ
2. Influenced to some degree SQ
3. Hardly influenced SQ
4. Not influenced SQ
5. Don't know
6. Don't want to answer

Q15SQ1 (common for all)

When you answered that the government's policies [influence/ influence to some degree/ hardly influence/ don't influence](←insert as in Q15), did you think of Japan's relations with some particular country? If so, what country was that? (Only one)

1. Thought of relations with a particular country (Country name:       )
2. Did not think of relations with a particular country
3. Don't know
4. Don't want to answer

Q16

To denote political stance, people talk of "conservative" and "progressive". If 0 is progressive, and 10 is conservative, what is your political stance? Please choose a number from 0 to 10. (Only one)

|             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |              |            |               |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Progressive |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Conservative | Don't know | Don't want to |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------------|------------|---------------|

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |        |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|--------|
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    | answer |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 | 999    |

Next, we would like to ask several questions about international organizations and international situation.

[Q17S1~Q17S6: Fresh sample only]

Q17S1. Which country is the current Secretary-General of the United Nations from? (Only one)

[Randomized; "Don't know" is fixed]

1. USA
2. China (People's Republic of China)
3. Ghana
4. South Korea (Republic of Korea)
5. Don't know

Q17S2. Which of the following is the international organization called by the abbreviation NATO? (Only one) [Randomized; "Don't know" is fixed]

1. An organization formed according to the treaty aimed at protecting the environment of the Arctic
2. An international organization aimed at promoting free trade on the North American continent
3. A military alliance of the US, Canada, and major European countries
4. A non-profit organization aiming to promote tourism and cultural exchange between South and North America
5. Don't know

Q17S3. Which of the following is the international organization called by the abbreviation IMF? (Only one) [Randomized; "Don't know" is fixed]

1. World Trade Organization
2. International Monetary Fund
3. Security Council
4. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
5. Don't know

Q17S4. Which of the following is the international agreement concluded in 1985 by five developed countries, including US and Japan, and aimed at regulating exchange rates and depreciating the US dollar in relation to the Japanese yen? (Only one) [Randomized; "Don't know" is fixed]

1. Geneva Agreement
2. Plaza Accord
3. Bretton Woods Agreement

4. Washington Agreement
5. Don't know

Q17S5. Which of the following international organizations currently has a Japanese citizen as its chief? (Only one) [Randomized; "Don't know" is fixed]

1. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
2. UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
3. IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)
4. WHO (World Health Organization)
5. Don't know

Q17S6. Which of the following countries has the largest Islamic population? (Only one) [Randomized; "Don't know" is fixed]

1. Pakistan
2. Saudi Arabia
3. Indonesia
4. United Arab Emirates
5. Don't know

Q18\_1 [Fresh sample split A; panel sample split A (same split as in the October survey)]

Next, we would like to ask you to evaluate the government's performance. Separating domestic policies from policies of defense and foreign relations, how do you evaluate the Noda Cabinet's performance in each of these areas? (One for each)

|                         | Approve | Disapprove | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Domestic policy         | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |
| Defense/ foreign policy | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |

Q18\_2 [Fresh sample split B; panel sample split B (same split as in the October survey)]

Next, we would like to ask you to evaluate the government's performance. How do you evaluate the Noda Cabinet's performance in each of these policy areas? (One for each)

|                  | Approve | Disapprove | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Economy          | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |
| Welfare          | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |
| Education        | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |
| Order and safety | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |
| Defense          | 1       | 2          | 3          | 4                    |

|                                    |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Foreign trade                      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Assistance to developing countries | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Global environment                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

## Q20

Generally speaking, do you think that at the present time Japan is going in the right direction or in the wrong direction? (Only one)

1. In the right direction
2. In the wrong direction
3. Don't know
4. Don't want to answer

## Q21

Which do you think are more important for the future of Japan – issues of domestic policy or issues of relations with foreign countries? (Only one)

1. Issues of domestic policy are more important
2. Issues of relations with foreign countries are more important
3. Both are approximately equal in importance
4. Don't know
5. Don't want to answer

## Q22\_1 [Panel (common); Fresh sample split X and z]

In your opinion, to what degree do the countries listed below have influence in the world? If “I think that it has no influence at all” is 0, and “I think that it has extremely high influence” is 10, please choose a number from 0 to 10. (Please answer about each item)

|              | I think that it has no influence at all |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | I think that it has extremely high influence | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|--|------------|----------------------|
| USA          | 0                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99   | 999        |                      |
| China        | 0                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99   | 999        |                      |
| India        | 0                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99   | 999        |                      |
| Russia       | 0                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99   | 999        |                      |
| South Korea  | 0                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99   | 999        |                      |
| Saudi Arabia | 0                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99   | 999        |                      |



|   | that it<br>has no<br>influence<br>at all |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | that it<br>has<br>extremely<br>high<br>influence | know | want<br>to<br>answer |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|------|----------------------|
| USA   | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| China   | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| India   | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| Russia  | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| South Korea   | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| Saudi Arabia  | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| Taiwan  | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| North Korea   | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| EU (Germany, United Kingdom, France, etc)             | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |
| ASEAN (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, etc) | 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99   | 999                  |

## Q23\_2 (Fresh sample split z)

In your opinion, what do the people from these countries think about Japan's influence in the world? If "they think that Japan has no influence" is 0, and "they think that Japan has extremely high influence" is 10, please choose a number from 0 to 10. (One for each)

|              | They<br>think<br>that<br>Japan<br>has no<br>influence<br>at all |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | They<br>think<br>that<br>Japan<br>has<br>extremely<br>high<br>influence | Don't<br>know | Don't<br>want<br>to<br>answer |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|-------------------------------|
| USA          | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |
| China        | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |
| India        | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |
| Russia       | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |
| South Korea  | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |
| Saudi Arabia | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |
| Taiwan       | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  | 99            | 999                           |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| North Korea   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 | 999 |
| EU (Germany, United Kingdom, France, etc)             | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 | 999 |
| ASEAN (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, etc) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 | 999 |

Q23\_3 [Fresh sample split Y]

Conversely, in your opinion, what do the people from these countries think about Japan's influence on their own country? If "they think that Japan has no influence" is 0, and "they think that Japan has extremely high influence" is 10, please choose a number from 0 to 10. (One for each)

|   | They think that Japan has no influence at all |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | They think that Japan has extremely high influence | Don't know | Don't want to answer |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|------------|----------------------|
| USA   | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| China   | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| India   | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| Russia  | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| South Korea   | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| Saudi Arabia  | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| Taiwan  | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| North Korea   | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| EU (Germany, United Kingdom, France, etc)             | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |
| ASEAN (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, etc) | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   | 99         | 999                  |

Thank you for taking your time to answer these questions. Last, let us ask you something about yourself for the purpose of statistical analysis.

F1(Skip for panel sample)

First, please choose your gender. (Only one)

1. Male
2. Female
3. Don't want to answer

F2

How old are you? (Only one)

- years old ("below 19", "20", "21", ... , "69", "above 70")  
99 Don't want to answer

F3

Which of these is the school that you last attended (or are now attending)? (Only one)

1. Primary school / junior high school
2. High school
3. Junior college / technical college / technical school
4. University / Graduate school
5. Don't want to answer

F4 (Skip for panel sample → merge data from Issue 16)

What approximately was the income of your household last year, considering the income of all family members? Please include bonuses, extra work hours payments, and exclude taxes. (Only one)

1. Below 2,000,000 yen
2. 2,000,000 ~ below 4,000,000 yen
3. 4,000,000 ~ below 6,000,000 yen
4. 6,000,000 ~ below 8,000,000 yen
5. 8,000,000 ~ below 10,000,000 yen
6. 10,000,000 ~ 12,000,000 yen
7. 12,000,000 ~ 14,000,000 yen
8. 14,000,000 yen or more
9. Don't know
10. Don't want to answer

F5

Not speaking about elections, which party do you usually support? (Only one) (Randomized, fixed from "Other" on)

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Democratic Party of Japan

3. Japan Restoration Party
4. New Komeito
5. Your Party
6. People's Life Party
7. Japanese Communist Party
8. Social Democratic Party
9. Other
10. Do not support any
11. Don't want to answer

F6

Are you currently married? (Only one)

1. Married
2. Not married
3. Don't want to answer

F7

How many children do you have? (Only one)

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2 or more
4. Don't want to answer

F8

On average, how much do use internet every day? (Only one)

1. Less than 30 minutes
2. 30 minutes ~ less than 1 hour
3. 1 hour ~ less than 2 hours
4. 2 hours ~ less than 3 hours

F9(Skip for panel sample)

Have you lived abroad (in a country other than Japan) for 1 year or longer? If you have lived in several countries, but the total time is 1 year or more, please answer "I have". (Only one)

I haven't

I have →Go to F9SF1,2

Don't want to answer

F9SF1. (Skip for panel sample) This question is addressed to those who have lived abroad for longer

than one year. For how many years have you lived abroad in total? (Only one) (Pull-down) (Error if Age < Total time abroad)

years (1~69 years)

99 don't want to answer

F9SF2. (Skip for panel sample) Please write the name of the country where you have lived longest. (Please do not use half-width katakana) (FA)

Country name [                    ]

1 Don't want to answer

F10

Generally speaking, which of the following describes your position in your current job? (Only one)

1 Manager/ executive →Go to F10SF1, 2

2 General office work (administrative work) under regular employment →Go to F10SF1, 2

3 General office work (other than administrative work) under regular employment →Go to F10SF1, 2

4 Temporary employee/ part-time employee →Go to F10SF1, 2

5 Employee sent from a temp agency →Go to F10SF1, 2

6 Self-employed/ free-lancer →Go to F10SF1, 2

7 Working in family business →Go to F10SF1, 2

8 Working at home →Go to F10SF1, 2

9 Currently not working

10 Don't know

11 Don't want to answer

F10SF1

Generally speaking, which of the following best describes the company or organization you are working at, or your type of business? (Only one)

1 Agriculture and fishery

2 Construction

3 Manufacturing

4 Electric power/ gas/ heat/ water supply industry

5 Transportation

6 Wholesale

7 Retail

8 Food services

9 Finance/ insurance

10 Public service

- 11 Newspaper/ broadcasting/ publishing/ advertising/ film production
- 12 Information/ communication services
- 13 Healthcare/ welfare services
- 14 Education/ research services
- 15 Law/ accounting services
- 16 Other service job
- 17 Don't know
- 18 Don't want to answer

F10SF2

Please choose all that applies to the company or organization you are working at, or your type of business. (Multiple answers possible)

- 1 Import materials and goods from other countries
- 2 Export materials and goods to other countries
- 3 Have production in other countries
- 4 Have no deals with other countries
- 5 Don't know
- 6 Don't want to answer

F11

Do you currently belong to some of the organizations listed below? (Multiple answers possible)

- 1 Neighborhood association
- 2 Parent-teacher association
- 3 Business organization
- 4 Farming cooperative/ labor union
- 5 Consumer cooperative/ consumer organization
- 6 Volunteer organization
- 7 Neighborhood movement organization
- 8 Civil movement organization
- 9 Religious organization
- 10 Alumni association
- 11 Politician's supporters' association
- 12 Do not belong to any
- 13 Don't know
- 14 Don't want to answer

F12

Finally, if you please, enter the 7 digits, or the first 3 digits of the postal code number and the

prefecture of the place you currently live, and the number of years that you have been living there. If you do not want to give your postal code number, please enter “999-9999”.

Postal code number □□□-□□□□ (Pull-down for postal code number)

Prefecture (Pull-down for the 47 administrative divisions of Japan)

Years of residence □□ years (Pull-down. 0~69 years)

(Error if Age < Years of residence)