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1. nothing
2. DK
3. NA

Q.5(2) What do you think is the second most important political issue facing Japan today? F Your frank opinion would be appreciated.

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1. nothing
2. DK
3. NA

Q.6(1) is a question for those who answered Q5(1).

Q.6(1) Considering the most important problem facing Japan: which party do you think is best in dealing with this issue? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party
7. DK
8. NA

Q.6(2) is a question for those who answered Q5(2).

Q.6(2) Thinking about the second most important problem facing Japan: which party do you think is best in dealing with this issue? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party
7. DK
8. NA

Q.7 Some people say that it doesn't make any difference who is in power. Others say that it makes a big difference who is in power. What is your opinion? (one choice only)

1. no difference at all
2. no big difference
3. neither yes nor no
4. a little difference
5. a big difference
6. DK
7. NA

Q.8 Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to

what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. What is your opinion? (one choice only)

1. no difference at all
2. no big difference
3. neither yes nor no
4. a little difference
5. a big difference
6. DK
7. NA

Q.9 Now thinking about the performance of the Abe administration in general, how good or bad a job do you think the administration has done? (one choice only)

1. a very good job
2. a good job
3. a bad job
4. a very bad job
5. DK
6. NA

Q.10 Would you say that any of the parties in Japan represent your views reasonably well? (one choice only)

1. YES
2. NO
3. DK
4. NA

For those who answered 1. yes in Q.10

SQ Which party represents your views best? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party
7. DK
8. NA

Q.11 Regardless of how you feel about the parties, would you say that any of the party leaders at the last election represent your views reasonably well? (one choice only)

1. YES
2. NO
3. DK
4. NA

For those who answered 1. yes in Q.11

SQ Which party leader represents your views best? Please give the leader's name. (one choice only) <Do not show the name list.>

11. HAVEN'T HEARD OF LEFT AND RIGHT
12. DO NOT KNOW THE PARTY
13. DK
14. NA

Q.15 Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means left and 10 means right?

00. LEFT ~10. RIGHT

11. HAVEN'T HEARD OF LEFT AND RIGHT
12. DO NOT KNOW THE PARTY
13. DK
14. NA

Q.16 During the election campaign, would you say that there were major differences between the parties, minor differences, or no differences at all? (one choice only)

1. Major differences
2. Minor differences
3. No differences at all
4. DK
5. NA

Q.17 How closely did you follow the election campaign?

1. Very closely
2. Fairly closely
3. Not very closely
4. Not closely at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q.18 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Japan?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Not very satisfied
4. Not at all satisfied
5. DK
6. NA

Q.19. Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular party?

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

For those who answered 1. yes in Q.19

SQ1 Which political party do you feel close to? (multiple choices possible)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. DK
8. NA

For those who chose more than one in SQ1

SQ2 Which political party do you feel closest to? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. DK
8. NA

For those who answered 2. ~ 4. in Q.19

SQ3 Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?
(one choice only)

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

For those who answered 1. yes in SQ3

SQ4 Which political party is it? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. DK
8. NA

For those who chose only one answer in SQ1, and those who answered SQ2 and SQ3

SQ5 Do you feel very close to this party, somewhat close, or not very close?

1. Very close
2. Somewhat close
3. Not very close
4. DK
5. NA

Q. 20 Did you vote in the House of Councilors on Sunday, July 29th? (one choice only)

1. voted on election day
2. voted as an absentee voter
3. abstained
4. DK
5. NA

For those who answered 3. abstained in Q.20

SQ1 If you had voted, which party would you have voted for? (multiple choices possible)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. no such party
8. DK
9. NA

SQ2 ~ SQ8 are for those who answered 1. or 2. in Q.20

SQ2 In the proportional representation portion, did you vote for a candidate or a political party? (one choice only)

1. Voted for a candidate
2. Voted for a political party
3. Did not vote in the proportional representation portion
4. DK
5. NA

For those who answered 1. in SQ2

SQ3 Which candidate in which party did you vote for? <from the list of candidates>

(Record; Name of political party
Name of candidate)

For those who answered 2. in SQ2

SQ4 Which political party did you vote for? <Do not show the list of the parties>

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()

SQ5 Did you vote for an individual candidate in your prefectural constituency? (one choice only)

1. voted
2. abstained

3. DK
4. NA

SQ6 is for those who answered 1. Voted in SQ5

SQ6 Which candidate did you vote for? <from the list of the candidates>

(Record; Name of candidate
Political party code)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. independent
8. DK
9. NA

SQ7 is for those who answered 1. or 2. in Q.20

SQ7 Were there any other political parties or candidates that you had considered voting for? (one choice only)

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

SQ8 is for those who answered 1. Yes in SQ7

SQ8 Which political party did you consider voting for? (multiple choices possible)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. DK
8. NA

Q.21 Were there any political parties that you would never want to vote for? (one choice only)

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

SQ is for those who answered 1. Yes in Q.21

SQ Which political party would you never consider voting for? (multiple choices possible)

1. LDP

2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. DK
8. NA

Q.22 Please think about the last election for the House of Representatives in 2005. Did you vote? (one choice only)

1. Yes
2. Abstained
3. Did not have voting rights
4. DK
5. NA

SQ1 & 2 are for those who answered 1. Yes in Q.22

SQ1 Which party does the candidate you voted for in your single member district belong to? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. independent
8. forgot
9. DK
10. NA

SQ2 Which party does the candidate you voted for in the proportional representation portion? (one choice only)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. other party ()
7. independent
8. forgot
9. DK
10. NA

Q.23 I'd like to ask you some questions about the Japanese political system.

1) Which of the following is one of the requirements to become a Prime Minister in Japan?

1. Must be in the House of Councilors
2. Must be in the House of Councilors or the House of Representatives

(correct)

3. Does not necessarily have to be in the House of Councilors or the House of Representatives
4. DK
5. NA

2) Which of the following is necessary to amend the constitution?

1. More than two-thirds of all of the members in both Houses. (correct)
2. More than half of all of the members in both Houses.
3. More than two-thirds of all of the members present in both Houses.
4. More than half of all of the members present in both Houses.
5. DK
6. NA

3) Of the following, which is the name of the election system for the House of Councilors?

1. Multiple member districts
2. Proportional representation as the major part of the system, combined with single member districts
3. A combination of single member districts and proportional representation. (correct)
4. DK
5. NA

Q.24 Since July of this year, have you participated in, or been asked to participate in the election campaign through one or more of the following? If yes, by which party? <show the list of the parties>

LDP
DPJ
CGP
SDP
JCP
other party ()
none
DK
NA

- (1) Received a postcard from the candidate/party
- (2) Received a newspaper or flyer related to the campaign.
- (3) Received a phone call from a campaigner.
- (4) Attended to the election rallies and street speeches.
- (5) Helped in election campaigns.
- (6) Been a member of a candidate's support group (Koenkai).
(Not including support groups other than the candidate's e.g. Support groups for the prefectural assembly)
- (7) A family member was a member of a candidate's support organization.
(Not including support groups other than the candidate's e.g. Support groups for the prefectural assembly)
- (8) Heard about a Election *Manifestos* (public commitments)
- (9) I tried to persuade my friends and/or acquaintances to vote for a particular candidate / party.

(10) Someone I know, including my friends, family members, relatives, etc., tried to persuade me to vote for a particular candidate / party.

Q.25 Political parties had *manifestos* in this election campaign and the policy commitments in the manifestos became points for debate. Which parties had the most concrete policies on each of the following issues? Choose the party that best reflects your attitude.

- LDP
- DPJ
- CGP
- SDP
- JCP
- other party ()
- none
- DK

- (1) Economic reform
- (2) Employment promotion
- (3) Eliminating the deficit
- (4) Reforming the pension system
- (5) The welfare system
- (6) Reforming the bureaucracy
- (8) Discussion of the issues of the Constitution
- (9) Promotion of diplomacy in accord with the national interest
- (10) Reforming the education system
- (11) Dealing with the declining population
- (12) Tax system that benefits one's hometown

Q.26 Please evaluate the candidates of the various national elections including this election of the House of Councilors. (one choice only/ by a matrix)

- Very favorable
- Somewhat favorable
- Not very favorable
- Not favorable at all
- DK
- NA

- 1. A candidate who benefits the area you live in
- 2. A candidate who benefits your profession
- 3. A candidate who thinks about the politics of the country as a whole
- 4. A candidate who has the similar kind of policies as yourself
- 5. A candidate who you are familiar with and always vote for
- 6. A candidate who has a clean image
- 7. A candidate who is frequently seen in the media, such as TV
- 8. A candidate who has strong leadership skills
- 9. A candidate who is a child or grandchild of a politician
- 10. A female candidate

Q.27 We would like to ask several questions about politics in general. How do you feel about following statements? Choose the answer that best reflects your attitude

toward each statement. Let's start by asking whether you feel "politics is something a person must actively seek to work on oneself."

[Note for interviewer: Ask all of the questions in the same manner.]

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

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

(2) Politics is something to be monitored.

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

(3) Politics follows its own path.

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) Politics has no connection to my life.

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

(6) Politics is something distinguished people should practice.

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

(7) I'd rather spend my time enriching my own life than pursuing political goals.

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

(8) A comfortable and affluent consumer life is most important.

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

(9) Time spent with friends or family is most important.

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

(10) The feeling of fulfillment through work is most important.

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

(11) I would be offended if a group I belonged to were insulted.

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

Q.28 Please choose all items you have experienced in the past 5 years from the list below.

1. Voted in an election
2. Participated in a self-governing body or neighborhood association
3. Contacted a local influential person out of necessity (in person or by letter etc.)
4. Contacted a politician/official out of necessity
5. Went to an assembly or public office to petition or lobby
6. Participated in a meeting about the election or politics
7. Helped 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 a homepage / BBS on the Internet
13. Voiced an opinion/opinions by writing to/calling/appearing in the mass media
14. Either avoided, or actively bought (boycotted) certain goods for a political/ethical/environmental reason.
15. None of the above
16. DK
17. NA

Q.29 Have you ever participated in a debate in an attempt to talk/think about/solve any of the following issues? Let's start with "local issues".

[Note for the interviewer: Ask all the questions in the same manner.]

(1)Local issues

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

(2)Educational issues

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

(3) Welfare issues

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

(4) Consumer issues

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

(5)Environmental issues

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

Q.30 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. I could converse, even if we had different opinions
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even if we had different opinions.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
4. It would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
5. DK
6. NA

(2) Boss or superior

1. I could converse, even if we had different opinions
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even if we had different opinions.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
4. It would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
5. DK
6. NA

(3) Colleagues you are close to

1. I could converse, even if we had different opinions
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even if we had different opinions.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
4. It would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
5. DK
6. NA

(4) Close friends

1. I could converse, even if we had different opinions
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even if we had different opinions.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
4. It would be hard to converse if we had different opinions.
5. DK
6. NA

Q.31 Choose one that best expresses your opinion on the following.

(1) Most people are trustworthy

1. I think so

2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
 3. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
 4. I don't think so
 5. DK
 6. 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. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
 4. I don't think so
 5. DK
 6. NA
- (3) I have confidence that I can distinguish between trustworthy people and untrustworthy people.
1. I think so
 2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
 3. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
 4. I don't think so
 5. DK
 6. NA
- (4) If I help someone, that person will eventually help me in return.
1. I think so
 2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
 3. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
 4. I don't think so
 5. DK
 6. NA
- (5) The world is made so that if I help someone, when I am in trouble in the future I will be helped.
1. I think so
 2. If I had to have an opinion, I think so
 3. If I had to have an opinion, I would not think so
 4. I don't think so
 5. DK
 6. NA

Q.32 Now, tell us about various organizations and groups you belong to. How actively do you participate in the following groups? <Firstly ask about the affiliations and degree of activeness for the listed 16 items. Secondly ask about SQ1 & SQ2 for those that the respondent belongs to.>

(1) Jichi-kai/Residential association

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

Y/N

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(2) School service groups (PTA)

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(3) Labor Union

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(4) Trade Association

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(5) Farmers' Association

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(6) Professional association

(Association formed by professionals such as the Medical Association for medical doctors, Bar Association for attorneys etc. There are various associations for various professions such as tax accountants, pharmacists and professionals in the field of academic science, art, engineering and welfare.)

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(7) Consumers' corporative

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(8) Non profit organization (NPO), non governmental organization (NGO)

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(9) Volunteer organization

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(10) Residential movement group/ Citizens' movement group

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(11) Religious group

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(12) Alumni association

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(13) Study/training group Koenkai (Candidate support organization)

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(14) Out of hours co-worker group

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(15) A study group or class

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

(16) A group connected to a hobby or interest

1. I am an active member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
2. I am just a member (proceed to SQ1 – SQ2)
3. Not at all
4. DK
5. NA

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

SQ2. Is there an active involvement of non-members of the organization? Y/N

Q.33 How much trust do you place on the institutions listed? Please respond on a 0-10 scale with 0 being “No trust”, 5 being the middle and 10 being “Most trust”. What about the mass media?

[Note for the interviewer: Ask all the questions in the same manner.]

- (1) The mass media (TV, newspaper etc.)
- (2) Economic associations (labor union, business and financial circles etc.)
- (3) Public institutions (police, hospitals, schools etc.)
- (4) Judicial authority of the country (court of justice)
- (5) Parliament and the political system (the electoral system, political parties, the Diet etc.)
- (6) The bureaucracy
- (7) Local government and administration

Q.34 Supposing that contemporary Japanese society as a whole were divided into five strata, which stratum would you place yourself in? Choose one and circle the number.

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

Q.35 Modern Japanese society consists of people from various different backgrounds. Please express your thoughts on the perspectives that I am going to read out to you.

(1) We should be more tolerant of people who choose to live according to their own moral standards, even if they are very different from our own.

1. Yes, I agree.
2. I agree to some extent.
3. I 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 the other requirements stated in the rules.

1. Yes, I agree.
2. I agree to some extent.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I do not really think so.
5. I disagree.
6. DK
7. NA

(3) Do you agree that “the number of foreign immigrants permitted to live in Japan should be decreased”?

1. Yes, I agree.
2. I agree to some extent.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I do not really think so.
5. I disagree.
6. DK
7. NA

(4) Do you agree that anti-democratic groups should be forbidden by law

1. Yes, I agree.
2. I agree to some extent.
3. I neither agree nor disagree
4. I do not really think so.
5. I disagree.
6. DK
7. NA

Q.36 Recently, problems concerning so-called issues of “disparities”, such as employment disparities, tax, social security and educational opportunity disparities have been noted. The following statements are two major opinions on disparities:

- A) Even if society prospers as a whole, the expansion of social inequality will not benefit the society. Although free competition among private entities is indispensable, more emphasis should be placed on government services for the weak
- B) Rather than improving government services for the weak, free competition among private entities should be prioritized. If society benefits as a whole, some degree of social inequality should be accepted as a result of active competition.

(1) Which opinion are you closer to? (one choice only)

- 1. A
- 2. A rather than B
- 3. B rather than A
- 4. B
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

(2) Which opinion do you think most people have? (one choice only)

- 1. A
- 2. A rather than B
- 3. B rather than A
- 4. B
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

(3) How important is this issue to you? (one choice only)

- 1. very important
- 2. quite important
- 3. not so important
- 4. not important at all
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

(4) What do you think about people who disagree with you on this issue speaking in public such as in the media? (one choice only)

- 1. I do not mind at all
- 2. I do not mind
- 3. I mind a little
- 4. I mind very much
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

(5) What would you think if you had a conversation with others at a local meeting such as jichi-kai and they disagreed with you on this issue? If you have never had such experience, please choose on an ‘IF’ basis. (one choice only)

1. I do not mind at all
2. I do not mind
3. I mind a little
4. I mind very much
5. DK
6. NA

Q.37 Please choose all programs that you watched frequently during this election.

News Programs (weekdays, morning)

1. Ohayo Nippon-NHK-Tsuyoshi Matsuo & Nachiko Shudo
2. Zoom In Super-NTV-Shinichi Hatori
3. Mino Monta no Asa Zuba!-TBS-Mino Monta
4. Mezamashi TV-Fuji-Norikazu Otsuka & Aya Takashima
5. Yajiuma Plus-Asahi-Sayaka Shimohira & Yasushi Komatsu

News Programs (weekdays, evening)

6. NHK news programs-NHK
7. News Real Time-NTV-Masako Usui & Hiroaki Konno
8. Evening Five-TBS-Takae Mikumo
9. Super News-Fuji-Yuko Ando & Taro Kimura
10. Super J Channel-Asahi-Etsuko Komiya

News Programs (weekdays, 11:00pm~)

11. News Zero-NTV-Nobutaka Murao
12. News 23-TBS-Tetsuya Tsukushi (absent due to illness)& Takako Zenba
13. News Japan-Fuji-Masaya Matsumoto & Christel Takigawa
14. Hodo Station-Asahi-Ichiro Furutachi
15. World Business Satellite-Tokyo-Maoko Kotani

News Programs (Saturday)

16. Wake Up! Plus-NTV-Jiro Shinbo-8:00am
17. Broadcaster-TBS-Isao Fukutome & Junko Kubo-22:00/23:00pm

News Programs (Sunday)

18. The Sunday-NTV-Kazuo Tokumitsu-8:00/9:00am
19. Sunday Morning-TBS-Hiroshi Sekiguchi-8:00/9:00am
20. Houdou 2001-Fuji-Yuji Kuroiwa-7:00/8:00am
21. Sunday Project-Asahi-Souichiro Tawara-10:00/11:00am
22. Houdou Tokushu-TBS-Misuzu Tamaru-17:00/18:00pm
23. Shinso Houdou Bankisha-NTV-Akira Fukuzawa & Rei Kikukawa-18:00pm
24. Shin Houdou Premier A-Fuji-Yuko Ando & Christel Takigawa
& Yoshiko Sakurai-22:00pm

Discussion Program (Sunday, early morning)

25. Jijihoudan-TBS-Takashi Mikuriya

Discussion Variety Program

26. Beat Takeshi no TV Tackle-Asahi-Takeshi Kitano-Monday 21:00pm
27. Ohta Hikari no watashi ga souri daijin ni nattara (If I were the Prime Minister)
hisyo Tanaka-NTV-Hikari Ohta-Friday 20:00pm

Information / Documentary

28. Close Up Gendai-NHK-Hiroko Kuniya-weekdays 19:00pm

Variety Shows (Wide Show)

29. Sukkiri!!-NTV-Koji Kato-weekdays 8:00/9:00am
30. Tokudane!-Fuji-Tomoaki Ogura- weekdays 8:00/9:00am
31. Super Morning-Asahi-Tamao Akao & Ippei Kogi- weekdays 8:00/9:00am
32. Wide Scramble-Asahi-Baku Ohwada- weekdays 11:00/12:00am

33. The Wide-NTV-Hitoshi Kusano- weekdays 14:00/15:00pm

Newspaper

- 34. Yomiuri
- 35. Asahi
- 36. Mainichi
- 37. Sankei
- 38. Nihon Keizai
- 39. Tokyo
- 40. Hokkaido
- 41. Kahoku Shinpou
- 42. Chunichi
- 43. Kobe
- 44. Chugoku
- 45. Nishi Nihon
- 46. others ()

Others

- 47. news channel on cable TV
- 48. radio programs
- 49. weekly magazines
- 50. political articles on the internet news (Yahoo! topics, mixi news etc.)
- 51. webpages of the political parties and candidates on the internet
- 52. various sites concerning politics on the internet including BBS, websites, homepages, blogs, SNS, mail magazine etc.
- 98. DK
- 99. NA

Q.38 Do you use the internet on your PC or mobile phone daily (at home, at work, at school etc.)? (one choice only/ by a matrix)

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Hardly ever
- Never
- DK
- NA

- (1) E-mail on a PC
- (2) E-mail on a mobile phone
- (3) Check websites or use search engines on a PC
- (4) Check websites or use search engines on a mobile phone

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES

{Face sheet}

Demographic Background Information on Respondent

Please answer the following questions about yourself. The information is necessary for statistical analysis.

F1. Gender

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

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

1. Meiji
 2. Taisho
 3. Showa

(circle one) Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____

Age ()

F3. Education: What is your highest level of education?

*If you had quit school or are currently in school, please choose that school as your latest background.

1. new junior high school, former elementary school, former higher elementary school
2. new high school, former junior high school
3. higher professional school (kousen), junior college, vocational school (senshuu gakko), trade school
4. university
5. graduate school
6. DK
7. NA

SQ Did you complete the school you mentioned in the previous question?

1. Completed
2. Incomplete
3. At school
4. DK
5. NA

F4. Are you currently working to earn wages? Part-time jobs are included. If you have two or more jobs, please give the job with the higher wage (only one choice).

Working

1. Self-employed or owner of company
2. Helping a family member
3. Employed-full time (4 or more days in a week)
4. Employed-half time (3 days in a week)
5. Employed – less than half time (2 or less days in a week)

Not working

6. Student, in school, in vocational training
7. Retired
8. Housewife, home duties
9. Permanently disabled
10. Others, not in labor force
11. DK
12. NA

SQ1. (For those whose choice was 6~10 in F4)

Have you ever had a job for a regular income? Please exclude non-regular (occasional) part-time jobs.

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

SQ2 (For those whose choice was 1 in F4 SQ1) What was your last job? If you had two or more jobs, please give the job with the higher wage (only one choice).

1. Self-employed or owner of company
2. Helping family member
3. Employed-full time (4 or more days in a week)
4. Employed-half time (3 days in a week)
5. Employed – less than half time (2 or less days in a week)
6. DK
7. NA

SQ3 (For those whose choice was 1~5 in F4 or 1~5 in F4SQ2) Please choose the category below which describes your job.

Self-owned business

1. Farm, Forest or Fishery worker
2. Self-employed or owner of company
3. Free-lance worker / in private practice (doctor, attorney, artist, religious business etc.)

Employed

4. Office Administrator (above manager)
5. Sales / Service (salesperson, hairdresser, beautician, nurse in the care business for the elderly etc.)
6. Technical skill (factory worker, craftsman, artisan, carpenter etc.)
7. Office work / Engineer (sales staff, accounting staff, teacher, nurse, programmer etc.)
8. Professional (medical doctor, professor etc.)
9. other ()
10. DK
11. NA

SQ4 (Show list of professions)

In which category is your occupation? Please choose one. This information is necessary to categorize jobs according to International Standards.

98. DK

99. NA

SQ5 In which category is your business or the company you work(ed) for? Please choose one that best describes the business details of the company.

1. Primary sector (agricultural, forestry, fisheries)
2. Secondary sector (industry, mining, construction and manufacturing)
3. Tertiary sector (public administration, public utilities such as transportation & communications, wholesale, retail, finance, insurance, real estate, entertainment, recreation, self-defense force etc.)
4. Others ()
5. DK
6. NA

SQ6 (For those whose choice was 4~9 in SQ3) Please choose one that best describes the details of the company you work(ed) for.

1. National /local government (public sector)
2. (Partly public) Quasi Autonomous Nongovernmental Organization
3. Joint venture between the national / local government and private company (the third sector etc.)
4. Private sector
5. Non-profit sector (NPO etc.)
6. Others ()
7. DK
8. NA

F5 Is anyone in your family a member of a labor union? (one choice only)

1. A member
2. Not a member
3. DK
4. NA

F6 Please choose your current status. (one choice only)

1. Married or Living Together as Married
2. Widowed
3. Divorced or Separated
(Married but Separated / not Living with Legal Spouse)
4. Single, Never Married
5. DK
6. NA

For those who chose 1. Married or living together in F6

F7 Is your spouse currently working for wages? Part-time jobs are included. If your spouse has two or more jobs, please give the job with the higher wage (only one choice).

Working

1. Self-employed or owner of company
2. Helping family member
3. Employed-full time (4 or more days in a week)
4. Employed-half time (3 days in a week)
5. Employed – less than half time (2 or less days in a week)

Not working

6. Student, in school, in vocational training
7. Retired
8. Housewife, home duties
9. Permanently disabled
10. Others, not in labor force
11. DK
12. NA

SQ1 (For those whose choice was 6~10 in F7) Has your spouse ever had any job for a

regular income?

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

SQ2 (For those whose choice was 1 in F7 SQ1) What was your spouse's last job? If your spouse had two or more jobs, please give the job with the higher wage (only one choice).

1. Self-employed or owner of company
2. Helping family member
3. Employed-full time (4 or more days in a week)
4. Employed-half time (3 days in a week)
5. Employed – less than half time (2 or less days in a week)
6. DK
7. NA

SQ3 (For those whose choice was 1~5 in F7 or 1~5 in F7SQ2) Please choose the category below which describes your spouse's job.

Self-owned business

1. Farm, Forest or Fishery worker
2. Self-employed or owner of company
3. Free-lance worker / in private practice (doctor, attorney, artist, religious business etc.)

Employed

4. Office Administrator (above manager)
5. Sales / Service (salesperson, hairdresser, beautician, nurse in the care business for the elderly etc.)
6. Technical skill (factory worker, craftsman, artisan, carpenter etc.)
7. Office work / Engineer (sales staff, accounting staff, teacher, nurse, programmer etc.)
8. Professional (medical doctor, professor etc.)
9. other ()
10. DK
11. NA

SQ4 (Show list of profession)

In which category is your spouse's job? Please choose one. This information is necessary to categorize jobs according to International Standards.

98. DK

99. NA

SQ5 In which category is your spouse's business or the company your spouse work(ed) for? Please choose one that best describes the business details of the company.

1. Primary sector (agricultural, forestry, fisheries)
2. Secondary sector (industry, mining, construction and manufacturing)

3. Tertiary sector (public administration, public utilities such as transportation & communications, wholesale, retail, finance, insurance, real estate, entertainment, recreation, self-defense force etc.)
4. Others ()
5. DK
6. NA

SQ6 (For those whose choice was 4~9 in SQ3) Please choose one that best describes the details of the company your spouse work(ed) for.

1. National /local government (public sector)
2. (Partly public) Quasi Autonomous Nongovernmental Organization
3. Joint venture between the national / local government and private company (the third sector etc.)
4. Private sector
5. Non-profit sector (NPO etc.)
6. Others ()
7. DK
8. NA

F8 What was the total income of your household for the year 2006 (January ~ December)? Please answer including bonuses, extra income and including taxes (only one choice).

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. 6million
6. G. E. 6 ~ L. T. 7million
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 Please tell us the number of people in your household. Please include yourself and exclude anyone who is temporarily living with you such as lodger, housekeeper etc.

___ people

1. DK
2. NA

F10 Please tell us the number of children under 18 in your household.

___ people

1. DK
2. NA

F11 How often do you attend religious services? Religious services include praying at Buddhist or Shinto altars but excludes the year's first visit to the shrine, weddings and funerals (one choice only)

1. Never
2. Once in several years
3. Once a year
4. Two to eleven times a year
5. Once a month
6. Two or more times a month
7. Once a week
8. More than once a week
9. DK
10. NA

F12 Are you religious?

1. Not religious at all
2. Not very religious
3. Somewhat religious
4. Very religious
5. DK
6. NA

F13 Do you believe in a specific religion? If there is more than one, please choose whichever you mainly believe in.

1. Roman Catholic
2. Protestant
3. Christian (No Denomination Given)
4. Buddhist
5. Shinto
6. Other religion ()
7. DK
8. NA

F14 We may want to confirm several things at a later date, and would very much appreciate it if you can let us know your phone number. Mobile phone would be just as good.

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: