

## **House of Representatives Pre-Election Survey 2009**

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

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

1. 2 candidates
  2. 3 candidates
  3. 4 candidates
  4. 5 candidates
  5. 6 candidates
  6. 7 or more candidates
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(1)Are there any names on this list that you know? Please give the answers by indicating the numbers given to the candidates on the list.

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

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

(If the answer to (1) was "none," circle "3. no knowledge")

**[To those who circled either "know a lot" or "know a little"]**

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

**[Note for interviewer: code 888 for "do not know (DK)", code 999 for "no response (NA)"]**

**[Repeat (1) to (3) until the respondent runs out of names of candidates that he/she knows. (The maximum number of names required would be six – even if there are more.) Once the respondent runs out of names of candidates that he/she knows, make sure that "that is all they know" by asking "are there any more candidates that you know?" After checking that there is no one else, circle "3. no knowledge" (in (2)) for all those candidates that were unidentified.]**

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

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

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

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(1)-SQ3)
3. No knowledge (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ1)
4. DK (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ1)
5. NA (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ1)

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

( ) degrees

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

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

Q1.(2)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(2)-SQ3)
3. No knowledge (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ1)
4. DK (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ1)
5. NA (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ1)

Q1.(2)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.

( ) degrees

Q1.(3)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ2)
2. No (proceed to Q2)

Q1.(3)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(3)-SQ3)
3. No knowledge (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ1)
4. DK (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ1)
5. NA (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ1)

Q1.(3)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.

( ) degrees

Q1.(4)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ2)
2. No (proceed to Q2)

Q1.(4)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(4)-SQ3)
3. No knowledge (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ1)
4. DK (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ1)
5. NA (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ1)

Q1.(4)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.

( ) degrees

Q1.(5)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?

1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ2)
2. No (proceed to Q2)

Q1.(5)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?

1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ3)
2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(5)-SQ3)
3. No knowledge (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ1)

- 4. DK (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ1)
- 5. NA (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ1)

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

- Q1.(6)-SQ1. Are there any other names on this list that you know?
- 1. Yes (specify by the number: ) (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ2)
  - 2. No (proceed to Q2)

- Q1.(6)-SQ2. How much do you know about this candidate?
- 1. Know a lot (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ3)
  - 2. Know a little (proceed to Q1.(6)-SQ3)
  - 3. No knowledge (proceed to Q2)
  - 4. DK (proceed to Q2)
  - 5. NA (proceed to Q2)

Q1.(6)-SQ3. Please express your feeling toward the candidate in terms of temperature.  
 ( ) degrees

**[For all respondents]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iv) The candidate will make local contributions.

1. Agree
2. Do not agree
3. Neither
4. DK
5. NA

**[For all respondents]**

**Q3. The interviewer must check and see whether there**

1. IS an DPJ candidate (proceed to Q3 (1))
3. ISN'T any DPJ candidates (proceed to Q4)

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

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

(i) I have faith in the candidate's ability and leadership potential as a politician

1. Agree
2. Do not agree
3. Neither
4. DK
5. NA

(ii) I can trust the candidate as a person.

1. Agree
2. Do not agree
3. Neither
4. DK
5. NA

(iii) I support the candidate's policies.

1. Agree
2. Do not agree
3. Neither
4. DK
5. NA

(iv) The candidate will make local contributions.

1. Agree
2. Do not agree
3. Neither
4. DK
5. NA

**[For all respondents]**

**Q4. Do you plan to go to the upcoming House of Representatives election? Choose one that best reflects your intention.**

1. Voting would be difficult as I have other plans on the day of election. (proceed to Q5)
2. While I have no plans, going to vote seems too much trouble. (proceed to Q5)

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| 3. I have no problems with going voting.              | (proceed to Q5) |
| 4. I have already voted by absentee ballot/early vote | (proceed to Q6) |
| 5. DK   | (proceed to Q5) |
| 6. NA   | (proceed to Q5) |

**[For those who have answered 1 to 3, 5 to 6 in Q4.]**

Q5. Do you plan to do early voting or absentee balloting? Choose from one of the following.

1. I plan to do so.
2. I might do so.
3. I plan to do neither.
4. DK
5. NA

Q6. In regard to voting, several opinions are shown on the list. Choose one that best reflects your own.

1. Voting in elections is a citizen's duty, and all citizens are obliged to vote.
2. Voting in elections is something that a citizen really should do.
3. Voting in elections is each citizen's decision. One should not be obliged to vote.
4. DK
5. NA

Q7. In the upcoming House of Representative election, how fierce a competition (in your opinion) is the single-member constituency election in your residing district? **[Note for interviewer: Read aloud 1 to 5.]**

1. Since the candidate I support is fairly strong, I think that even if I don't vote, he/she will be elected.
2. Even if I don't vote, I think the candidate that I support will gather just enough votes to be elected.
3. Since the candidate that I support is barely ahead, I think that if I vote, he/she may be elected.
4. If I don't vote, the candidate that I support may have a hard time winning. But if I vote, he/she may come out ahead.
5. Even if I vote, I think that the candidate that I support may have a hard time winning.
6. Other ( )
7. There are no candidates that I support.
8. I have not decided which candidate to support.
9. DK
10. NA

Q8. 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".]**

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| (1) Taro Aso       | ( )degrees |
| (2) Yukio Hatoyama | ( )degrees |
| (3) Akihiro Ota    | ( )degrees |

- (4) Mizuho Fukushima ( )degrees
- (5) Kazuo Shii ( )degrees
- (6) Tamisuke Watanuki ( )degrees
- (7) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) ( )degrees
- (8) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) ( )degrees
- (9) Clean Government Party (CGP) ( )degrees
- (10) Social Democratic Party (SDP) ( )degrees
- (11) Japan Communist Party (JCP) ( )degrees
- (12) People's New Party ( )degrees

Q9. How do you feel about the Aso 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 their political leadership?

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

(5) So, what is your overall evaluation of the Aso Cabinet?

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

Q10. Putting elections aside, which political party in Japan do you usually support?

- 1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 3. Clean Government Party (CGP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 4. Social Democratic Party (SDP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 5. Japan Communist Party (JCP) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 6. People's New Party (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 7. ×
- 8. Other ( ) (proceed to Q10-SQ1)
- 9. No such party (proceed to Q10-SQ2)
- 10. DK (proceed to Q10-SQ2)
- 11. NA (proceed to Q10-SQ2)

**[Asked to those who chose 1 to 8 in Q10]**

Q10-SQ1. How strongly do you support this party: enthusiastically or not so enthusiastically?

- 1. Enthusiastically (proceed Q11)
- 2. Not so enthusiastically (proceed Q11)
- 3. DK (proceed Q11)
- 4. NA (proceed Q11)

**[Asked to those who chose 9 to 11 in Q10]**

Q10-SQ2. If you are to name one party that you favor the most, which do you choose?

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. LDP                | (proceed Q11) |
| 2. DPJ                | (proceed Q11) |
| 3. CGP                | (proceed Q11) |
| 4. SDP                | (proceed Q11) |
| 5. JCP                | (proceed Q11) |
| 6. People's New Party | (proceed Q11) |
| 7. ×                  |               |
| 8. Other ( )          | (proceed Q11) |
| 9. No such party      | (proceed Q11) |
| 10. DK                | (proceed Q11) |
| 11. NA                | (proceed Q11) |

**[For all respondents]**

Q11. Is there a political party you would never support? ...Is there any other party that you would never support? (M.A.)

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

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

(1) First, please tell us what you like about the Aso 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 Aso 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

Q13. Generally speaking, what kind of party is the LDP? Please tell us what you think about this party. Any comment is welcome. For example, is there something you like or dislike about the LDP? ...Anything else? (Open Ended)

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

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

1. DK
2. NA

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

1. DK
2. NA

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

1. DK
2. NA

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

1. DK
2. NA

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

1. DK
2. NA

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

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

1. None in particular
2. DK
3. NA

Q15. Do you intend to vote in the upcoming House of Representatives election? Or have you already voted by absentee ballot/early vote?

1. I have already voted by absentee ballot/early vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ1)
2. I plan to vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ3)
3. I will probably vote. (proceed to Q15-SQ3)
4. I will probably abstain from voting. (proceed to Q16)
5. I plan to abstain from voting. (proceed to Q16)
6. I have not decided/DK (proceed to Q16)
7. NA (proceed to Q16)

Q15-SQ1 Which candidate did you vote for in the single-member constituency election?

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

<Party Code>

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. LDP                | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ                | 9. New Party Daichi        |
| 3. CGP                | 10. Other ( )              |
| 4. SDP                | 11. Independents           |
| 5. JCP                | 12. DK                     |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA                     |
| 7. New Party Nippon   |                            |

Q15-SQ2 Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation election?

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|--------|-----------------------|
| 1. LDP | 6. People's New Party |
| 2. DPJ | 7. x                  |



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| 3. CGP | 8. Other ( ) |
| 4. SDP | 9. DK        |
| 5. JCP | 10. NA       |

**[Asked to those who chose 2 and 3 in Q15]**

Q15-SQ3 Have you decided for whom to vote in the single-member constituency election?

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| 1. I have decided for whom to vote.           | (proceed to Q15-SQ4) |
| 2. I have decided for which party to vote.    | (proceed to Q15-SQ5) |
| 3. Not decided on the candidate or the party. | (proceed to Q15-SQ6) |
| 4. DK   | (proceed to Q15-SQ6) |
| 5. NA   | (proceed to Q15-SQ6) |

Q15-SQ4 For whom will you vote?

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

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

<Party Code>

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. LDP                | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ                | 9. New Party Daichi        |
| 3. CGP                | 10. Other ( )              |
| 4. SDP                | 11. Independents           |
| 5. JCP                | 12. DK                     |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA                     |
| 7. New Party Nippon   |                            |

(proceed to Q15-SQ6)

Q15-SQ5 For which party will you vote?

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

(proceed to Q15-SQ6)

Q15-SQ6 For which party will you vote in the proportional representation election?

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

**[To those who have answered 1~3 in Q15]**

Q15-SQ7 Please confirm the party you intend to vote for in the single-member constituency election and the proportional representation election: are they the same or

different?

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| 1. The same party    | (proceed to Q16)     |
| 2. Different parties | (proceed to Q15-SQ8) |
| 3. DK                | (proceed to Q16)     |
| 4. NA                | (proceed to Q16)     |

**[To those who answered “Different parties” in Q15-SQ7]**

Q15-SQ8 Why is that? Please choose one from the list.

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

**[For all respondents]**

Q16. Please recall the previous House of Representatives election held in 2005 under the Koizumi Cabinet. Did you vote in that election? (For those who did not vote) Was it abstention or were you not eligible to vote?

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

**[To those who have answered 1 in Q16]**

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

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. LDP                | 7. New Party Nippon |
| 2. DPJ                | 8. Other ( )        |
| 3. CGP                | 9. Independents     |
| 4. SDP                | 10. Forgotten       |
| 5. JCP                | 11. DK              |
| 6. People's New Party | 12. NA              |

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

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

**[For all respondents]**

Q17. Please recall the previous House of Councilors election held in 2007 under the Abe Cabinet. Did you vote in that election? (For those who did not vote) Was it abstention or were you not eligible to vote?

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. I voted.                   | (proceed to Q17-SQ1) |
| 2. I abstained                | (proceed to Q18)     |
| 3. I was not eligible to vote | (proceed to Q18)     |
| 4. DK or forgotten            | (proceed to Q18)     |
| 5. NA                         | (proceed to Q18)     |

**[To those who have answered 1 in Q17]**

Q17-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the prefectural constituency election?

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. LDP                | 7. New Party Nippon |
| 2. DPJ                | 8. Other ( )        |
| 3. CGP                | 9. Independents     |
| 4. SDP                | 10. Forgotten       |
| 5. JCP                | 11. DK              |
| 6. People's New Party | 12. NA              |

Q17-SQ2. For which party (or party's candidate) did you vote in the proportional-representation election?

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

**[For all respondents]**

Q18. Which political parties do you think have the ability to be in charge of the government? Choose as many parties as you like from the list. (M. A.)

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

Q19. (We would like to know your thoughts on recently expressed opinions regarding several national issues.) First, statements A and B address the issues of the financial reconstruction and the contra-cyclical policy.

- A. When the economic climate as is bad as it is now, the government should 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.

Q19-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                    |

Q19-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                   |

Q19-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? We will start with the LDP.

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

(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                    |

Q20. Statements A and B address the issue of the right to collective self-defense.

A. In order to strengthen the Japan-US security regime, the use of the right to collective self-defense should be approved.

B. Because Japan might be involved in international conflicts, the use of the right to collective self-defense should not be approved.

Q20-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is the 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                    |

Q20-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                   |

Q20-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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                    |

Q21. Statements A and B address the issue of public welfare and the public burden.

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

Q21-SQ1. Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that 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                    |

Q21-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                   |

Q21-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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                    |

Q22. Statements A and B address the issue of global warming.

- A. Because it is difficult to increase thermal power plants which emit CO<sub>2</sub> for controlling global warming, to increase nuclear power plants which do not emit CO<sub>2</sub> is inevitable to cope with the consumption of electricity.
- B. Not to increase nuclear power plants, it is inevitable to increase thermal power plants which emit CO<sub>2</sub> to cope with the consumption of electricity even if the target of controlling global warming will not be achieved.

Q22-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                    |

Q22-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                   |

Q22-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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                    |

Q23. 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.

Q23-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                    |

Q23-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                   |

Q23-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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                    |

Q24. 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.

Q24-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                    |

Q24-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                   |

Q24-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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                    |

Q25. 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.

Q25-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                    |

Q25-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                   |

Q25-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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

- |                 |                          |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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                    |

Q26. 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.

Q26-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                    |

Q26-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                   |

Q26-SQ3. Which opinion do you think the following political parties agree with concerning this issue? **[Note for interviewer: Ask in the same question for each party down the list.]**

(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                    |



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

Q30 Which type of government do you wish to have after the upcoming House of Representatives election?

1. Single party government led by the LDP
2. Coalition government led by the LDP and other parties, excluding the DPJ
3. Coalition government led by various parties including the LDP and the DPJ
4. Single party government led by the DPJ
5. Coalition government led by the DPJ and other parties, excluding the LDP
6. Other ( )
7. DK
8. NA

Q31. Statements A and B address the issue of the “twisted” Diet where the majority parties are different between the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors.

- A. The “twisted” Diet is desirable because it brings about more careful and deepened deliberation.
- B. The “twisted” Diet is undesirable because it brings about partisan antagonism and inefficiency of deliberation.

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

Q32 Regardless of whether or not there is an upcoming election, some people show continuous interests in politics, and others don't. How much do you pay attention to the political situation?

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

Q33 Do you support the Aso Cabinet? Choose one from the following.

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

Q34. 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

Q35. 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

Q36. How do you anticipate Japan's economic climate to be a year from now?

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

Q37. 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    2. Somewhat agree    3. Neither agree nor disagree  
4. Somewhat disagree    5. Disagree    6. DK    7. NA

(14) I feel that my opinions and concerns are not accepted by others in the world.

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

(15) If I continue to live the way I do now, I will never realize my dreams.

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

Q38. 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

Q39. 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

Q40. 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

Q41. 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

Q42. (1) What kind of expectations do you have for the Aso Cabinet? First of all, how about 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 their political leadership?

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

(5) Overall, what kind of future expectations do you have for the Aso Cabinet?

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

Q43. How reliable are the following? Choose one that best reflects your opinion for each item. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statements listed.]**

(1) The ruling parties.

- 1. Very reliable      2. Somewhat reliable      3. Somewhat unreliable
- 4. Not reliable      5. DK      6. NA

(2) Political parties as institutions.

- 1. Very reliable      2. Somewhat reliable      3. Somewhat unreliable
- 4. Not reliable      5. DK      6. NA

(3) The general behavior of political parties and politicians.

- 1. Very reliable      2. Somewhat reliable      3. Somewhat unreliable
- 4. Not reliable      5. DK      6. NA

(4) Indirect democracy such as the electoral process.

- 1. Very reliable      2. Somewhat reliable      3. Somewhat unreliable
- 4. Not reliable      5. DK      6. NA

Q44. Do you appreciate the postal privatization and several other reforms by the

Koizumi Cabinet?

1. Appreciate
2. Somewhat appreciate
3. Can't decide
4. Not appreciate much
5. Not appreciate at all
6. DK
7. NA

Q45. List as many ministries and governmental agencies as you can think of.

[Note for interviewer: Circle all responses and record the total number (minimum 0, maximum 14). Count only the correct responses. If the respondent clearly states "I do not know," mark 15.]

1. National Police Agency
2. Ministry of Defense
3. Financial Services Agency
4. Cabinet Office
5. Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
6. Ministry of Justice
7. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
8. Ministry of Finance
9. Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
10. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
11. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
12. Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
13. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
14. Ministry of the Environment

Total: (            )            15. DK

[For all respondents]

Q46. Think of a person over 20 y. o. with whom you talk about the Japanese Prime Minister, politicians and elections. The following questions concern him/her.

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

1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(1)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q46-(1)-A)

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

1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(1)-SQ3)
2. No (proceed to Q47)

Q46. (1)-SQ1. What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse
2. Another immediate family member
3. A relative
4. A coworker
5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group
6. An acquaintance from another group
7. A neighbor
8. A friend
9. Other (            )
10. DK
11. NA

Q46. (1)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

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

Q46. (1)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

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

Q46. (1)-SQ4. Did you talk about following matters with that person? (M.A.)



1. Talk about interpretation of political phenomena including election
2. State your own opinion
3. Talk about election and politicians as topics of social conversation
4. DK
5. NA

Q46. (1)-SQ5. How well do you think that person knows politics?

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

Q46. (1)-SQ6. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

Q46. (1)-SQ7. Do you think that person supports the Aso Cabinet?

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

Q46. (1)-SQ8. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

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

Q46. (1)-SQ9. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

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

Q46. (2) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(2)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q46-(2)-A)

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

1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(2)-SQ3)
2. No (proceed to Q47)

Q46. (2)-SQ1. What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse
2. Another immediate family member
3. A relative
4. A coworker
5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group
6. An acquaintance from another group
7. A neighbor
8. A friend
9. Other ( )
10. DK
11. NA

Q46. (2)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

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

Q46. (2)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

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

Q46. (2)-SQ4. Did you talk about following matters with that person? (M.A.)

1. Talk about interpretation of political phenomena including election

2. State your own opinion
3. Talk about election and politicians as topics of social conversation
4. DK
5. NA

Q46. (2)-SQ5. How well do you think that person knows politics?

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

Q46. (2)-SQ6. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

Q46. (2)-SQ7. Do you think that person supports the Aso Cabinet?

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

Q46. (2)-SQ8. Do you think that you and that person are similar, in the way you think and do things?

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

Q46. (2)-SQ9. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

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

Q46. (3) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(3)-SQ1)
2. No (proceed to Q46-(3)-A)

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

1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(3)-SQ3)
2. No (proceed to Q46-SQ10)

Q46. (3)-SQ1. What is your relation to the person you talk with?

1. Spouse
2. Another immediate family member
3. A relative
4. A coworker
5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group
6. An acquaintance from another group
7. A neighbor
8. A friend
9. Other ( )
10. DK
11. NA

Q46. (3)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

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

Q46. (3)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

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

Q46. (3)-SQ4. Did you talk about following matters with that person? (M.A.)

1. Talk about interpretation of political phenomena including election
2. State your own opinion

- 3. Talk about election and politicians as topics of social conversation
- 4. DK
- 5. NA

Q46. (3)-SQ5. How well do you think that person knows politics?

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

Q46. (3)-SQ6. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

Q46. (3)-SQ7. Do you think that person supports the Aso Cabinet?

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

Q46. (3)-SQ8. Do you think that you and that person are similar; in the way you think and do things?

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

Q46. (3)-SQ9. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

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

Q46. (4) Is there anyone else with whom you talk to about the Prime Minister, politicians and elections?

- 1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(4)-SQ1)
- 2. No (proceed to Q46-(4)-A)

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

- 1. Yes (proceed to Q46-(4)-SQ3)
- 2. No (proceed to Q46-SQ10)

Q46. (4)-SQ1. What is your relation to the person you talk with?

- 1. Spouse
- 2. Another immediate family member
- 3. A relative
- 4. A coworker
- 5. An acquaintance from a leisure activity group
- 6. An acquaintance from another group
- 7. A neighbor
- 8. A friend
- 9. Other ( )
- 10. DK
- 11. NA

Q46. (4)-SQ2. What is the gender of that person?

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

Q46. (4)-SQ3. Recently, how often did you talk about politicians, election and politics with that person?

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

Q46. (4)-SQ4. Did you talk about following matters with that person? (M.A.)

- 1. Talk about interpretation of political phenomena including election
- 2. State your own opinion
- 3. Talk about election and politicians as topics of social conversation

4. DK
5. NA

Q46. (4)-SQ5. How well do you think that person knows politics?

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

Q46. (4)-SQ6. Which party do you think that person will vote for in the upcoming House of Representatives election?

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

Q46. (4)-SQ7. Do you think that person supports the Aso Cabinet?

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

Q46. (4)-SQ8. Do you think that you and that person are similar in the way you think and do things?

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

Q46. (4)-SQ9. Is that person socially superior, socially inferior, or about equal?

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

**[Note for interviewer: For those who have responded to two or more (including his/her spouse), proceed to SQ10.]**

Q46.-SQ10. Does the first person know any of the other people that you have just mentioned? (M. A.)

1. The 2nd person
2. The 3rd person
3. The 4th person
4. No
5. DK
6. NA

**[Note for interviewer: For those who have responded to three or more (including his/her spouse), proceed to SQ11.]**

Q46.-SQ11. Do the other people you just mentioned know each other? (M. A.)

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> know each other.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> know each other
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> know each other.
4. No
5. DK
6. NA

Q47. From which newspaper(s) do you usually obtain political information? (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 Shinpo

- 9. Chunichi Newspaper
- 10. Kobe Newspaper
- 11. Chugoku Newspaper
- 12. Nishi-nihon Newspaper
- 13. Some other newspaper ( )
- 14. None
- 15. DK
- 16. NA

**Q48.** Do you use cellular phones and/or computers? Please include use at home, work, and school when answering. How often do you use your cellular 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

**Q48-SQ. [For those who circled 1, 2 or 3 in any of Q48(2) – (5).]**

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

(1) Read political news on the Internet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(10) Speak out about politics on the Internet

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

**[For all respondents]**

Q49. About how many New Year Cards did you write last New Year? Include all New Year correspondences including e-mail.

( ) New Year cards

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| 0 | None |
| 1 | DK   |
| 2 | NA   |

**[Face sheet]**

F1. Gender

1. Male
2. Female

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

- |           |                |            |              |             |
|-----------|----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Meiji  | } (circle one) | Day: _____ | Month: _____ | Year: _____ |
| 2. Taisho |                | Age ( )    |              |             |
| 3. Showa  |                |            |              |             |

F3. Place of Residence: Have you lived in your present location (or within 30 minutes by

foot from your present location) all your life, or moved from other place?

1. All my life (proceed to F4)
2. Moved from other place (proceed to F3(1))

F3(1). So, how long have you lived in your present location (or within 30 minutes by foot from your present location)?

1. 3 years or less
2. 4 to 9 years
3. 10 to 14 years
4. 15 years or more
5. DK/NA

**[For all respondents]**

F4. Education: What is your highest level of education?

1. Primary or lower-secondary school (junior high school)
2. High school
3. Junior college and trade school
4. University and graduate school
5. DK/NA

F5. Employment Information:

(1) What is your current employment status?

1. Employed (proceed to F5(2))
2. Self-employed (proceed to F5(2))
3. Work in a family business (proceed to F5(2))
4. Student (proceed to F5(3))
5. Housewife (proceed to F5(3))
6. Unemployed (proceed to F5(3))
7. Other ( ) (proceed to F5(3))
8. DK/NA (proceed to F5(3))

**[Asked to those who answered 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 (proceed to F6(2))
2. Self-employed (proceed to F6(2))
3. Work in a family business (proceed to F6(2))
4. Student (proceed to F6(3))
5. Housewife (proceed to F6(3))
6. Unemployed (proceed to F6(3))
7. Other ( ) (proceed to F6(3))
8. DK/NA (proceed to F6(3))

**[Asked to those whoa answered 1~3 in F6(1)]**

F6(2) Number of people at his/her workplace: Including the various branches and business offices, how many people in total work at the company/store in which this person is employed? If he/she is 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

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

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. DK/NA

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

1. Less than 2 million yen
2. G. E. 2 ~ L. T. 3 million
3. G. E. 3 ~ L. T. 4 million
4. G. E. 4 ~ L. T. 5 million
5. G. E. 5 ~ L. T. 6 million
6. G. E. 6 ~ L. T. 7 million
7. G. E. 7 ~ L. T. 8 million
8. G. E. 8 ~ L. T. 10 million
9. G. E. 10 ~ L. T. 12 million
10. G. E. 12 ~ L. T. 14 million
11. G. E. 14 ~ L. T. 20 million
12. More than 20 million yen
13. DK
14. NA

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation with this survey!

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<For the Interviewer>

Date of Interview:

Length of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Number of times visited to complete the survey: