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Asian Barometer Survey (face-to-face interview questionnaire)

The following are questions concerning the economic condition.

Q1 (Card Q1)

(1, 1) (This parenthesized information shows (Japanese Questionnaire Q number, ABS Questionnaire Q number). As some questions are not in the ABS, in that cases we show them like "(JQ number,)")

How would you rate the overall economic condition of our country today? Is it ... (SHOWCARD)?(circle one only)

- 1 Very good
- 2 Good
- 3 So so (not good nor bad)
- 4 Bad
- 5 Vey bad

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q2 (Card Q2)

(2, 2)

How would you describe the change in the economic condition of our country over the last few years? Is it ... (SHOWCARD)?(circle one only)

- 1 Much better
- 2 A little better
- 3 About the same
- 4 A little worse
- 5 Much worse

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q3 (Card Q3)

(3, 3)

What do you think will be the state of our country's economic condition a few years from now? Will it be ... (SHOWCARD)?(circle one only)

- 1 Much better
- 2 A little better
- 3 About the same
- 4 A little worse
- 5 Much worse

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q4 (Card Q4)

(4, 4)

As for your own family, how do you rate the economic situation of your family today?

Is it ...?(circle one only)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Very good |
| 2 | Good |
| 3 | So so (not good nor bad) |
| 4 | Bad |
| 5 | Very bad |

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q5 (Card Q5)

(5, 5)

How would you compare the current economic condition of your family with what it was a few years ago? Is it ...?(circle one only)

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Much better now |
| 2 | A little better now |
| 3 | About the same |
| 4 | A little worse now |
| 5 | Much worse now |

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q6 (Card Q6)

(6, 6)

What do you think the economic situation of your family will be a few years from now? Will it be ...?(circle one only)

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Much better |
| 2 | A little better |
| 3 | About the same |
| 4 | A little worse |
| 5 | Much worse |

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning your trust towards various groups and institutions.

Q7 (Card Q7)

I'm going to name a number of institutions. For each one, please tell me how much trust do you have in them? Is it a great deal of trust, quite a lot of trust, not very much trust not very much trust, or none at all?**(circle one for each item)**

	None At All	Quite a Lot of Trust	Not Very Much Trust	None At All	Do not understand and the question	Can't choose	Decline to answer
A) (7-A, 7) The Prime Minister →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
B) (7-B, 8) The courts →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
C) (7-C, 9) The national government →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
D) (7-D, 10) Political parties →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
E) (7-E, 11) Parliament →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
F) (7-F, 12) Civil service →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
G) (7-G, 13) The Self-Defense →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

force								
H) (7-H, 14) The police	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
I) (7-I, 15) Local government	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
J) (7-J, 16) Newspapers	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
K) (7-K, 17) Television	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
L) (7-L, 18) The election commission	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
M) (7-M, 19) Non-governmental organizations or NGOs	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

(7.Do not understand the question 8.Can't choose 9.Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning the groups you belong to and your personal relationship.

Q8 (Card Q8-1), (Card Q8-2), (Card Q8-3)

On the following card, we have listed various types of organizations that many people belong to. Could you identify the three most important organizations or formal groups you belong to. You can also tell us the name the organizations that you belong to and we can identify the appropriate categories for you.

- 1 Political parties
- 2 Residential & community associations
- 3 Religious groups
- 4 Sports/ recreational clubs
- 5 Culture organizations
- 6 Charities
- 7 Public interest groups
- 8 Labor unions
- 9 Farmer unions or agricultural associations
- 10 Professional organizations
- 11 Business associations
- 12 Parent-Teacher Associations or PTA
- 13 Producer cooperatives
- 14 Consumers' cooperative **group**
- 15 Alumni associations
- 16 Candidate support organizations
- 17 Other occupational organizations (etc.)
- 18 Other volunteer organizations()

(90. Not a member of any organization or group 99. Decline to answer)

First Organization: (Code 1~18)(Card Q8-1)

(8-1, 20)

Second Organization: (Code 1~18)(Card Q8-2)

(8-2, 21)

Third Organization: (Code 1~18)(Card Q8-3)

(8-3, 22)

Q9 (Card Q9)

General speaking, would you say that “Most people can be trusted” or “that you must be very careful in dealing with people”?(**circle one only**)

(9, 23)

- 1 Most people can be trusted
- 2 You must be very careful in dealing with people

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q10(Card Q10)

Do you think most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance, or would they try to be fair?(circle one only)

(10, 24)

- 1 Most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance
- 2 Most people would try to be fair

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q11 (Card Q11)

How much trust do you have in each of the following types of people?(circle one for each item)

	None At All	Quite a Lot of Trust	Not Very Much Trust	None At All	Do not understand the question	Can't choose	Decline to answer
A) (11-A, 25) → Your relatives	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
B) (11-B, 26) → Your neighbors	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
C) (11-C, 27) → Other people you interact with	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q12 (Card Q12)

On average, about how many people do you have contact with in a typical week day? We are interested in contact on a one-on-one basis, including everyone with whom you chat, talk, or discuss matters. This can be face to face, by telephone, by mail, or on the internet. Please include only people you know. **(circle one only)**

(12, 28)

- 1 0-4 people
- 2 5-9 people
- 3 10-19 people
- 4 20-49 people
- 5 50 or more people

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q13 (Card Q13)

If you have a difficult problem to manage, are there people outside your household you can ask for help? **(circle one only)**

(13, 29)

- 1 No, nobody
- 2 Yes, a few
- 3 Yes, some
- 4 Yes, a lot

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q14 (Card Q14)

When people outside your household have problems, do they come to you for help? **(circle one only)**

(14, 30)

- 1 No, nobody
- 2 Yes, a few
- 3 Yes, some
- 4 Yes, a lot

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q15 (Card Q15)

If you had friends or co-workers whose opinions on politics differed from yours, would you have a hard time conversing with them?

[Note: If the respondent indicates that he/she does not have any friends or co-workers holding differing views, then explain: “Even if the person listed does not actually exist, please answer how you imagine you would feel.”](circle one only)

(15, 31)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Very hard2 A bit hard3 Not too hard4 Not hard at all |
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(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning the 2010 election of the Upper House.

Q16 (Card Q16)

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they were away from home, they were sick or they just didn't have time. How about you? Did you vote in the Upper House election held in 2010?(circle one only)

(16, 32)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Yes | ⇒Q16-SubQ1 | |
| 2 | No | } | Q17 |
| 3 | Did not have the right to vote | | |
| 4 | Can't remember | | |

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

[Only respondents who answered "1[Yes]" at Q16 should receive these question.]

Q16-SubQ1(Card Q16-SubQ1)

Which party or candidate did you vote for in the electoral district?(circle one only) (As Japanese voters have 2 votes, we have two sub-questions)

(16_1, 33)

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | DPJ |
| 2 | LDP |
| 3 | Komeito |
| 4 | Your Party Japan |
| 5 | Japanese Communist Party |
| 6 | Social Democratic Party |
| 7 | Others |
| 8 | Independent |
| 9 | Forgot |

(77. Not applicable 88. Can't choose 99. Decline to answer)

【For those who chose 1 Yes in Q16】

Q16-SubQ2 (Card Q16-SubQ2)

Which party or candidate did you vote for in the proportional district?(circle one only)

(16_2, 33)

- 1 DPJ
- 2 LDP
- 3 Komeito
- 4 Your Party Japan
- 5 Japanese Communist Party
- 6 Social Democratic Party
- 7 Others
- 8 Independent
- 9 Forgot

(77. Not applicable 88. Can't choose 99. Decline to answer)

【To all】

Q17 (Card Q17)

Thinking about the national election in 2010.

Did you attend a campaign meeting or rally?(circle one only)

(17, 34)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Can't remember

(0. Not applicable 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q18 (Card Q18)

Did you try to persuade others to vote for a certain candidate or party?(circle one only)

(18, 35)

- 1 Yes

- 2 No
- 3 Can't remember

(0. Not applicable 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q19 (Card Q19)

Did you do anything else to help out or work for a party or candidate running in the election?(circle one only)

(19, 36)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Can't remember

(0. Not applicable 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q20 (Card Q20)

On the whole, how free and fair would you say the last national election was?(circle one only)

(20, 37)

- 1 Completely free and fair
- 2 Free and fair, but with minor problems
- 3 Free and fair, with major problems
- 4 Not free or fair

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning public service.

Q21 (Card Q21)

Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to obtain the following services? Or have you never tried to get these services from government?(circle one for each item)

	Very Easy	Easy	Difficult	Very Difficult	Never Tried	Can't choose	Decline to answer
A) (21_A, 38) An identity document (such as a passport) →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
B) (21_B, 39) A place in a public primary school for a child →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
C) (21_C, 40) Medical treatment at a nearby clinic →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
D) (21_C, 41) Help from the police when you need it →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q22 (Card Q22)

Generally speaking, how safe is living in this city/ town/ village – very safe, safe, unsafe or very unsafe?(circle one only)

(22, 42)

- | |
|---|
| <p>1 Very safe</p> <p>2 Safe</p> <p>3 Unsafe</p> <p>4 Very unsafe</p> |
|---|

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following questions are concerning your interest in politics.

Q23 (Card Q23)

How interested would you say you are in politics? (SHOWCARD)(circle one only)

(23, 43)

- 1 Very interested
- 2 Somewhat interested
- 3 Not very interested
- 4 Not at all interested

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q24 (Card Q24)

How often do you follow news about politics and government?
(SHOWCARD)(circle one only)

(24, 44)

- 1 Everyday
- 2 Several times a week
- 3 Once or twice a week
- 4 Not even once a week
- 5 Practically never

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q25 (Card Q25)

How often do you use the internet?(circle one only)

(25, 45)

- 1 Almost daily
- 2 At least once a week
- 3 At least once a month
- 4 Several times a year
- 5 Hardly ever
- 6 Never

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q26 (Card Q26)

When you get together with your family members or friends, how often do you discuss political matters?(circle one only)

(26, 46)

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Never

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning your support towards political parties.

Q27 (Card Q27)

Among the political parties listed here, which party if any do you feel closest to?(ONE ANSWER ONLY& SHOWCARD)(circle one only)

(27, 47)

- 1 DPJ
 - 2 LDP
 - 3 Komeito
 - 4 Your Party Japan
 - 5 Japanese Communist Party
 - 6 Social Democratic Party
 - 7 Others
 - 8 Don't feel close to any political party
 - 9 Can't choose
- Q27-SubQ
- Q28

To those who chose 1 - 7 in Q27

Q27-SubQ (Card Q27-SubQ)

How close do you feel to (answer in Q27)? Is it very close, somewhat close, or just a little close?(circle one only)

(27, 48)

- 1 Very close
- 2 Somewhat close
- 3 Just a little close

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

To all the respondents

Q28 Please tell me how you feel about the following statements. Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree? (SHOWCARD)

(Card Q28)		<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
A)								
(28_A, 49)	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Most people are trustworthy?								
B)								
(28_B, 50)	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
For the sake of the family, the individual should put his personal interests second.								
C)								
(28_C, 51)	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
In a group, we should sacrifice our individual interest for the sake of the group's collective interest.								
D)								
(28_D, 52)	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
For the sake of national interest, individual interest could be sacrificed.								
E)								
(28_E, 53)	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
When dealing with others, developing a long-term relationship is more important than securing one's immediate interest.								
F)								
(28_F, 54)	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

When dealing with others, one should not only focus on immediate interest but also plan for future.								
G) (28_G, 55) Even if parents' demands are unreasonable, children still should do what they ask.	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
H) (28_H, 56) When a mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law come into conflict, even if the mother-in-law is in the wrong, the husband should still persuade his wife to obey his mother.	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

		<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
I) (28_I, 57) Being a student, one should not question the authority of their teacher.	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
J) (28_J, 58) In a group, we should avoid open quarrel to preserve the harmony of the group.	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
K) (28_K, 59) Even if there is some	→	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

	disagreement with others, one should avoid the conflict.							
L)	(28_L, 60) A person should not insist on his own opinion if his co-workers disagree with him.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	8	9
M)	(28_M, 61) Wealth and poverty, success and failure are all determined by fate.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	8	9
N)	(28_N, 62) If one could have only one child, it is more preferable to have a boy than a girl.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	8	9
O)	(28_O, 63) When dealing with others, one should not be preoccupied with temporary gains and losses.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	8	9

The following are questions concerning politics other than voting.

Q29 (Card Q29)

In the past three years, have you **never**, **once**, or **more than once** done the following because of personal, family, or neighborhood problems, or problems with government officials and policies?(**circle one for each item**)

		Once	More than once	Never	Can't choose	Decline to answer
A)	(29_A,) Contacted and communication with public officials	→ 1	2	3	8	9

B) (29_B, 65) Contacted public officials at higher level.	→	1	2	3	8	9
C) (29_C, 64) Contacted elected officials or legislative representatives at any level.	→	1	2	3	8	9
D) (29_D, 67) Contacted other influential people outside the government.	→	1	2	3	8	9
E) (29_E, 68) Contacted news media.	→	1	2	3	8	9

Q30 (Card Q30)

Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have never, once, or more than once done any of these things during the past three years.

		Once	More than once	Never	Can't choose	Decline to answer
A) (30_A, 69) Got together with others to try to resolve local problems.	→	1	2	3	8	9
B) (30_B, 70) Got together with others to raise an issue or sign a petition.	→	1	2	3	8	9
C) (30_C, 71) Attended a demonstration or protest march.	→	1	2	3	8	9

D) (30_D, 72) Used force or violence for a political cause. →	1	2	3	8	9
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Q31 (Card Q31)

Thinking of whether you voted or not ever since you became eligible for voting, how would you describe yourself –have you voted in every election, voted in most elections, voted in some elections or hardly ever voted?**(circle one only)**

(31, 73)

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| <p>1 Voted in every election</p> <p>2 Voted in most elections</p> <p>3 Voted in some elections</p> <p>4 Hardly ever voted</p> <p>5 First opportunity to vote in the next national election</p> |
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(0. Not applicable 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning your opinion towards the government.

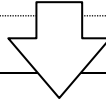
Q32 Let's talk for a moment about the kind of government you would like to have in this country, which of the followings statements do you agree with most? Choose the **first** or the **second** statement. (circle one only)

<Q32_1>(Card Q32_1)

A : Government leaders implement what voters want.

B : Government leaders do what they think is best for the people.

(32_1, 74)



- 1 agree to A
- 2 A rather than B
- 3 B rather than A
- 4 agree to B

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

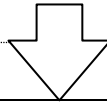
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<Q32_2>(Card Q32_2)

A : Government is our employee, the people should tell government what needs to be done.

B : The government is like parent, it should decide what is good for us.

(32_2, 75)



- 1 agree to A
- 2 A rather than B
- 3 B rather than A
- 4 agree to B

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

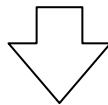
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<Q32_3>(Card Q32_3)

A : The media should have the right to publish news and ideas without government control.

B : The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that might be politically destabilizing.

(32_3, 76)



- 1 agree to A
- 2 A rather than B
- 3 B rather than A
- 4 agree to B

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

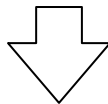
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<Q32_4>(Card Q32_4)

A : People should look after themselves and be primarily responsible for their own success in life.

B : The government should bear the main responsibility for taking care of the wellbeing of the people.

(32_4, 77)



- 1 agree to A
- 2 A rather than B
- 3 B rather than A
- 4 agree to B

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

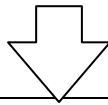
(circle one only)

<Q32_5>(Card Q32_5)

A : Political leaders are chosen by the people through open and competitive elections.

B : Political leaders are chosen on the basis on their virtue and capability even without election.

(32_5, 78)



- 1 agree to A
- 2 A rather than B
- 3 B rather than A
- 4 agree to B

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

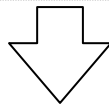
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<Q32_6>(Card Q32_6)

A : Multiple parties compete to represent political interests.

B : One party represents the interests of all the people.

(32_6, 79)



- 1 agree to A
- 2 A rather than B
- 3 B rather than A
- 4 agree to B

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q33 (Card Q33)

Now I'd like to ask you about the kind of government that we have in our country. These questions are not about the current leaders, but about our overall system, the way the government is set up in general, even though leaders might come and go. Agree or disagree.

	<u>SA</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
A) (33_A, 80) Over the long run, our system of government is capable of solving the problems our country faces. →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
B) (33_B, 81) Thinking in general, I am proud of our system of government. →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
C) (33_C, 82) A system like ours, even if it runs into problems, deserves the people's support. →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
D) (33_D, 83) I would rather live under our system of government than any other that I can think of. →	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q34 (Card Q34)

Compared with other systems in the world, would you say our system of government works fine as it is, needs minor change, needs major change, or should be replaced?(circle one only)

(34, 84)

- 1 It works fine, not need to change
- 2 Needs minor change
- 3 Needs major change
- 4 Should be replaced

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning democracy.

Q35

Many things may be desirable, but not all of them are essential characteristics of democracy. If you have to choose only one from each four sets of statements that I am going to read, which one would you choose as the most essential characteristics of a democracy?(circle one only)

(35_1, 85)

<Q35_1>(Card Q35_1)

- 1 Government narrows the gap between the rich and the poor.
- 2 People choose the government leaders in free and fair election.
- 3 Government does not waste any public money.
- 4 People are free to express their political views openly.

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

(circle one only)

(35_2, 86)

<Q35_2>(Card Q35_2)

- 1 The legislature has oversight over the government.
- 2 Basic necessities, like food, clothes and shelter, are provided for all.
- 3 People are free to organize political groups.
- 4 Government provides people with quality public services.

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

(circle one only)

(35_3, 87)

<Q35_3>(Card Q35_3)

- 1 Government ensures law and order.
- 2 Media is free to criticize the things government does.
- 3 Government ensures job opportunities for all.
- 4 Multiple parties compete fairly in the election.

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

(circle one only)

(35_4, 88)

<Q35_4>(Card Q35_4)

- 1 People have the freedom to take part in protests and demonstrations.
- 2 Politics is clean and free of corruption.
- 3 The court protects the ordinary people from the abuse of government power.
- 4 People receive state aid if they are unemployed.

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning democracy in Japan.

Q36 (Card Q36)

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Japan. Are you ...?(circle one only)

(36, 89)

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Very satisfied2 Fairly satisfied3 Not very satisfied4 Not at all satisfied |
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(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q37 (Card Q37)

In your opinion how much of a democracy is Japan?(circle one only)

(37, 90)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 A full democracy2 A democracy, but with minor problems3 A democracy, with major problems4 Not a democracy |
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(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q38 (Card Q38)

Here is a scale: 1 means completely undemocratic and 10 means completely democratic.

	Completely Undemocratic											Completely Democratic			
A)															
(38_A, 91)															
Where would you place our country	→	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	97	98	99	

under the present government?													
B) (38_B, 92) Where would you → place our country ten years ago?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	97	98	99
C) (38_C, 93) Where would you → want our country to be in the future?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	97	98	99

(97.Do not understand the question 98.Can't choose 99.Decline to answer)

Q39 (Card Q39)

Here is a similar scale of 1 to 10 measuring the extent to which people think democracy is suitable for our country. If “1” means that democracy is completely unsuitable for Japan today and “10” means that it is completely suitable, where would you place our country today?

(39, 94)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
[Democracy is completely unsuitable]					[Democracy is perfectly suitable]				

(97. Do not understand the question 98. Can't choose 99. Decline to answer)

Q40 (Card Q40)

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Yoshihiko Noda Cabinet? Are you ...?(circle one only)

(40, 95)

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning the problems the government is facing.

Q41 (Card Q41)

In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?(Your honest opinion is appreciated)

(41, 96)

Q41_SubQ (Card Q41_SubQ)

How likely is it that the government will solve the most important problem you identified within the next five years?(circle one only)

(41_1, 97)

1 Very likely

2 Likely

3 Not very likely

4 Not at all likely

(8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

※ NOTE:[Record Verbatim Answers and Then Use the Codes Below]

Q41 (pre-coded list for the interviewers)

<Economics>

1. Management of the economy
2. Wages, incomes and salaries
3. Unemployment
4. Poverty/destitution
5. Rates and Taxes
6. Loans / credit

<Food / Agriculture>

7. Farming/agriculture
8. Food shortage/famine
9. Drought
10. Land

<Infrastructure>

11. Transportation
12. Communications
13. Infrastructure / roads

<Government Services>

14. Education
15. Housing
16. Electricity
17. Water supply
18. Orphans/street children/homeless children
19. Services (other)

<Health>

20. Health
21. AIDS
22. Sickness / Disease

<Governance>

23. Crime and Security
24. Corruption
25. Political violence
26. Political instability/political divisions/ ethnic tensions
27. Discrimination/ inequality
28. Gender issues/women's rights
29. Democracy/political rights
30. War (international)
31. Civil war

<Japanese original issues>

32. Restoration from the 3.11 earthquake
33. **Measures taken against the nuclear and radiation accident and compensation for its damages**
34. **Issues concerning trade and economic agreements (TPP)**
35. Territory issues
36. **Issues concerning the constitution**
37. **Issues concerning the Emperor and the Imperial family**
38. **Issues concerning the decline of birthrate and the increase of the aging population**
39. **Financial deficit**
40. **Environmental issues**
41. **Local issues**
42. **Other domestic social problems**

0. Nothing / no problems
 998. Can't choose

The following are questions concerning the current state of the country's politics.

Q42 (Card Q42)

Now I am going to read to you a list of statements that describe how people often feel about the state of affairs in Japan. Please tell me whether you **strongly agree**, **somewhat agree**, **somewhat disagree**, or **strongly disagree** with each of these statements.

(circle one for each item)	<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
A) (42_A, 98) People have the power to change a government they don't like. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
B) (42_B, 99) Political parties or candidates in our country have equal access to the mass media during the election period. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
C) (42_C, 100) Between elections, the people have no way of holding the government responsible for its actions. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
D) (42_D, 101) When government leaders →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

break the laws, there is nothing the court can do.								
E) (42_E, 102) Most citizens in our country don't make much effort to influence government decisions.	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
F) (42_F, 103) All citizens from different ethnic communities in Country X are treated equally by the government.	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
G) (42_G, 104) Rich and poor people are treated equally by the government.	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
H) (42_H, 105) People have basic necessities like food, clothes, and shelter.	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

(circle one for each item)		<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
D) (42_I, 106) People are free to speak what they think without fear.	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
J) (42_J, 107) People can join any	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

organization they like without fear.							
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Q43 (Card Q43)

Do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?(circle one only)

(43, 108)

- 1 Always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q44 (Card Q44)

How often do government officials withhold important information from the public view?(circle one only)

(44, 109)

- 1 Always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q45 (Card Q45)

How often do you think government leaders break the law or abuse their power?(circle one only)

(45, 110)

- 1 Always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q46 (Card Q46)

How often do you think our elections offer the voters a real choice between different parties/candidates?(circle one only)

(46, 111)

- | |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Always2 Most of the time3 Sometimes4 Rarely |
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(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q47 (Card Q47)

To what extent is the legislature capable of keeping government leaders in check?(circle one only)

(47, 112)

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Very capable2 Capable3 Not capable4 Not at all capable |
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(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q48 (Card Q48)

How well do you think the government responds to what people want?(circle one only)

(48, 113)

- 1 Very responsive
- 2 Largely responsive
- 3 Not very responsive
- 4 Not responsive at all

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q49 (Card Q49)

In your neighborhood or community, do people voice their interests and concerns in local affairs?(circle one only)

(49, 114)

- 1 Most people
- 2 Quite a lot of people
- 3 Some people
- 4 few people

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q50 (Card Q50)

How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what the people think?(circle one only)

(50, 115)

- 1 A good deal
- 2 Quite a lot
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning democracy in various countries.

Q51 (Card Q51)

Remember the scale that we used before: 1 means completely undemocratic and 10 means completely democratic.

	Completely Undemocratic	Completely Democratic			
A) (51_A, 120) Where would you place China today on this scale?	→ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		97	98	99
B) (51_B, 121) Where would you place the United States today on this scale?	→ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		97	98	99
C) (51_C, 122) Where would you place Japan today on this scale?	→ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		97	98	99
D) (51_D, 123) Where would you place India today on this scale?	→ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		97	98	99

Q52 (Card Q52)

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion?(circle one only)

(52, 124)

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| <p>1 Democracy is always preferable to any other kind of government</p> <p>2 Under some circumstances, an authoritarian government can be preferable to a democratic one</p> <p>3 For people like me, it does not matter whether we have a democratic or a</p> |
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nondemocratic regime

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q53 (Card Q53)

Which of the Following statements comes closest to your own opinion?(circle one only)

(53, 125)

- 1 Democracy is capable of solving the problems of our society
- 2 Democracy cannot solve our society's problems

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q54 (Card Q54)

(54, 126)

If you had to choose between democracy and economic development, which would you say is more important?(circle one only)

- 1 Economic development is definitely more important
- 2 Economic development is somewhat more important
- 3 Democracy is somewhat more important
- 4 Democracy is definitely more important

(5. They are both equally important →Don't Read)
(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q55 (Card Q55)

If you had to choose between reducing economic inequality and protecting political freedom, which would you say is more important?(circle one only)

(55, 127)

- 1 Reducing economic inequality is definitely more important
- 2 Reducing economic inequality is somewhat more important
- 3 Protecting political freedom is somewhat more important
- 4 Protecting political freedom is definitely more important

(5. They are both equally important →Don't Read)
(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

Q56 (Card Q56)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Democracy may have its problems, but it is still the best form of government.”(circle one only)

(56, 128)

- | |
|---------------------|
| 1 Strongly agree |
| 2 Agree |
| 3 Disagree |
| 4 Strongly disagree |

(7. Do not understand the question 8. Can't choose 9. Decline to answer)

The following are questions concerning various matters.

Q57 (Card Q57)

There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives? (circle one for each item)

	<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
A) (57_A, 129) We should get rid of parliament and elections and have a strong leader decide things. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
B) (57_B, 130) Only one political party should be allowed to stand for election and hold office. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
C) (57_C, 131) The army (military) should →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

come in to govern the country.								
D) (57_D, 132) We should get rid of elections and parliaments and have experts make decisions on behalf of the people.	→	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

Q58 (Card Q58)

I have here some statements. For each statement, would you say you **strongly agree**, **somewhat agree**, **somewhat disagree**, or **strongly disagree**?(circle one for each item)

	<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
A) (58_A, 133) I think I have the ability to participate in politics. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
B) (58_B, 134) Sometimes politics and government seems so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what is going on. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
C) (58_C, 135) People like me don't have any influence over what the government does. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
D) (58_D, 136) You can generally trust the people who run our government to do what is right. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
E) (58_E, 137) A citizen should always remain loyal only to his country, no matter how imperfect it is or what →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

wrong it has done.							
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Q59 (Card Q59)

I have here other statements. For each statement, would you say you **strongly agree**, **somewhat agree**, **somewhat disagree**, or **strongly disagree**?(circle one for each item)

	<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
A) (59_A, 138) The government should → consult religious authorities when interpreting the laws.	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
B) (59_B, 139) Women should not be involved → in politics as much as men.	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
C) (59_C, 140) People with little or no → education should have as much say in politics as highly-educated people.	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
D) (59_D, 141) Government leaders are like → the head of a family; we should all follow their decisions.	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
E) (59_E, 142) The government should decide → whether certain ideas should be allowed to be discussed in society.	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
F) (59_F, 143) →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

Harmony of the community will be disrupted if people organize lots of groups.								
G) (59_G, 144) When judges decide important cases, they should accept the view of the executive branch. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	
H) (59_H, 145) If the government is constantly checked [i.e. monitored and supervised] by the legislature, it cannot possibly accomplish great things. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	

	<u>SA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>DA</u>
D) (59_I, 146) If we have political leaders who are morally upright, we can let them decide everything. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
J) (59_J, 147) If people have too many different ways of thinking, society will be chaotic. →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
K) (59_K, 148) When the country is facing a difficult situation, it is ok for the government to disregard →	1	2	3	4	7	8	9

the law in order to deal with the situation.							
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Facesheet

(Note: Somewhat different from Asian Barometer Survey 3 common questionnaire in order to extract occupational ISCO code in Japanese context.)

F1 GENDER(circle one only)

(F1, SE2)

1 Male	2 Female
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F2 (Card F2)

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

(F2, SE3)

Year	19	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				
Age		<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				

F3 (Card F3)

What is your marital status?(circle one only)

(F3, SE4)

1	Single / Never married
2	Married
3	Living-in as married
4	Widowed
5	Separated/Married but separated / not living with legal spouse
6	Divorced

(9. Decline to answer)

F4 (Card F4)

What is your highest level of education? **If you are currently in school, please choose the level of education you intend to complete.**(circle one only)

(F4, SE5)

- 1 no official school education
- 2 leave junior high school (former elementary school, former higher elementary school) before graduation
- 3 graduate junior high school (former elementary school, former higher elementary school)
- 4 leave high school (former junior high school) before graduation
- 5 graduate high school (former junior high school)
- 6 leave vocational school before graduation
- 7 graduate vocational school
- 8 leave junior college before graduation
- 9 graduate junior college
- 10 leave university (former vocational school) before graduation
- 11 graduate university (former vocational school)
- 12 leave post-graduate course before graduation
- 13 graduate post-graduate course

(99. Decline to answer)

F5 (Card F5)

How many years of formal education you have received? (EXCLUDE Kindergarten)
If you are currently in school, please give the total number of years that are necessary to complete all the school education you plan to receive.

(F5, SE5a)

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F6 (Card F6)

What is your religion?(circle one only)

(F6, SE6)

- 1 Roman Catholic
- 2 Protestant
- 3 Jews
- 4 Islam
- 5 Hindu
- 6 Buddhist
- 7 Shinto
- 8 Other(Specify)
- 9 None

(99. Decline to answer)

F7 (Card F7)

Excluding marriages and funerals, how often do you practice religious services or rituals **daily**?(circle one only)

(F7, SE7)

- 1 Several times a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 Several times a week
- 4 Once a week
- 5 Once a month
- 6 Only during festivals (or several times a year)
- 7 Less often
- 8 Practically never

(9. Decline to answer)

F8 (Card F8)

Would you describe yourself as very religious, moderately religious, lightly religious, not religious at all? (circle one only)

(F8, SE7a)

- | |
|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Very religious2 Moderately religious3 Lightly religious4 Not religious at all |
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(9. Decline to answer)

F9 (Card F9)

How many people live in this household? (Code EXACT no. of people)

(F9, SE8a)

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F10 (Card F10)

How many generations of family members live in this household?(circle one only)

(F10, SE8b)

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|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 One generation2 Two generations3 Three generations4 More than three generations5 Alone / other types of household |
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(9. Decline to answer)

F11 (Card F11)

Are you currently employed?(circle one only)

(F11, SE9)

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Employed →F11-1 ^2 Not employed →F11-2 ^ |
|---|

(9. Decline to answer)

[Only respondents who answered "1[Employed]" at F11 should receive these question.]

F11-1 (Card F11-1)

Are you currently self-employed (including business owners), working in a family business, or working for an outside employer?(circle one only)

(F11_1, SE9a)

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Self-employed or owner of company2 Helping family member3 Working for an outside employer |
|---|

(9. Decline to answer)

F11-1-1 (Card F11-1-1)

Please describe the size of the company you work for.(circle one only)

(F11_1_1, SE9b)

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 None (only yourself)2 1 person3 2~4 people4 5~9 people5 10~29 people6 30~99 people7 100~299 people8 300~499 people9 over 500 people10 Government and Municipal offices |
|---|

(99. Decline to answer)

F11-1-2 (Card F11-1-2)

What is your position?(circle one only)

(F11_1_2,)

- 1 President (include executive and director)
- 2 General Manager and its equivalent
- 3 Manager and its equivalent
- 4 Below Manager
- 5 Temporary employee
- 6 Part-time
- 7 Other (please name :)

(9. Decline to answer)

F11-1-3 (Card F11-1-3)

Please choose the category that best describes your job.(circle one only)

(F11_1_3,)

- 1 Professional
- 2 Engineer
- 3 Office administrator
- 4 Office worker
- 5 Sales / Service worker
- 6 Technical skill worker
- 7 Transportation / Security worker
- 8 Other (please name :)

(9. Decline to answer)

F11-1-4 (Card F11-1-4)

What is your job title and job description?

(F11_1_2, SE9c)

(example: farming (make rice), make plastic toys at factory etc)

[Only respondents who answered "2[No]" at F11 should receive these question.]

F11-2 (Card F11-2)

Are you currently seeking employment?(circle one only)

(F11_2, SE9d)

- 1 Yes (Currently unemployed but seeking work)
 - 2 No (Not currently employed and not seeking work)
 - 3 Never employed

(9. Decline to answer)

F11-2-1 (Card F11-2-1)

What is your current status?(circle one only)

(F11_2_1, SE9e)

- 1 Homemaker
 - 2 Student
 - 3 Retired
 - 4 Person with disabilities
 - 5 Unemployed
 - 6 Other ()

(9. Decline to answer)

To all the respondents

F12 (Card F12)

Are you the main earner in your household?(circle one only)

(F12, SE10)

- 1 Yes ⇒F13

2 No	⇒F12-1
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(9. Decline to answer)

[Only respondents who answered "2[No]" at F12 should receive these question.]

F12-1 (Card F12-1)

Is the main earner in your household currently employed?(circle one only)

(F12_1, SE10_1)

1 Employed	⇒F12-1-1
2 Not employed	⇒F13

(9. Decline to answer)

[Only respondents who answered "1[Employed]" at F12-1 should receive these question.]

F12-1-1 (Card F12-1-1)

Is he or she currently self-employed (including business owners), working in a family business, or working for an outside employer?(circle one only)

(F12_1_1, SE10a)

1 Self-employed or owner of company
2 Helping family member
3 Working for an outside employer

(9. Decline to answer)

F12-1-2 (Card F12-1-2)

Please describe the size of the company he or she work for.(circle one only)

(F12_1_2, SE10b)

1 None (only yourself)
2 1 person
3 2~4 people
4 5~9 people
5 10~29 people
6 30~99 people
7 100~299 people

- 8** 300~499 people
- 9** over 500 people
- 10** Government and Municipal offices

(99. Decline to answer)

F12-1-3 (Card F12-1-3)

What is his or her position?(circle one only)

(F12_1_3,)

- 1 President (include executive and director)
- 2 General Manager and its equivalent
- 3 Manager and its equivalent
- 4 Below Manager
- 5 Temporary employee
- 6 Part-time
- 7 Other (please name :)

(9.Decline to answer)

F12-1-4 (Card F12-1-4)

Please choose the category that best describes his or her job.(circle one only)

(F12_1_4,)

- 1 Professional
- 2 Engineer
- 3 Office administrator
- 4 Office worker
- 5 Sales / Service worker
- 6 Technical skill worker
- 7 Transportation / Security worker
- 8 Other (please name :)

(9.Decline to answer)

F12-1-5 (Card F12-1-5)

What is his or her job title and job description?

(F12_1_5, SE10c)

(example: farming (make rice), make plastic toys at factory etc)

F13 (Card F13)

People sometimes think of the social status of their families in terms of being high or low. Imagine a ladder with 10 steps. At step one stand the lowest status and step 10 stand the highest. Where would you place your family on the following scale?(circle one only)

(F13, SE12)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lowest									Highest
Status									status

(88. Can't choose 99. Decline to answer)

F14 (Card F14)

What was the total income of your household in **the previous year**? Please answer including bonuses, extra income and including taxes. (circle one only)

(F14, SE13)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Less than 2 million yen |
| 2 | 2 million to 3.5 million yen |
| 3 | 3.5 million to 5.5 million yen |
| 4 | 5.5 million to 8 million yen |
| 5 | More than 8 million yen |
| 6 | Don't know |

(9. Decline to answer)

F15 (Card F15)

Does the total income of your household allow you to satisfactorily cover your needs? I will read out few statements about your income. Please tell me, which of the following statement is closest to your situation?(circle one only)

(F15, SE13a)

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 | “Our income covers the needs well, we can save.” |
| 2 | “Our income covers the needs all right, without much difficulty.” |
| 3 | “Our income does not cover the needs, there are difficulties.” |
| 4 | “Our income does not cover the needs, there are great difficulties.” |

(9. Decline to answer)

F16 (Card F16)

Do you or your family own the following? **Please choose all that you own.**

(circle one only)

(F16, SE14)

- 1 Car/Jeep/Van (record exact number) _____
- 2 Tractor
- 3 Television
- 4 Cable Television **under contract**
- 5 Scooter/ Motorcycle / Moped
- 6 Telephone
- 7 Mobile Telephone (**include PHS**)
- 8 Electric fan/cooler
- 9 Bicycle (**non-electric**)
- 10 Radio
- 11 Pumping set
- 12 Fridge
- 13 Camera
- 14 Goats/Sheep (Record exact number)_____
- 15 Cows/Buffalo (Record exact number)_____
- 16 **None/do not own any**