

House of Councilors Post-Election Survey 2010

Q1. Did you vote in the House of Councilors election on July 11th?

1. Voted on the day of the election (proceed to Q1-SQ1)
2. Voted by absentee ballot/did early vote (proceed to Q1-SQ1)
3. Abstained from voting (proceed to Q1-SQ12)
4. DK (proceed to Q2(1))
5. NA (proceed to Q2(1))

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

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

1. Yes (proceed to Q1-SQ2)
2. No (proceed to Q1-SQ6)
3. DK (proceed to Q1-SQ6)
4. NA (proceed to Q1-SQ6)

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: _____

Code: _____

<Party Code>

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

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 When did you make your final decision about for whom to vote in the prefectural constituency election? Choose from one of the following.

1. On election day
2. 1 to 2 days before the election
3. 3 to 7 days before the election
4. Sometime between the official announcement and a week before the election
5. Before the official announcement
6. DK

7. NA

Q1-SQ5. 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 party leaders.
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-SQ6. For the proportional representation election, did you vote for a political party or a candidate?

1. Voted for a candidate (proceed to Q1-SQ7)
2. Voted for a party (proceed to Q1-SQ8)
3. Did not vote (proceed to Q2)
4. DK (proceed to Q2)
5. NA (proceed to Q2)

Q1-SQ7. Which member of which party did you vote for?

Candidate code:

Party code:

[Note to 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 SQ8. For the candidate codes DK is 88 and NA is 99]

Q1-SQ8. Which party did you vote for?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party
8. Japan Renaissance Party
9. Sunrise Party of Japan
10. Other (_____)
11. DK
12. NA

Q1-SQ9. When you voted in the proportional representation election, how much attention did you pay to the list of candidates from each party?

1. A lot of attention
2. Some attention
3. Somewhat less attention
4. No attention
5. DK
6. NA

Q1-SQ10. When did you make your final decision about for whom to vote in the proportional representation election? Choose one from the following.

1. On election day
2. 1 to 2 days before the election
3. 3 to 7 days before the election
4. Sometime between the official announcement and a week before the election
5. Before the official announcement

6. DK
7. NA

Q1-SQ11. 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 party leaders.
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

[To those who have answered 3 in Q1.]

Q1-SQ12. When did you decide not to vote in the House of Councilors election?

1. On the election day
2. 1 to 2 days before the election
3. 3 to 7 days before the election
4. Sometime between the official announcement and a week before the election
5. Before the official announcement
6. DK
7. NA

[To those who have answered 3 in Q1.]

Q1-SQ13. Then what is the reason why you did not vote?

Please choose the reason most appropriate from the list.

1. I wanted to vote, but did not have time due to work or a similar reason
2. I did not have time because of other commitments, such as travel or shopping
3. I felt that it was too bothersome to go and vote
4. There was no candidate or political party that made me want to vote
5. The candidates and political parties were all the same
6. My vote will not improve society regardless of which candidate or political party I choose
7. Forgot about the Election Day / did not know which day was Election Day
8. Other reason (please specify: _____)
9. DK
10. NA

[For all respondents]

Q2 (1). What are your thoughts on the number of LDP seats won in the House of Representatives election? Please choose one from below.

1. I'd hope there to be more seats for LDP.
2. There are about the right number of LDP seats.
3. I think there are too many.
4. DK
5. NA

(2). How about for DPJ? Please choose one from below.

1. I'd hope there to be more seats for DPJ.
2. There are about the right number of DPJ seats.

3. I think there are too many.
4. DK
5. NA

Q3. Are you satisfied with the result of the latest House of Councilors election? Please choose from one of the following.

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

Q4. Do you approve the change of government resulting from the 2009 general election?

1. Very much approve
2. More or less approve
3. Neither approve nor disapprove
4. More or less disapprove
5. Very much disapprove

Q5. So, how do you feel about Japanese politics after the change of government?

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

Q6. During the recent House of Councilors election, how much interest did you have in the campaigns the different parties and candidates conducted? Please choose from one of the following.

1. I had a great deal of interest in the campaigns.
2. I had some interest in the campaigns.
3. I had somewhat less interest in the campaigns.
4. I had hardly any interest in the campaigns.
5. DK
6. NA

Q7. In the recent House of Councilors election, did you try to persuade your friends, family members, acquaintances, etc. to vote for a particular party or candidate? Choose one from the following.

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| 1. Tried to persuade a lot | (proceed to Q7-SQ1) |
| 2. Tried to persuade several times | (proceed to Q7-SQ1) |
| 3. Tried to persuade a few times | (proceed to Q7-SQ1) |
| 4. Did not try to persuade at all | (proceed to Q8) |
| 5. DK | (proceed to Q8) |
| 6. NA | (proceed to Q8) |

[To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q7.]

Q7-SQ1. Which party did you try to persuade them to vote for?

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. DK |
| 5. JCP | 12. NA |
| 6. People's New Party | |
| 7. Your Party | |

[To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q7.]

Q7-SQ2. Whom did you try to persuade? (M.A.)

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

Q8. On the other hand, did someone you know, including your friends, family members, relatives, etc., try to persuade you to vote for a particular party or candidate? Choose one from the following.

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| 1. Persuaded a lot | (proceed to Q8-SQ1(1)) |
| 2. Persuaded several times | (proceed to Q8-SQ1(1)) |
| 3. Persuaded a few times | (proceed to Q8-SQ1(1)) |
| 4. Did not persuade at all | (proceed to Q9) |
| 5. DK | (proceed to Q9) |
| 6. NA | (proceed to Q9) |

[To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q8.]

Q8-SQ1 (1). Which party were you most persuaded to vote for?

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () | |
| 4. SDP | 11. DK | (proceed to Q9) |
| 5. JCP | 12. NA | (proceed to Q9) |
| 6. People's New Party | | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

[To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q8.]

Q8-SQ1 (2). Who tried to persuade you? (M.A.)

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

[To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q8.]

Q8-SQ2 (1). So, which party were you 2nd most persuaded to vote for?

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () | |
| 4. SDP | 11. None | (proceed to Q9) |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | (proceed to Q9) |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | (proceed to Q9) |
| 7. Your Party | | |

[To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q8.]

Q8-SQ2 (2). Who tried to persuade you? (M.A.)

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

[For all respondents]

Q9. Since May 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? Please choose as many as possible. (M.A.) **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () | |
| 4. SDP | 11. None | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () | |
| 4. SDP | 11. None | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () | |
| 4. SDP | 11. None | |

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| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(5.) Helped the election campaigns.

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(6.) Being a member of the candidate's support group. (Not including support groups other than the candidate's e.g. Support groups for the prefecture assembly)

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(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)

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(8.) Heard about the *Manifesto*

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(9.) Have been approached via the Internet.

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |

7. Your Party

Q10. Next, I would like to ask a few questions about Japan's political parties. Please answer the following questions concerning the LDP, DPJ, CGP, SDJ, JCP, PNP, YP, JRP, and the SPJ regardless of the party you support. **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

(1.) Which party has the best leader, that is, the best president or chairperson representing their party?

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(2.) Which party has the best fundamental positions and policies?

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

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

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |

7. Your Party

Q11. Political parties advocated *manifesto* in this election campaign and the policies stated became political issues. Which parties had the most appropriate policies for each of the issues below? Choose one party from the following. **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

(1.) Economic reform and countermeasure for unemployment

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(2.) Reform of financial market and industries

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(3.) Reform of budget

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(4.) Reform of pension system

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(5.) Reform of Diet

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(6.) Welfare system

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(7.) Reform of National Public Officers' Systems

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(8.) Reform of expressway administration

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(9.) Reform of postal service

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(10.) Discussion of the rate of consumption tax

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(11.) Discussion of issues of the Constitution

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(12.) Recovering public safety of the country

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(13.) Promotion of diplomacy in accord to national interest

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(14.) Reform of education system

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(15.) Combating population decrease

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(16.) Combating environmental problems including global warming

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(17.) National security and defense

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party | |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan | |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other (|) |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same | |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK | |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA | |
| 7. Your Party | | |

(18.) Childrearing support

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

(19.) Relocation of U.S. Futenma Base

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| 1. LDP | 8. Japan Renaissance Party |
| 2. DPJ | 9. Sunrise Party of Japan |
| 3. CGP | 10. Other () |
| 4. SDP | 11. None/All about the same |
| 5. JCP | 12. DK |
| 6. People's New Party | 13. NA |
| 7. Your Party | |

Q12. Please tell me your opinion on the issues argued during the election.

(1) Statements A and B address the issue of consumption tax rate.

- A. For assurance of sound financial status, consumption tax rate should be raised.
 B. For assurance of sound financial status, wasteful public enterprises should be cut.

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 |

(2) Statements A and B address the issue of relocation of U.S. Futenma Base in Okinawa.

- A. For citizens of Okinawa prefecture have shouldered the burden, moving Futenma Base outside Japan (or at least outside Okinawa) should be looked for.
 B. In order to relocate Futenma Base, it should be moved to Henoko in Okinawa prefecture.

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 |

(3) Statements A and B address the issue of child allowance.

- A. According to the DPJ's Manifesto, additional allowance should be provided by cash.
 B. Additional allowance should be provided in kind such as increasing in the quota of nursery schools.

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 |

(4) Statements A and B address the issue of corporation tax rate.

- A. In order to prevent enterprises to escape from Japan, corporation tax rate should be reduced.
 B. For the national financial status is not in good condition, corporation tax rate should not be reduced.

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. Statements A and B address the issue of the Japanese Diet.

- A. The bicameral system should be maintained because this system is effective to check political power.
- B. The bicameral system should be abolished for it brings the government into confusion, and the Unicameral system should be introduced.

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

Q14. Do you think the Japanese politics is going well now? Please choose from one of the following,

- 1. It is going well
- 2. It is going well to some extent
- 3. It is not going well so much
- 4. It is not going well at all
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

Q15. Do you think the Japanese economy is going well now? Please choose from one of the following.

- 1. It is going well
- 2. It is going well to some extent
- 3. It is not going well so much
- 4. It is not going well at all
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

Q16. The following are the statements often made about politics. How do you feel about each of them? Do you agree or disagree? **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statement listed.]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q17. The following statements are about the relationship between Japanese people and elections or politics. Choose the response that best reflects your opinion. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statement 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

Q18. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please choose one for each question. **[Note for interviewer: Ask in this manner for each question.]**

(1) Japan should strengthen its military defensive capabilities.

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

(2) Even if Japan has to make concessions, it should quickly resolve any trade disputes with other countries.

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

(3) Social welfare such as pensions and medical care for the elderly should be fulfilled as much as possible even when the public finance is suffering

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

(4) Even if the government's service worsens, I'd prefer a small government that does not spend a lot of money.

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

(5) Japan has not fully atoned for the crimes that it has committed in the past against other Asian countries.

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

(6) The Emperor should have a larger voice in government than is currently allowed.

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

(7) Japan should never have nuclear weapons.

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

(8) The US-Japan security alliance should be strengthened

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

(9) Labor workers should have a larger voice in important decisions.

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

(10) Civil servants and labor workers in public corporations should be allowed to go on strike.

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

(11) In order to increase the number of women in higher levels and careers, the government

should set up a special system.

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

(12) Aside from the elderly and handicapped, everyone else should live without relying on social welfare.

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

(13) Japan's bureaucracy does not operate efficiently and should therefore be completely reformed.

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

(14) Money politics and political corruption should be completely straightened out from now on.

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

(15) Even though Japan gave up its northern region, it should still be on good terms with Russia.

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

(16) Until the abduction problems are solved, we should not give economic aid to North Korea.

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

Q19. 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

Q20. Please recall the House of Representatives election held in 2005 under the Koizumi Cabinet. Did you vote in that election?

1. I voted. (proceed to Q20-SQ1)
2. I abstained (proceed to Q21)
3. I was not eligible to vote (proceed to Q21)
4. DK or forgotten (proceed to Q21)
5. NA (proceed to Q21)

[Asked to those who chose 1 in Q20.]

Q20-SQ1. For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-member constituency election?

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

Q20-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. ×
8. Other ()
9. Forgotten
10. DK
11. NA

[To all respondents]

Q21. How do you feel about the Hatoyama Cabinet? Choose as many statements as you like from

the list. (M. A.)

1. It achieved historic change of government.
2. It brought the era of two-party system to Japan.
3. It introduced several policies that the LDP government had been unable to implement.
4. It introduced several institutional reforms that the LDP government had been unable to implement.
5. It lost sight of governmental direction and wandered about.
6. There was some doubt about ability of the Cabinet members.
7. Notwithstanding the change of government, there were only a few things improved.
8. The quality of politicians was almost same as that of under the LDP government.
9. ×
10. DK
11. NA

Q22. During the most recent election campaign, from which of the following did you hear about and watch the most regarding the election? (M. A.)

1. "Ohayo Nippon" (NHK)
2. "Zoom in!! Super" (NTV)
3. Monta Mino's "Asazuba!" (TBS)
4. "Mezamashi TV" (Fuji TV)
5. "Yajiuma Plus" (TV Asahi)

6. NHK news programs (NHK)
7. "news every." (NTV)
8. "N Suta" (TBS)
9. "Super News" (Fuji TV)
10. "Super J Channel" (TV Asahi)
11. "NEWS FINE" (TV Tokyo)

12. "NEWS ZERO" (NTV)
13. "News 23 Kurosu" (TBS)
14. "LIVE2010 News JAPAN" (Fuji TV)
15. "Houdou Station" (TV Asahi)
16. "World Business Satellite" (TV Tokyo)

17. "Wake Up! PLUS" (NTV)
18. Yasuhiro Tase's "Shukan News Shinsho" (TV Tokyo)
19. "Houdou7days Newscaster" (TBS)

20. "The Sunday NEXT" (NTV)
21. "Sunday Morning" (TBS)
22. "Houdou 2001" (Fuji TV)
23. "Sunday Front Line" (TV Asahi)
24. "Shinsou Houdou Bankisha!" (NTV)
25. "Mr. Sunday" (Fuji TV)

26. "Sukkiri!!" (NTV)
27. "Tokudane!" (Fuji TV)
28. "Super Morning" (TV Asahi)
29. "Jouhou Live Miyaneya" (NTV)
30. "Hiruobi!" (TBS)
31. "Wide! Scramble" (TV Asahi)

32. Other television program(s) ()
33. Radio program(s) ()
34. Weekly magazine(s)

35. DK

36. NA

Q23. We would like to ask several questions regarding use of the Internet during an election campaign. How do you feel about following statements? Choose the answer that best reflects your attitude toward each statement. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statement listed.]**

(1) Permitting to use the Internet is undesirable because some people do not know much about the Internet.

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

(2) Permitting to use the Internet is desirable because information about political parties and candidates will be able to be acquired more easily and precisely.

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

(3) It is undesirable that political parties, candidates, and the electorate exchange their opinions on the SNS (e.g. mixi, GREE, etc.) during an election campaign because slander will be spreaded.

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

(4) It should be permitted to use the Internet for voluntary election campaigns by the electorate.

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

(5) It is desirable that political parties, candidates, and the electorate exchange their opinions on the Internet during an election campaign.

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

Q24. We would like to ask several questions regarding politics in general. How do you feel about following statements? Choose the answer that best reflects your attitude toward each statement. **[Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statement listed.]**

(1) Politics is something a person must actively seek to work on by oneself.

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

(2) Politics is something to be put under civil surveillance.

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

(3) Politics can only take its course.

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

(4) If possible, I don't want to get involved in political matters.

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

(5) My life has nothing to do with politics.

1. Agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree

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| 1. Very much | 2. Somewhat | 3. Not so much |
| 4. Not at all | 5. DK | 6. NA |

Q29. 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) environmental/political/ethical reason.
15. None of the above
16. DK
17. NA

Q30. Have you ever participated in a debate in an attempt to talk/think about/solve any of the following issues? **[Note for the interviewer: Ask all the questions in the same manner.]**

(1) Local issues

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| 1. A couple of times | 2. Once or twice | 3. Never | 4. DK | 5. NA |
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(1) Education issues

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| 1. A couple of times | 2. Once or twice | 3. Never | 4. DK | 5. NA |
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(2) Welfare issues

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| 1. A couple of times | 2. Once or twice | 3. Never | 4. DK | 5. NA |
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(3) Consumer issues

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|----------------------|------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| 1. A couple of times | 2. Once or twice | 3. Never | 4. DK | 5. NA |
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(4) Environmental issues

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| 1. A couple of times | 2. Once or twice | 3. Never | 4. DK | 5. NA |
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Q31. 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.

(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

1. This country is run to benefit the interest of a few big organizations.
2. This country is run on behalf of people as a whole.
3. DK
4. NA

Q40. Now, tell us about various organizations and groups you belong to. How actively do you participate in the following groups?

(1) Jichi-kai/Residential association

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(2) PTA

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(3) Trade association/Farm organization

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(4) Labor union

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)
3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(5) Consumers' corporative

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(6) NPO/NGO

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(7) Volunteer organization

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(8) Residential movement group/ Citizens' movement group

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(9) Religious group

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(10) Alumni association

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(11) Koenkai (Candidate support organization)

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(12) Out of hours co-worker group

1. I am an active member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member

(proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(13) Study/training group

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

(14) Hobby circle

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ5)

3. Not at all

4. DK

5. NA

SQ1. Is there a clear hierarchy amongst the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ2. Are there active exchanges with non-members of the organization? Y/N

SQ3. Do you feel that you share similar values/actions with other members of the organization? Y/N

SQ4. Did you talk about political/social problems and/or recent House of Councilors election with the members in the organization? Y/N

SQ5. Are there any members who have different opinions or values with you in the organization? Y/N

Q41. 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

Q42. How often are you conscious of the following? [Note for interviewer: Ask the same question for all statement listed.]

(1) A society exists on cooperation by people of various ability and personality.

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

- (2) Many of the social events have some effects upon us after all.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- (3) Many of the social events have a great influence on our lives.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- (4) Most of the social phenomena have some relationships with us.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- (5) Social events that we watch in the TV news are deeply related to our own lives.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- (6) Each of us should have social awareness to keep our society sound.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- (7) People must actively seek to work on the society by themselves.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- (8) Not only trying to enrich our own lives, we should be interested in the social goals.
1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Seldom 4. Never 5. DK 6. NA
- Q43. Modern Japanese society consists of people from various different backgrounds. Please express your thoughts on the following perspectives that I am going to read out to you.

- (1) We should be more tolerant of people who choose different value standards from our own.
1. Yes, I agree. 2. I agree to a certain extent. 3. I can neither agree, nor disagree.
4. I do not really think so. 5. I disagree. 6. DK 7. NA
- (2) When anti-democratic organizations request the use of public halls (facilities in general) for their rallies, the city hall must give permission, so long as they meet other requirements set by the rule.
1. Yes, I agree. 2. I agree to a certain extent. 3. I can neither agree, nor disagree.
4. I do not really think so. 5. I disagree. 6. DK 7. NA
- (3) The number of foreign immigrants permitted to live in Japan should be decreased.
1. I think they should increase. 2. I think they should increase a little.
3. I can say neither. 4. I think they should decrease a little.
5. I think they should decrease. 6. DK 7. NA
- (4) Anti-democratic organizations should be made illegal.
1. Yes, I agree. 2. I agree to a certain extent. 3. I can neither agree, nor disagree.
4. I do not really think so. 5. I disagree. 6. DK 7. NA

Q44. 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 statement listed.]**

- (1) Most people can be trusted
1. I think so
 2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
 3. I'm in between thinking so and not thinking so
 4. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
 5. I don't think so
 6. DK
 7. NA
- (2) Most people will respond kindly when they are trusted by others.
1. I think so

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

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

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

(4) If I am helped by someone, I will help a someone as well.

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

(5) I try to be kind to other people even when I cannot expect gratitude immediately.

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

(6) If I show kindness to someone, it will return to me in the future.

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

Q45. There are two opinions (A and B) regarding our way of life. Which reflects your opinion best?

A: Being averse to running a risk of a big failure, I would like to advance step by step.

B: If there is a good chance to success, I would like to challenge courageously to seek my fortune.

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

Q46. There are two opinions (A and B) regarding inter-marriage. Which reflects your opinion best?
Which reflects your opinion best?

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

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

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

Q47. If you had free-flowing funds at hand, how would you use it? A or B?

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

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

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

Q48. (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 Q49)
6. NA (proceed to Q49)

[Asked to those who chose 1 to 4 in Q48 (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]

Q49. I'd like to ask you a question regarding the Japanese Constitution. Which of the following Articles includes the text renouncing war?

1. Article 1
2. Article 5
3. Article 9
4. Article 17
5. DK
6. NA

Q50. By recent House of Councilors election, how many members were elected from prefectural constituencies and by proportional representation respectively?

1. Proportional representation: 50, prefectural constituencies: 72
2. Proportional representation: 41, prefectural constituencies: 70
3. Proportional representation: 45, prefectural constituencies: 76
4. Proportional representation: 48, prefectural constituencies: 73

Q51. A bill which is passed by the House of Representatives, and upon which the House of Councillors makes a decision different from that of the House of Representatives, becomes a

law when passed a second time by the House of Representatives. At that time, which of the following majorities is required?

1. A majority of more than half of members present
2. A majority of more than half of all of the members
3. A majority of two-thirds or more of the members present
4. A majority of two-thirds or more of all of the members
5. DK
6. NA

Q52. The following are parties' catchphrases during the election. Do you know which parties' catchphrases they are?

(1) "The First"

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. JCP 5. SDP 6. PNP 7. YP 8. SPJ 9. JRP
10. Other() 11. DK 12. NA

(2) "Sloughing off the rule of bureaucracy, local sovereignty, and serious consideration of people's lives for the politics by the people"

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. JCP 5. SDP 6. PNP 7. YP 8. SPJ 9. JRP
10. Other() 11. DK 12. NA

(3) "New Welfare, Clean Government, Responsible Politics"

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. JCP 5. SDP 6. PNP 7. YP 8. SPJ 9. JRP
10. Other() 11. DK 12. NA

(4) "Go Straight to Rebuild People's Lives"

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. JCP 5. SDP 6. PNP 7. YP 8. SPJ 9. JRP
10. Other() 11. DK 12. NA

(5) "Restoring Vitality to Japan"

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. JCP 5. SDP 6. PNP 7. YP 8. SPJ 9. JRP
10. Other() 11. DK 12. NA

(6) "Sloughing off the politics which is at the United States' and big bussiness' beck and call, and making the politicsv by the people."

1. LDP 2. DPJ 3. CGP 4. JCP 5. SDP 6. PNP 7. YP 8. SPJ 9. JRP
10. Other() 11. DK 12. NA

Q53. Do you know what offices do the following persons hold? If you know, please answer the name of offices.

(1)What office does Yoshito Sengoku hold in Japan at present?

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{The right answer: The Chief Cabinet Secretary}

1. Right 2. Wrong 3. DK 4. NA

(2)What office does Seiji Maehara hold in Japan at present?

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{The right answer: The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourisms}

1. Right 2. Wrong 3. DK 4. NA

(3)What office does David Cameron hold in the United Kingdom at present?

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{The right answer: The Prime Minister}

1. Right 2. Wrong 3. DK 4. NA

Q54. You might be exposed to diverse information during the election, which items were helpful for you?

(1) Which items were helpful to understand each party's policies? (M.A.)

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|--|---|
| 1. Television programs | 11. Flyers related to the campaign |
| 2. Radio programs | 12. Political parties' <i>Manifesto</i> |
| 3. Newspapers | 13. Contact with candidates at street oratories |
| 4. Weekly magazines | 14. Contact with campaigners |
| 5. Monthly magazines | 15. Hanging posters of magazines in a train |
| 6. Conversations with acquaintances | 16. Other () |
| 7. Webpages and weblogs of the political parties | 17. None |
| 8. Webpages and weblogs of candidates | 18. DK |
| 9. Other information on the Internet | 19. NA |
| 10. The election bulletin | |

(2) Which items were helpful to obtain information about party leaders? (M.A.)

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|--|---|
| 1. Television programs | 11. Flyers related to the campaign |
| 2. Radio programs | 12. Political parties' <i>Manifesto</i> |
| 3. Newspapers | 13. Contact with candidates at street oratories |
| 4. Weekly magazines | 14. Contact with campaigners |
| 5. Monthly magazines | 15. Hanging posters of magazines in a train |
| 6. Conversations with acquaintances | 16. Other () |
| 7. Webpages and weblogs of the political parties | 17. None |
| 8. Webpages and weblogs of candidates | 18. DK |
| 9. Other information on the Internet | 19. NA |
| 10. The election bulletin | |

(3) Which items were helpful to obtain information about candidates' personality and policy stances? (M.A.)

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|--|---|
| 1. Television programs | 11. Flyers related to the campaign |
| 2. Radio programs | 12. Political parties' <i>Manifesto</i> |
| 3. Newspapers | 13. Contact with candidates at street oratories |
| 4. Weekly magazines | 14. Contact with campaigners |
| 5. Monthly magazines | 15. Hanging posters of magazines in a train |
| 6. Conversations with acquaintances | 16. Other () |
| 7. Webpages and weblogs of the political parties | 17. None |
| 8. Webpages and weblogs of candidates | 18. DK |
| 9. Other information on the Internet | 19. NA |
| 10. The election bulletin | |

(4) Which items were helpful to obtain information about the national situation of the election? (M.A.)

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| 1. Television programs | 11. Flyers related to the campaign |
| 2. Radio programs | 12. Political parties' <i>Manifesto</i> |
| 3. Newspapers | 13. Contact with candidates at street oratories |
| 4. Weekly magazines | 14. Contact with campaigners |
| 5. Monthly magazines | 15. Hanging posters of magazines in a train |
| 6. Conversations with acquaintances | 16. Other () |
| 7. Webpages and weblogs of the political parties | 17. None |
| 8. Webpages and weblogs of candidates | 18. DK |
| 9. Other information on the Internet | 19. NA |
| 10. The election bulletin | |

(5) Which items were helpful to decide about for whom to vote in the prefectural constituency election? (M.A.)

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Television programs | 11. Flyers related to the campaign |
| 2. Radio programs | 12. Political parties' <i>Manifesto</i> |
| 3. Newspapers | 13. Contact with candidates at street oratories |
| 4. Weekly magazines | 14. Contact with campaigners |

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| 5. Monthly magazines | 15. Hanging posters of magazines in a train |
| 6. Conversations with acquaintances | 16. Other () |
| 7. Webpages and weblogs of the political parties | 17. None |
| 8. Webpages and weblogs of candidates | 18. DK |
| 9. Other information on the Internet | 19. NA |
| 10. The election bulletin | |

(6) Which items were helpful to decide about for whom to vote in the proportional representation election? (M.A.)

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| 1. Television programs | 11. Flyers related to the campaign |
| 2. Radio programs | 12. Political parties' <i>Manifesto</i> |
| 3. Newspapers | 13. Contact with candidates at street oratories |
| 4. Weekly magazines | 14. Contact with campaigners |
| 5. Monthly magazines | 15. Hanging posters of magazines in a train |
| 6. Conversations with acquaintances | 16. Other () |
| 7. Webpages and weblogs of the political parties | 17. None |
| 8. Webpages and weblogs of candidates | 18. DK |
| 9. Other information on the Internet | 19. NA |
| 10. The election bulletin | |

Q55. Let us ask you about the feelings you have toward the present stste of Japan.

(1) Have you felt anger about the present stste of Japan?

1. Very frequently 2. Frequently 3. Sometimes 4. Seldom 5. None 6. DK 7. NA

(2) Have you felt hope about the present stste of Japan?

1. Very frequently 2. Frequently 3. Sometimes 4. Seldom 5. None 6. DK 7. NA

(3) Have you felt worried about the present stste of Japan?

1. Very frequently 2. Frequently 3. Sometimes 4. Seldom 5. None 6. DK 7. NA

(4) Have you felt that Japan will overcome the difficulties based on the present stste of Japan?

1. Very frequently 2. Frequently 3. Sometimes 4. Seldom 5. None 6. DK 7. 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?

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| 1. Meiji | } (circle one) Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____ |
| 2. Taisho | |
| 3. Showa | |
| 4. Heisei | |
| | Age () |

[Note for interviewer]

1. Respondent who participated the Pre-Election Survey
(proceed to "For the Interviewer" on the last page)
2. Other
(proceed to F3)

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

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?

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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)) |

[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

(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))

[To respondents whose answer was 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!

<For the Interviewer>

Date of Interview:

Length of Interview: _____ minutes

Number of times visited to complete the survey: