

Survey on Political Awareness in 2011

Q1: How regularly do you pay to political situation? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Almost always	Often	Sometimes	Never

Q2: Which media do you use to get information about political and social issues? Please choose all responses that best describe your information sources. (You can choose as many items as you like.)

1 Family 2 Friends 3 Newspapers 4 TV 5 Radio	6 Internet 7 Publications, such as books and magazines 8 Other (Specifically:) 9 Nothing
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Q3: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with current politics? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4	5
Pretty satisfied	A little satisfied	Neither	A little dissatisfied	Pretty dissatisfied

Q4: How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4	5
Very good	Somewhat good	Neither good or bad	Somewhat bad	very bad

Q5: How do you evaluate Japan's present economic climate compared to that of a year ago? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4	5
Much better	A little better	No changed	A little worse	Much worse

Q6: How do you anticipate the Japan's economic climateto be a year from now? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4	5
Much better	A little better	No changed	A little worse	Much worse

Q7: Do you support the Noda Cabinet? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Support a lot	Support a little	Not support so much	Almost not support

Q8: For the last July 2010 upper house election during the Kan administration, which party's candidate did you vote for in your prefectural constituency ballot? (Please circle only one choice.)

1 LDP 2 DPJ 3 CGP 4 SDP 5 JCP	6 People's New Party (PNP) 7 Your Party (YP) 8 New Renaissance Party (NRP) 9 Sunrise Party of Japan (SPJ) 10 Other ()
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11 Independents 12 I forgot which party's candidate I had voted for. 13 Abstention or no right to vote	
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Q9: Which party (or which party's candidate) did you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (Please circle only one choice.)

1 LDP 2 DPJ	6 PNP 7 YP	11 Independents 12 I forgot which party (candidate) I voted for. 13 Abstention or no right to vote
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| 3 CGP | 8 NRP |
| 4 SDP | 9 SPJ |
| 5 JCP | 10 Other () |

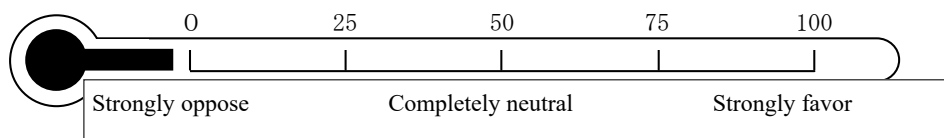
Q10: The next question is about the August 2009 lower house election during the Aso administration. Which party's candidate did you vote for in your single seat constituency ballot? (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Independents |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 I forgot which party (candidate) I voted for. |
| 3 CGP | 7 YP | 11 Abstention or no right to vote |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

Q11: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (Please circle only one party.)

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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 I forgot which party (candidate) I voted for. |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 Abstention or no right to vote |
| 3 CGP | 7 YP | |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

Q12: 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 positive you feel. Conversely, if you dislike the person or party, giving a rating between 0°c to 50 °c depending on how much you dislike them.



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| (1) Sadakazu Tanigaki | <input type="text"/> | (8) LDP | <input type="text"/> |
| (2) Yoshihiko Noda | <input type="text"/> | (9) DPJ | <input type="text"/> |
| (3) Natsuo Yamaguchi | <input type="text"/> | (10) NCGP | <input type="text"/> |
| (4) Mizuho Fukushima | <input type="text"/> | (11) SDP | <input type="text"/> |
| (5) Kazuo Shii | <input type="text"/> | (12) JCP | <input type="text"/> |
| (6) Shizuka Kamei | <input type="text"/> | (13) PNP | <input type="text"/> |
| (7) Yoshimi Watanabe | <input type="text"/> | (14) YP | <input type="text"/> |

Q13: How do you feel about the Noda Cabinet from its launch to the present? (Please circle only one choice for each of the six items.)

- | | Pretty good | A little good | Neither | A little bad | Pretty bad |
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| (1) Fiscal policy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (2) Economic stimulus policy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (3) Diplomacy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (4) Action for the earthquake and nuclear accidents | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (5) Political leadership | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (6) Overall performance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Q14: Do you think the administrative change realized as the result of the August 2009 lower house election was good or bad? (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 |
| Good | Bad |

Q15: Do you think Japanese politics became better after the administrative change realized as the result of the August 2009 lower house election? Or worse or unchanged? (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Better | Unchanged | Worse |

Q16: Putting alection aside, which political party do you usually support? (Please circle only one party.)

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| 2 DPJ | 7 YP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 NCGP | 8 NRP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 SDP | 9 SPJ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 JCP | 10 Other () | | | | | | | | | | |

【For those who chose between 1 to 10 in Q16】

SQ1: How strongly do you support this party: enthusiastically or not so enthusiastically? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1** Enthusiastically
- 2** Not so enthusiastically

【For those who chose 11 in Q16】

SQ2: If you are to name one party that you favor the most, which do you choose? (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 LDP | 7 YP |
| 2 DPJ | 8 NRP |
| 3 NCGP | 9 SPJ |
| 4 SDP | 10 Other () |
| 5 JCP | 11 None |
| 6 PNP | |

【To all respondents】

Q17: The next upper house election will be held in the summer of 2013. If today were election day, which party's candidate would you vote for in the constituency-based ballot?

Please answer based on the assumption that all the parties field candidates. (Please circle only one party.)

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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Independents |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 Abstention |
| 3 CGP | 7 YP | 11 DK |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

Q18: Which party (or which party's candidate) would you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (Please circle only one party.)

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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Abstention |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 DK |
| 3 CGP | 7 YP | |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

Q19: The next lower house election will be held within the next two years. If today were election day, which party's candidate would you vote for in the single-seat constituency ballot? Please answer based on the assumption

that all the parties field candidates. (Please circle only one party.)

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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Independents |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 Abstention |
| 3 CGP | 7 YP | 11 DK |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

Q20: Which party would you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (Please circle only one party.)

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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Abstention |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 DK |
| 3 CGP | 7 YP | |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

Q21: What results do you expect in the next lower house election regarding the following parties? (Please circle only one choice for each of the seven items.)

- | | More seats | Same seats | Fewer seats | No expectations |
|---------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| (1) LDP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (2) DPJ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (3) CGP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (4) SDP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (5) JCP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (6) PNP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (7) YP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Q22: Which type of goverment do you wish to have after the upcoming House of Representatives election?

- 1 Single party government led by the DPJ
- 2 Coalition government led by the DPJ and other parties, excluding the LDP
- 3 Coalition government led by various parties including the DPJ and the LDP
- 4 Single party government led by the LDP
- 5 Coalition government led by the DPJ and other parties, excluding the DPJ

Q23: Do you think the system comprised of single-seat constituencies and proportional representation currently adopted for the lower house election is effective for electing competent Diet members? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1 Effective for electing pretty competent Diet members
- 2 Somewhat effective for electing competent Diet members
- 3 Not so effective for electing competent Diet members
- 4 Hardly effective for electing competent Diet members

Q24: What do you think of the lower house election system? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1 It should remain unchanged.
- 2 It should be replaced with the multiple-seat constituency system.
- 3 Only the proportional representation system should be instituted.
- 4 Only the single-seat constituency system should be instituted.
- 5 Other systems should be introduced. (Specifically)

Q25: The following are two major points of view about the so-called twisted Diet, or the situation in which the majority consists of different primary parties between the upper and lower houses. Which proposition is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

- A: It is better because it facilitates more discreet deliberations and more meaningful discussions.
 B: It is undesirable because it worsens conflicts and causes inefficient deliberations.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Close to A | A little close to A | A little close to B | Close to B |

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

- 1 LDP
- 2 DPJ
- 3 NCGP
- 4 SDP
- 5 JCP
- 6 PNP
- 7 YP
- 8 NRP
- 9 SPN
- 10 Other (Multiple answers are okay.) ()

Q27 (1): Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the current Diet members work? Please choose from below. (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Pretty satisfied | A little satisfied | Not so satisfied | Almost not satisfied |

(2) Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way current government organization officials work? Please choose from below. (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Pretty satisfied | A little satisfied | Not so satisfied | Almost not satisfied |

(3) Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is managed in Japan? Please choose from below. (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Pretty satisfied | A little satisfied | Not so satisfied | Almost not satisfied |

Q28: Do you think the current system comprised of single-seat constituencies and proportional representation for the lower house election is equally fair to every voter? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1 Pretty fair
- 2 Somewhat fair
- 3 Not so fair
- 4 Hardly fair

Next, please give us your views on several recent propositions.

Q29: First, statement A and B are two perspective that address both the issue of financial reconstruction and contra-cyclical policy.

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

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

SQ1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Agree with A | Somewhat agree with A | Somewhat agree with B | Agree with B |

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

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|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Very important | Somewhat important | Somewhat unimportant | unimportant |

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

Agree with A Somewhat agree with A Somewhat agree with B Agree with B

- (1) LDP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (2) DPJ..... 1 2 3 4
 - (3) NCGP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (4) SDP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (5) JCP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (6) YP..... 1 2 3 4
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Q30: 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.

SQ1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

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|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Agree with A | Somewhat agree with A | Somewhat agree with B | Agree with B |
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SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

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|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Very important | Somewhat important | Somewhat unimportant | unimportant |
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SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

Agree with A Somewhat agree with A Somewhat agree with B Agree with B

- (1) LDP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (2) DPJ..... 1 2 3 4
 - (3) NCGP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (4) SDP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (5) JCP..... 1 2 3 4
 - (6) YP..... 1 2 3 4
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Q31: 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.

SQ1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

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|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Agree with A | Somewhat agree with A | Somewhat agree with B | Agree with B |
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SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

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|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Very important | Somewhat important | Somewhat unimportant | unimportant |
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SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

	Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q32: The following are two major points of view about how to tackle global warming.

A: To control global warming, we cannot increase thermal power generation that produces CO₂. To handle electricity consumption, we are obliged to increase nuclear power plants that do not produce CO₂
 B: To handle electricity consumption without increasing nuclear power plants, we are obliged to increase thermal power generation that produces CO₂, even if we fail to achieve our targets for tackling global

Q1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	unimportant

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

	Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q33: 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.

Q1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	unimportant

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

	Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q34 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.

Q1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	unimportant

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

	Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q35: 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.an equal level of responsibility.

Q1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	unimportant

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B	
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q36: The following are two major points of view about the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps Futenma Air Station in Okinawa.

A: It is very difficult to relocate the base to another prefecture, and the air station should be relocated to Nago city in accordance with the Japan-U.S. agreement.
 B: The Japanese government should take the time to negotiate with the United States about the relocation of the air base to another prefecture to reduce the burden on Okinawans.

Q1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	unimportant

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B	
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q37: The following are two major points of view about the income gap, which results from free competition.

A: The government should take active measures to address the income gap, which results from free competition.
 B: The government should be careful about taking action for the income gap, which results from free competition.

Q1: Which statement do you agree with? Choose one that is most accurately reflects your opinion. (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4
Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B

SQ2: How important is this issue to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

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Very important Somewhat important Somewhat unimportant unimportant

SQ3: Where do you think each party stands in regard to the issue of “financial reconstruction or contra-cyclical policy” at the time of the latest House of Councilors election? Let’s start with the LDP... (Please circle only one choice for each of the six parties.)

Agree with A	Somewhat agree with A	Somewhat agree with B	Agree with B	
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4
(6) YP	1	2	3	4

Q38: Discussions about the damages from the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, were characterized by both natural and human aspects. Which factor do you think was more remarkable regarding the following damages? (Please circle only one choice for each of the four items.)

	Natural disaster	More of natural disaster	More of human disaster	Human disaster
(1) Tsunami damages	1	2	3	4
(2) Nuclear accidents	1	2	3	4
(3) Power-saving confusion	1	2	3	4
(4) Delayed economic recovery	1	2	3	4

Q39: For the whole of Japan, do you think the energy-saving action taken this summer was a success? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1 Successful
- 2 Somewhat successful
- 3 Somewhat unsuccessful
- 4 Unsuccessful

Q40: If a similar energy-saving action will also be needed next year, are you willing to cooperate? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1 Willing to cooperate
- 2 Willing to cooperate to some extent
- 3 Not so much willing to cooperate
- 4 Unwilling to cooperate

Q41: Which of the following two points of view about energy-saving measures from now onward is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

- A: The continuation of the current energy-saving measures is likely to restrain economic activities and, as soon as possible, the energy utilization level should be brought back to what it was before the huge earthquake.
- B: We understood the significance of saving energy by taking such action in the aftermath of the earthquake. We should continue to take this route on a long-term basis.

1	2	3	4
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B

Q42: Do you value the Koizumi Cabinet's reform package, including postal privatization? (Please circle only one choice.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Value | Partly value | Neither | Not value partly | Not value |

Q43: Now, we often hear the words “conservative” and “progressive” being used. What do you think is your political position on a scale of 0 to 10? 0 stands for a progressive position and 10 for a conservative position. Here’s a

popular question. Are you conservative, or are you progressive? What do you think is your political opinion on a scale of 0 to 10? 0 stands for a progressive position and 10 for a conservative position.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Progressive											Conservative

Q44: How do you feel about the following statements? Choose the response that best reflects your opinion on each issue. (Please circle only one choice each for the first through the fifteenth item)

(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) I am unlikely to realize my dream if I continue to live as I do now.

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

Q45: 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.
(Please circle only one choice each for the first through the eleventh item.)

(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

(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

(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

(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) 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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(10) Proposition

A: I would like to avoid the possibility of making a big mistake and proceed slowly and steadily.

B: I would like to venture to take on a challenge to open up a new world.

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

(11) Proposition

A: Even if I cannot expect high yields, I would choose a less risky savings approach.
 B: I would choose a high-yield management approach, taking some risk.

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

Q46: (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

(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

Q47: How satisfied are you with your family's present financial situation? (Please circle only one choice.)

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|----------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied |

Q48: How satisfied are you with your family's present financial situation compare to that of a year ago? (Please circle only one choice.)

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|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Much better | A little better | No hanged | A little worse | Much worse |

Q49: What do you think your family's financial situation will be in the future? (Please circle only one choice.)

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|-------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Much better | A little better | No changed | A little worse | Much worse |

Q50: What kind of expectation do you have for the Noda Cabinet? (Please circle only one choice for each of the six items.)

- | | Pretty positive | Somewhat positive | Neither positive nor negative | Somewhat negative | very negative |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| (1) Fiscal policy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (2) Contra-cyclical policy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (3) Foreign policy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (4) Measures for the earthquake and nuclear accidents | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (5) Political leadership | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (6) Overall performance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Q51: For the challenges the Noda Cabinet should take on, please choose the top five priority items from below and enter each choice number in the blanks.

【Don't circle the items in this section. Please write each choice number in the blanks below.】

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Disaster recovery | 8 Pension issues | 15 Medicine and welfare |
| 2 Tackling yen appreciation | 9 Educational issues | 16 Support for young people |
| 3 Employment and working conditions | 10 Public employee system reform | 17 Tackling the declining birthrate |
| 4 Economy and prices | 11 Diet system reform | 18 Support for female empowerment |
| 5 Diplomacy and national defense | 12 Decentralization | 19 Support for agriculture, forestry and fisheries |
| 6 Energy issues | 13 Suicide prevention | 20 Other |
| 7 Fiscal reconstruction | 14 Environment and pollution | () |

【For the answer section for Q51, please write each item number in the five blanks below】

Top ⇒ Second ⇒ Third ⇒ Fourth ⇒ Fifth

Q52: The following are two major points of view about Japan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Which proposition is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

- A: The TPP will cause a dramatic reduction of tariffs on Japanese exports, which has a positive effect on the secondary industry, including domestic industries. Therefore, Japan should be committed to the framework.
- B: The TPP will cause a dramatic reduction of tariffs on Japanese imports, which has a negative effect on the primary industry, including domestic agriculture. Therefore, Japan should not be committed to the framework.

- 1** **2** **3** **4**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B

Q53: Do you think that the current Japanese parties represent the benefits of the following eleven categories of people? Please circle any party for each category if you think it puts emphasis on those people. If you think there is no such party, please circle 8.

	LDP	DPJ	NCGP	SDP	JCP	PNP	Other parties	None
(1) Presidents of large corporations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(2) Full-time employees of large corporations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(3) Presidents of medium and small companies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(4) Full-time employees of medium and small companies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(5) Contract, temporary and part-time workers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(6) Agriculture, forestry and fisheries workers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(7) Public employees	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(8) Full-time homemaker	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(9) Consumers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(10) Retired persons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(11) Unemployed people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Q54: How reliable are the following? Choose one that best reflects your opinion for each other. (Please circle only one choice for each of the four items.)

	Trustworthy	Rather trustworthy	Rather untrustworthy	Barely trustworthy
(1) The ruling parties	1	2	3	4
(2) Existing parties	1	2	3	4
(3) Parties and politicians	1	2	3	4
(4) Indirect democracy such as the electoral process,	1	2	3	4

Q55: What do you think of the following points of view? (Please circle only one choice for each of the two propositions)

	I think so	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
(1) Almost people are trustworthy.	→1	2	3	4
(2) Most people will respond kindly When they are trusted by others	→1	2	3	4

Q56: Do you agree or disagree with the following points of view? (Please circle only one choice for each of the sixteen items.)

	Agree	Partly agree	Neither	Partly disagree	Disagree
(1) Japan should strengthen its defense capability.	1	2	3	4	5
(2) Japan should immediately resolve its foreign trade frictions even if making concessions is necessary.	1	2	3	4	5
(3) The government, even if it is faced with tight financial conditions, should make the utmost effort to develop social welfare systems, such as pensions and medicine for the aged.	1	2	3	4	5
(4) Small government is better even if public services become degraded.	1	2	3	4	5
(5) Japan should make more apologies for its wartime harm to Asian neighbors.	1	2	3	4	5
(6) The emperor should get a stronger political say than he has now.	1	2	3	4	5
(7) Japan should never have nuclear weapons.	1	2	3	4	5
(8) The Japan-U.S. security alliance should be further enhanced.	1	2	3	4	5
(9) Workers should get a stronger say over significant decision-making.	1	2	3	4	5
(10) Public officials and public corporation employees should be allowed to strike.	1	2	3	4	5
(11) The government should establish a special system to facilitate female promotion and employment.	1	2	3	4	5
(12) No one except for the aged and disabled should depend on social welfare.	1	2	3	4	5
(13) Because the Japanese bureaucratic system is inefficient, drastic administrative reform is necessary.	1	2	3	4	5
(14) Money politics and political corruption should be completely eliminated.	1	2	3	4	5

- (15) Japan should build friendlier relationships with Russia even if making concessions over the bilateral Northern territorial disputes is necessary. 1 2 3 4 5
- (16) Japan should not provide economic aid for North Korea as long as the abduction issue remains unresolved. 1 2 3 4 5
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Q57: What do you think of the following points of view? Please choose from among the four answers below. (Please circle only one choice for each of the six items.)

Strongly agree Partly agree Partly disagree Strongly disagree DK

- (1) Children should abide by whatever their parents say even if what they say seems irrational. 1 2 3 4 5
- (2) The student should not question the teacher's authority. 1 2 3 4 5
- (3) If you have any trouble with your neighbor, the best policy is to consider and try to understand the your neighbor's perspective. 1 2 3 4 5
- (4) If your co-workers are against your idea, you should not stick to it. 1 2 3 4 5
- (5) You should compromise your own personal interests for your family. 1 2 3 4 5
- (6) You should readily contribute to your country and society, sacrificing your personal interests. 1 2 3 4 5
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Q58: Supposing that the present Japanese society as a whole were divided into five strata, which stratum would you categorize yourself in? (Please circle only one choice.)

1 2 3 4 5
 Upper stratum Upper middle stratum Lower middle stratum Upper lower stratum Lower stratum

Q59: We will ask you about the current situation in which Japan is now in. (Please circle only one choice for each of the four items.)

- (1) Have you ever felt indignant about the current situation of Japan?
 1 2 3 4 5
 Very often Often Sometimes Occasionally Not at all
- (2) Have you ever felt hopeful about the current situation of Japan?
 1 2 3 4 5
 Very often Often Sometimes Occasionally Not at all
- (3) Have you ever felt concerned about the current situation of Japan?
 1 2 3 4 5
 Very often Often Sometimes Occasionally Not at all
- (4) Have you ever felt that the country of Japan can do well?
 1 2 3 4 5
 Very often Often Sometimes Occasionally Not at all
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All our inquiries into your views have been done. Now, please answer the following questions for our statistical procedures.

F1: Gender

1 2
 Male Female

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

1 Meiji □ □ year □ □ month □ □ day age □ □
 2 Taisho
 3 Showa
 4 Heisei

F3 Residential years:

Have you continued to live in this area (within a 30-minute walk around this town, village and apartment block) since your birth? Or did you move here from somewhere else? If you have temporarily moved anywhere else after you were born around here, please choose "Lived here since birth." (Please circle only one choice.)

1 2
 Lived here since birth Moved from somewhere else
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(1) So, how long have you lived in your present location (or within 30 minutes by foot from your present location)? (Please circle only one choice.)

1 2 3 4
 3 years or less 4 to 9 years 10 to 14 years 15 years or more

【To all respondents】

F4 Education: What is your highest level of education? This question excludes schools in the miscellaneous category. For dropouts and current enrollments, please answer indicating the type of final schooling when you were a student. (Please circle only one choice.)

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

F5 Job: What is your occupation?

(1) What is your current employment status? (Please circle only one choice.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Employed	Self-employed (including freelancer)	Work in a family business	Student	Housewife	Unemployed	Other ()
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【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

(3) Which is your job category? (Please circle only one choice.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Farm, forest or fishery worker | 7 Wholesale, retail and food |
| 2 Mining | 8 Finance, including insurance |
| 3 Construction | 9 Real estate |
| 4 Manufacturing | 10 Service industry |
| 5 Electricity, gas and water service | 11 Public employee |

6 Transportation and communications

12 Other (Specifically)

(4) Job classification:

Which of the following categories can your job be classified as? (Please circle only one choice.)

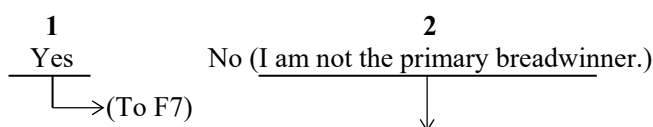
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|---|---|
| 1 Agriculture, forestry and fisheries
(Self-employed or family business) | 5 Specialist (employed) |
| 2 Commercial and industrial service
(Self-employed or family business) | 6 Clerical work (employed) |
| 3 Freelance (Self-employed or family business) | 7 Sales, service and personnel (employed) |
| 4 Executive and managerial (employed) | 8 Other (Specifically) |

(5) Which of the following categories can your job be classified as? (Please circle only one choice.)

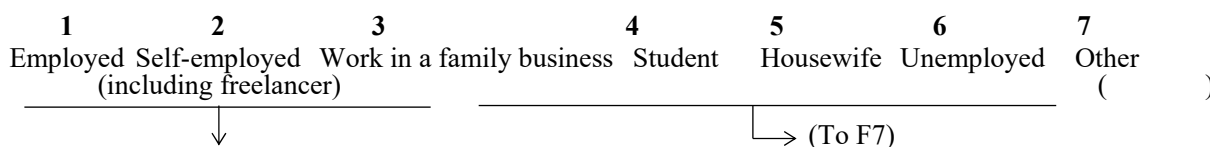
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| 1 Self-employed or family business | 3 Contract and temporary worker (employed) |
| 2 Full-time worker (employed) | 4 Part-time worker (employed) |

【To all respondents】

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



(1) What is the current employment status of the head of your household? (Please circle only one choice.)



【To respondents whose answer was 1~3 in F6(1)】

(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

(3) Which of the following categories can the job of the breadwinner classified as? (Please circle only one choice.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Agriculture, forestry and fisheries | 7 Wholesale, retail and food |
| 2 Mining | 8 Finance, including insurance |
| 3 Construction | 9 Real estate |
| 4 Manufacturing | 10 Service industry |
| 5 Electricity, gas and water service | 11 Public employee |
| 6 Transportation and communications | 12 Other (Specifically) |

(4) Which of the following categories can the job be classified as? (Please circle only one choice.)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 Agriculture, forestry and fisheries
(Self-employed or family business) | 5 Specialist (employed) |
| 2 Commercial and industrial service
(Self-employed or family business) | 6 Clerical work (employed) |

- 3 Freelance (Self-employed or family business) 7 Sales, service and personnel (employed)
4 Executive and managerial (employed) 8 Other (Specifically)
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(5) Which of the following categories can the job be classified as? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1 Self-employed or family business 3 Contract and temporary worker (employed)
2 Full-time worker (employed) 4 Part-time worker (employed)

【To all respondents】

F7 Type of Residence: What type of residence do you live in? (Please circle only one choice.)

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 ()
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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
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F9: Which prefecture do you live in?

★Please write the prefecture's name