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## **House of Councilors Post-Election Survey 2007**

Q1. Did you vote in the House of Councilors election on July 29<sup>th</sup>?

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Voted on the day of the election | (proceed to Q1-SQ1) |
| 2. Voted by absentee ballot         | (proceed to Q1-SQ1) |
| 3. Abstained from voting            | (proceed to Q2)     |
| 4. DK                               | (proceed to Q2)     |
| 5. NA                               | (proceed to Q2)     |

**[For those who have answered 1 or 2 in Q1.]**

Q1-SQ1. Did you vote in the prefectural constituency elections?

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|--------|---------------------|
| 1. Yes | (proceed to Q1-SQ2) |
| 2. No  | (proceed to Q1-SQ5) |
| 3. DK  | (proceed to Q1-SQ5) |
| 4. NA  | (proceed to Q1-SQ5) |

Q1-SQ2. Which candidate did you vote for?

**[Note for interviewer: Fill in the code of the candidate (the number in the list) and the code for the party (as follows) after the interview. The number for DK is 88, and 99 for NA (including the cases when the respondent named only party names).]**

Name of the candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

<Candidate Code> \_\_\_\_\_

<Party Code> **Note that there is no party for code 7. Same for the rest of the questionnaire for the similar notation.**

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. People's New Party
7. -----
8. Other ( )
9. Independents
10. DK

11. NA

Q1-SQ3. What kinds of contact have you had with the candidate you voted for? (M.A.)

1. A person asked me to vote for the candidate over the phone.
2. I talked with the candidate.
3. I shook hands with the candidate.
4. I heard speeches made by the candidate or personally spoke with the candidate.
5. I talked with the candidate's secretaries or leaders of his/her support group.
6. I received a bulletin or card in the mail from the candidate.
7. Other (be specific: \_\_\_\_\_ )
8. No contact
9. DK
10. NA

Q1-SQ4. Which factors did you consider when making a final decision about for whom to vote in the prefectural constituency election? Choose one from the following.

1. Support for the Prime Minister and/or the Cabinet
2. Support for the party
3. Each party's policy
4. Personality of the candidate
5. Candidate's policy
6. Benefit for the workplace
7. Benefit for the local area
8. Balance of the seats in the House
9. Request(s) to vote for the candidate
10. Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
11. DK
12. NA

Q1-SQ5. For the nation-wide proportional-representation election, did you vote for a political party or a candidate?

1. Voted for a candidate (proceed to SQ6)
2. Voted for a party (proceed to SQ7)
3. Did not vote (proceed to Q2)
4. DK (proceed to Q2)
5. NA (proceed to Q2)

**[To respondents whose answer was 1 in SQ5.]**

Q1-SQ6 Which member of which party did you vote for?

Candidate code:

Party code:

**[Note for interviewer: Write the name of the candidate and party down first, then look up and fill in the codes after the interview. The party codes are the same as the numbers used in SQ7. For the candidate codes DK is 88 and NA is 99.]**

**[To respondents whose answer was 2 in SQ5.]**

Q1-SQ7. Which party did you vote for?

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

Q1-SQ8. Which factors did you consider when making a final decision about for whom to vote in the proportional-representation election? Choose one from the following.

1. Support for the Prime Minister and/or the Cabinet
2. Support for the party
3. Each party's policy
4. Personality of the candidate
5. Candidate's policy
6. Benefit for the workplace
7. Benefit for the local area
8. Balance of the seats in the House
9. Request(s) to vote for the candidate
10. Other (please specify: )
11. DK
12. NA

**[For all respondents]**

Q2. In regard to voting, several opinions are shown on the list. Choose one that best

reflects your own.

1. Voting in elections is a citizen's duty, and all citizens are obliged to vote.
2. Voting in elections is something that a citizen really should do.
3. Voting in elections is something that each citizen decides on their own, so one should not be obliged to vote.
3. DK
4. NA

Q3. In the latest House of Councilors election, for the region that you live in, how much competition do you feel there was?

1. The candidate I supported was very strong so I felt that even if I didn't vote, they would win.
2. Even if I didn't vote, I felt the candidate I supported would win by a very small margin.
3. I felt that that the candidate I supported was right on the border between winning and losing and that if I voted, they would win.
4. I felt that if I didn't vote, the candidate I supported would have a hard time winning but if I voted the candidate would be on the borderline between winning and losing.
5. I felt that even if I voted, the candidate I supported would have a hard time winning.
6. Other (            )
7. No candidate supported
8. -----
9. DK
10. NA

Q4. So, concerning the results of the latest House of Councilors elections, how satisfied are you overall? Please choose from one of the following.

1. Very satisfied
2. More or less satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied
4. More or less unsatisfied
5. Very unsatisfied
6. DK
7. NA

Q5 (1). Looking at the result, how do you feel about the number of seats that the LDP gained? Choose one from below.

1. They should have gained more seats.
2. They gained just enough seats.
3. They should have gained fewer seats.
4. DK
5. NA

Q5 (2). How do you feel about the number of seats that the DPJ gained?

1. They should have gained more seats.
2. They gained just enough seats.
3. They should have gained fewer seats.
4. DK
5. NA

Q6. Generally speaking, if the ruling party suffers a big defeat in the House of Councilors election, how desirable or undesirable do you feel the following outcomes are? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

1. A change in the administration such as a reorganization of the coalition.  
1) Desirable 2) Undesirable 3) Neither desirable nor undesirable 4) DK 5) NA
2. A change in the Cabinet due to the resignation of the Prime Minister.  
1) Desirable 2) Undesirable 3) Neither desirable nor undesirable 4) DK 5) NA
3. A major change in policies.  
1) Desirable 2) Undesirable 3) Neither desirable nor undesirable 4) DK 5) NA
4. A rethinking of the way politics are conducted  
1) Desirable 2) Undesirable 3) Neither desirable nor undesirable 4) DK 5) NA

Q7. Do you think the balance of seats between the parties should be relatively the same between the House of Councilors and the House of Representatives? Or do you feel that they should be different?

1. They should be the same
2. They should be different
3. Can't say either way
4. DK
5. NA

Q8. Since May of this year, have you participated, or been approached by others to participate, in the election campaign through one or more of the following? If yes, which party did it concern? (M.A.) **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

Q8-(1). Received a postcard from the candidate/party

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(2). Received a newspaper or flyer related to the campaign.

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(3). Received a phone call from the campaign person.

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(4). Went to the election rallies and street oratories.

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(5). Helped the election campaigns.

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(6). Being a member of the candidate's support group (Koenkai).

(Not including support groups other than the candidate's e.g. Support groups for the prefecture assembly)

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(7). A family member being a member of the candidate's support organization.

(Not including support groups other than the candidate's e.g. Support groups for the prefecture assembly)

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(8). Heard about the *Manifest* (public commitment)

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(9). Tried to persuade my friends and/or acquaintances to vote.

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

Q8-(10). Was asked by my friends and/or acquaintances to vote.

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP
6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )
9. No, I did not receive any. 10. DK 11. NA

**[We would like to know your thoughts on recently expressed opinions regarding several national issues.]**

Q9. First, statements A and B are two perspectives that address both the issue of financial reconstruction and contra-cyclical policy.

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

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

Q9-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

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

Q9-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

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

Q9-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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







start with the LDP. [Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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

(3) CGP

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

(4) SDP

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

(5) JCP

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

Q12. Statements A and B address the issue of whether Japan should become the permanent member of U.N. Security Council or not.

A. Japan should aim at becoming the permanent member of U.N. Security Council in order to contribute to the international society.

B. Japan should not aim at becoming the permanent member of U.N. Security Council to avoid being rolled in international conflicts.

Q12-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

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

Q12-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

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

4. Unimportant

5. DK

6. NA

Q12-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

(2) DPJ

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

(3) CGP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

(4) SDP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

(5) JCP

1. Agree with A

2. Somewhat agree with A

3. Somewhat agree with B

4. Agree with B

5. DK

6. NA

Q13. Statements A and B address the relationship between the government and the local autonomous bodies.

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

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

Q13-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

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

Q13-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

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

Q13-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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

(3) CGP

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

(4) SDP

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

(5) JCP

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

Q14. Statements A and B address the issue of constitutional amendment.

A. The Constitution of Japan is becoming out of date, and should be amended in the near future.

B. The Constitution of Japan is good and respectable overall, and should not be

amended at this point in time.

Q14-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is closest to your opinion.

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

Q14-SQ2. How important is this issue to you?

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

Q14-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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

(3) CGP

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

(4) SDP

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

(5) JCP

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

Q15. Regarding the maintenance of the public pension program, there are two opinions,

A: In order to have stable resources in the future, the premiums should be increased.

B: Because all of the generations should suffer together, the taxes should be increased.

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

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

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

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

Q15-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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

(3) CGP

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

(4) SDP

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

(5) JCP

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

Q16. Statements A and B address the issue of financial support for North Korea.

A. Japanese government should not support North Korea financially until the abduction issue by North Korea is settled.

B. Japanese government may support North Korea financially if nuclear development of North Korea is frozen.

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

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

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

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

Q16-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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

(3) CGP

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

(4) SDP

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

(5) JCP

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

Q17. Statements A and B address the issue of the social difference caused as a result of free competition.

- A. The government should cope with the problem of the social difference caused as a result of free competition in a positive manner.
- B. The government should cope with the problem of the social difference caused as a result of free competition in a careful manner.

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

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

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

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

Q17-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? We will start with the LDP. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for each party listed.]**

(1) LDP

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

(2) DPJ

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

(3) CGP

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



(4) SDP

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

(5) JCP

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

Q18. What are your feelings toward people and political parties that are influential in politics? Please express your likes and dislikes in terms of temperature. If you feel completely neutral about the person or the political party on the list, indicate this neutral feeling by giving them a rating of 50 °c. If you like the person or political party listed, rate them between 50°c to 100°c depending on how positively you feel. Conversely, if you dislike the person or party, rate them 0°c to 50 °c depending on how negatively you feel. **[Note for interviewer: Repeat through (1) to (10). Code DK as “888”, NA as “999”.]**

The first person on the list is Shinzo Abe. How do you feel about Shinzo Abe?

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| (1) Shinzo Abe                      | ( )degrees |
| (2) Ichiro Ozawa                    | ( )degrees |
| (3) Akihiro Ota                     | ( )degrees |
| (4) Mizuho Fukushima                | ( )degrees |
| (5) Kazuo Shii                      | ( )degrees |
| (6) Tamiyuki Watanuki               | ( )degrees |
| (7) Yasuo Tanaka                    | ( )degrees |
| (8) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)  | ( )degrees |
| (9) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) | ( )degrees |
| (10)Clean Government Party (CGP)    | ( )degrees |
| (11)Social Democratic Party (SDP)   | ( )degrees |
| (12)Japan Communist Party (JCP)     | ( )degrees |
| (13)People’s New Party              | ( )degrees |
| (14)New Party Nippon                | ( )degrees |

Q19. How do you feel about the Abe Cabinet’s record?

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

1. Very favorably 2. Somewhat favorably 3. Neither favorably nor unfavorably

4. Somewhat unfavorably 5. Very unfavorably 6. DK 7. NA

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

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

(3) How about their foreign policy?

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

(4) How about the pension system?

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

(5) How about the social welfare program?

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

(6) How about the educational problem?

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

(7) How about the constitutional issue?

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

(8) How about the administrative reform?

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

(9) So, what is your overall evaluation of the Abe Cabinet?

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

Q20. Putting elections aside, which political party in Japan do you usually support?  
(proceed to Q20-SQ1)

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)  | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 3. Clean Government Party (CGP)    | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)   | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)     | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 6. People's New Party              | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 7. New Party Nippon                | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 8. Other ( )                       | (proceed to Q20-SQ1) |
| 9. No such party                   | (proceed to Q20-SQ2) |
| 10. DK                             | (proceed to Q20-SQ2) |
| 11. NA                             | (proceed to Q20-SQ2) |

**[Asked to those who chose 1 to 8 in Q20.]**

Q20-SQ1. How strongly do you support this party: enthusiastically or not so enthusiastically?

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

**[Asked to those who chose 9 to 11 in Q20.]**

Q20-SQ2. If you are to name one party that you favor the most, which do you choose?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. People's New Party
7. New Party Nippon
8. Other ( )
9. No such party
10. DK
11. NA

**[For all respondents]**

Q21. Is there a political party you would never support? ...Is there any other party

that you would never support? (M.A.)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. People's New Party
7. New Party Nippon
8. Other ( )
9. No such party
10. DK
11. NA

Q22. Now, generally speaking, how would you evaluate the Abe Cabinet?

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

**[Note for interviewer: Make sure to ask "Anything else?" and have the respondent answer as much as possible. Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it.]**

1. DK
2. NA

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

**[Note for interviewer: Make sure to ask "Anything else?" and have the respondent answer as much as possible. Write down the respondent's answer exactly as he/she puts it.]**

1. DK
2. NA

Q23. Generally speaking, what kind of party is the LDP? Please tell us what you think about this party. Any comment is welcome. For example, is there something you like or dislike about the LDP? ...Anything else? (Open Ended)

**[Note for interviewer: Pause between questions, repeat all questions for each party on the list.]**

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

1. DK

2. NA

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

1. DK

2. NA

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

1. DK

2. NA

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

1. DK

2. NA

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

1. DK

2. NA

Q24. Please recall the previous House of Representatives election held in 2005 under the Koizumi Cabinet. Did you vote in that election?

1. I voted

(proceed to Q24-SQ1)

2. I abstained

(proceed to Q25)

3. I was not eligible to vote

(proceed to Q25)

4. DK or forgotten

(proceed to Q25)

5. NA

(proceed to Q25)

**[Asked to those who chose 1 in Q24.]**

Q24-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-member representation election?

1. LDP

2. DPJ

3. CGP

4. SDP

5. JCP

6. People's New Party

7. New Party Nippon

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

Q24-SQ2. For which party did you vote in the proportional-representation election?

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

**[For all respondents]**

Q25. (1) To what extent do you feel you can trust national politics? Choose from the following

1. Always
2. Most of the time
3. Sometimes
4. Not at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q25. (2) Now, I'd like to ask about your feelings concerning local politics. To what extent do you feel you can trust the politics in this prefecture?

1. Always
2. Most of the time
3. Sometimes
4. Not at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q25. (3) And to what extent do you feel you can trust the politics in this city, town, or village?

1. Always
2. Most of the time
3. Sometimes

4. Not at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q26. Which political parties do you think have the ability to be in charge of the government? Choose as many parties as you like from the list. (M. A.)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. People's New Party
7. New Party Nippon
8. Other ( )
9. No such party
10. DK
11. NA

Q27 Concerning your views on how politics and society should be, would you have a hard time conversing with the following people about politics if you had differing opinions? Even if the person listed does not actually exist, please answer how you imagine you would feel. **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

(1) Family

1. Could converse even with a differing opinion
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even with a differing opinion.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
4. It would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
5. DK
6. NA

(2) Boss or superior

1. Could converse even with a differing opinion
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even with a differing

opinion.

3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
4. It would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
5. DK
6. NA

(3) Colleagues you are close to

1. Could converse even with a differing opinion
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even with a differing opinion.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
4. It would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
5. DK
6. NA

(4) Close friends

1. Could converse even with a differing opinion
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even with a differing opinion.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
4. It would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
5. DK
6. NA

Q28 Overall, satisfied are you with the democracy carried out in Japan? Which of the following reflects your opinion?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Can't decide
4. Somewhat dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
6. DK
7. NA



Q29 Some people claim that one votes for in an election makes a big difference in the results, while others claim that it does not make much of a difference. Choose one that best reflects your attitude towards the statement.

1. It makes a lot of difference
2. It makes a little difference
3. Can't say if it does or not
4. It does not make much difference
5. It does not make difference at all
6. DK
7. NA

Q30 Some people claim that there is a big difference between who takes charge of the administration, while others claim that it does not make much of a difference. Which of the following reflects your opinion?

1. There is big difference
2. There is a little difference
3. Can't say if there is or not
4. These is not much of a difference
5. These is no difference at all
6. DK
7. NA

Q31 Do you agree or disagree with the statement "democracy may have its problems, but it is better than any other system out there"?

1. Agree a lot
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Disagree a lot
5. DK
6. NA

Q32. How do you feel about the following statements? Choose the response that best reflects your opinion on each issue. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.]**

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

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

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Disagree

6. DK

7. NA

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

1. Agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Agree



9. No particular party, they are all about the same. 10. DK 11. NA

(3.) Which party best represents the interests of their constituents?

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP 6. People's New Party

7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )

9. No particular party, they are all about the same. 10. DK 11. NA

(4.) Which party is more easily controlled by the interests of its supporters?

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP 6. People's New Party

7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )

9. No particular party, they are all about the same. 10. DK 11. NA

(5.) Which party has the least amount of political ethics?

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP 6. People's New Party

7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )

9. No particular party, they are all about the same. 10. DK 11. NA

(6.) Which party's TV ads made the most favorable impression on you?

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. SDJ 5. JCP 6. People's New Party

7. New Party Nippon 8. Other ( )

9. No particular party, they are all about the same. 10. DK 11. NA

Q34. What do you think about the government expenditures on the following matters?

Choose one that best reflects your attitude toward each item. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.]**

(1) Environmental issues

1. Too much
2. Adequate
3. Too little
4. DK
5. NA

(2) Crime control

1. Too much
2. Adequate
3. Too little
4. DK
5. NA

(3) Education

1. Too much
2. Adequate
3. Too little
4. DK
5. NA

- (4) Defense
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA
  
- (5) Foreign aid
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA
  
- (6) Public utilities such as roads
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA
  
- (7) Health care, social welfare
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA
  
- (8) Public pension
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA
  
- (9) Employment and countermeasures against unemployment
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA
  
- (10) Subsidiaries toward agriculture, forestry and fishery
  - 1. Too much
  - 2. Adequate
  - 3. Too little
  - 4. DK
  - 5. NA

Q35. Now, we often hear the words “conservative” and “progressive” being used. What





attention to the political situation?

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

Q39. Did you support the Abe Cabinet at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Choose one from the following.

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

Q40. How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate? Choose one from the list.

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

Q41. How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate compared to that of a year ago?

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

Q42. How do you anticipate Japan's economic climate will be in the future?

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

Q43. The following statements are about the relationship between Japanese people, elections, and politics. Choose the response that best reflects your opinion. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q44. Statement A and Statement B represent opposite views. If you were to make a choice, with which statement would you say you agree? Choose the response that best reflects your opinion on each issue. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for**

**all statements listed.]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Agree with B    5. DK    6. NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q45. How satisfied are you with your family's present financial situation?

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

Q46. How does your family's present financial situation compare to that of a year ago?

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

Q47. What do you think your family's financial situation will be in the future?

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. No change
4. A little worse
5. Much worse

6. DK

7. NA

Q48. What kind of expectations did you have for the Abe Cabinet at the time of the latest House of Councilors election?

(1) What kind of expectations do you have for their fiscal policy?

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

(2) How about their contra-cyclical policy?

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

(3) How about their foreign policy?

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

(4) How about the pension system?

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

(5) How about the social welfare program?

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

(6) How about the educational problem?

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

(7) How about the constitutional issue?

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

(8) How about the administrative reform?

1. Very positive    2. Somewhat positive    3. Neither positive nor negative

4. Somewhat negative
5. Very negative
6. DK
7. NA

(9) Overall, what kind of future expectations did you have for the Abe Cabinet at the time of the latest House of Councilors election?

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

Q49. (1) Thinking about ten or fifteen years from now, which one of the following goals is the most important as a national goal of our nation?

1. Maintaining order in the nation
2. Giving the people more say in important political decisions
3. Stabilizing the economy
4. Protecting freedom of speech
5. DK (proceed to Q50)
6. NA (proceed to Q50)

**[Asked to those who chose 1 to 4 in Q49 (1).]**

(2) How about the second most important goal?

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

**[For all respondents]**

Q50. Supposing that the present Japanese society as a whole were divided into five strata, which stratum would you categorize yourself in? Choose one and circle the number.

1. Upper stratum
2. Upper middle stratum
3. Lower middle stratum
4. Upper lower stratum
5. Lower stratum
6. DK

7. NA

Q51. Please circle all items you have experienced in the past 5 years in the list below.

(M.A.)

1. Voted in an election
2. Participated in a self-governing body or neighborhood association
3. Contacted a local influential person out of necessity (meet, write, etc.)
4. Contacted a politician/official out of necessity
5. Went to an assembly or public office to petition or lobby
6. Participated in assemblies pertaining to an election or politics
7. Helped in an election campaign (such as supporting a candidate)
8. Participated in civic/resident movement
9. Signed a petition
10. Made donation or participated in fund-raising
11. Participated in a demonstration
12. Spoke out about politics on the Internet
13. Voiced (an) opinion(s) by writing/calling/appearing in the mass media
14. Either avoided, or actively bought certain goods based on a(n) political/ethical/environmental reason.
15. None of the above
16. DK
17. NA

Q52. (1) From which sources do you usually obtain political information? First, how about the newspaper? (M. A.)

1. Yomiuri Newspaper
2. Asahi Newspaper
3. Mainichi Newspaper
4. Sankei Newspaper
5. Nihon Keizai Newspaper
6. Tokyo Newspaper
7. Hokkaido Newspaper
8. Kahoku Newspaper
9. Chunichi Newspaper
10. Kobe Newspaper





25. "Sukkiri!!" (NTV)
26. "Tokudane!" (Fuji TV)
27. "Super Morning" (TV Asahi)
28. "Pingpong!" (TBS)
29. "Wide! Scramble" (TV Asahi)
30. "The Wide" (NTV)
  
31. Other television program(s) ( )
32. Radio program(s) ( )
33. Weekly magazine(s)
  
34. DK
35. NA

Q53. Do you use mobile phones and/or computers? Please include use at home, work, and school when answering. How often do you use your mobile phone? **[Ask in the same manner for (2)-(5).]**

(1) Talk on cellular phone

1. Frequently
2. Sometimes
3. Seldom
4. Never
5. DK
6. NA

(2) Use e-mail on cellular phone

1. Frequently
2. Sometimes
3. Seldom
4. Never
5. DK
6. NA

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

1. Frequently

2. Sometimes
3. Seldom
4. Never
5. DK
6. NA

(4) Use e-mail on computer

1. Frequently
2. Sometimes
3. Seldom
4. Never
5. DK
6. NA

(5) Check the web on the computer

1. Frequently
2. Sometimes
3. Seldom
4. Never
5. DK
6. NA

**[For those who circled 1, 2 or 3 in any of Q55(2)-(5).]**

Q53-SQ. How often do you do the things listed below? Let's start with "how often do you read the political news on the Internet?" **[Proceed in the same manner for all (2)-(10).]**

(1) Read political news on the Internet

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

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

1. Almost everyday

2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. DK
6. NA

(3) Check webpages related to politics owned personally or by private organizations  
(except those supporting particular candidates)

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

(4) Check weblogs and SNS related to politics owned personally or by private  
organizations (except those supporting particular candidates)

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

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

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

(6) Check webpages of the political parties or candidates and their supporters

1. Almost everyday

2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. DK
6. NA

(7)Check weblogs and SNS of the candidates and their supporters

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

(8)Read e-mail magazines of the political parties or supporters of particular candidates

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

(9)Read politics related BBS, IRC, and mailing lists on the Internet

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

(10)Speak out about politics on the Internet

1. Almost everyday
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely



F5. Employment Information:

(1) What is your current employment status?

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

**[To respondents whose answer was 1~3 in F5(1).]**

(2) Number of people at your workplace: Including the various branches and business offices, how many people in total work at the company/store in which you are employed?

If you are a civil-employee, please answer "6", "Civil Servant".

1. 1-4 people
2. 5-29 people
3. 30-299 people
4. 300-999 people
5. Over 1,000 people
6. Civil Servant
7. DK
8. NA

**[For all respondents]**

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

Respondent's answer( )

<Classify respondent's answer>

1. Farm, forest or fishery worker
2. Commercial / industrial service
3. Free-lance worker & artist
4. Managerial position
5. Professional or technical

6. Clerical and related work
7. Sales / service / manual labor
8. Other (employed)
9. Student
10. Housewife
11. Other (unemployed)
12. Unclassifiable
13. DK
14. NA

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

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

F6(1). What is the current employment status of the head of your household?

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

**[To respondents whose answer was 1~3 in F6(1).]**

F6(2) What is the entire size of the company or office in which this person works? Please give the number of people who work there:

1. 1-4
2. 5-29
3. 30-299
4. 300-999
5. more than 1000
6. civil servant
7. DK
8. NA

F6(3). What kind of things does he/she usually do at work? (e.g. schoolteacher, farmer, bus driver, automobile engineer, supermarket cashier, bank accountant, computer programmer, clerical staff member for a sales department, on-the-road salesperson, manufacturing electronic devices, pensioner, housewife, etc.)

Respondent's answer( )

<Classify respondent's answer>

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

**[For all respondents]**

F7. Type of Residence: What type of residence do you live in?

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

F8. Household income: What was your family's income, before taxes, during the last year (January to December)?



