

House of Councilors Post-Election Survey 2004

Q1. {SHOW CARD #1} Did you vote in the House of Councilors election on July 11th?

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

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

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| 1. Yes | (proceed to Q1-SQ2) |
| 2. No | (proceed to Q1-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>

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
- 6.
- 7.
8. Other ()
9. Independents
10. DK
11. NA

Q1-SQ3. {SHOW CARD #2} 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 {SHOW CARD #3} When did you make your final decision about for whom to vote in the single member constituency election? Choose from one of the following.

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

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- 6. DK
- 7. NA

Q1-SQ5. {SHOW CARD #4} Which factors did you consider when making a final decision about for whom to vote in the prefectural constituency election? Choose one from the following.

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

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

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

Q1-SQ7 (To respondents whose answer was 1 in SQ6) 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. (To respondents whose answer was 2 in SQ6) Which party did you vote for?
(proceed to Q9)

- 1. LDP
- 2. DPJ
- 3. CGP (New Komeito)
- 4. SDP
- 5. JCP
- 6.
- 7.
- 8. Other (_____)
- 9. DK
- 10. NA

Q1-SQ9. {SHOW CARD #5} 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

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6. NA

Q1-SQ10. {SHOW CARD #6} When did you make your final decision about for whom to vote in the proportional-representation election? Choose one from the following.

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

Q1-SQ11. {SHOW CARD #7} Which factors did you consider when making a final decision about for whom to vote in the proportional-representation election? Choose one from the following.

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

Q1-SQ12. {SHOW CARD #8} (To respondents whose answer was 3 in Q1) When did you decide not to vote in the House of Representatives 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 all respondents)

Q2 (1). {SHOW CARD #9} Looking at the result, how do you feel about the number of seats that the LDP gained? Choose one from below.

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

Q2 (2). How do you feel about the number of seats that the DPJ gained?

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

Q3. {SHOW CARD #10} In the latest House of Councilors election, for the region that you live in, how much competition do you feel there was?

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

Q4. {SHOW CARD #11} Regarding the future of the Japanese parties, which of the following do you feel is most desirable. (Please choose only one)

1. One large party with the rest of the parties having a relatively small influence.
2. Two large parties with the rest having a small influence.
3. Two large parties with the rest also having a strong influence.
4. Having 3 or more comparatively large parties.
5. Other ()
6. DK
7. NA

Q5. {SHOW CARD #12} Do you typically vote for the same party in the House of Representatives elections as you do in the House of Councilors elections? Please choose one of the following.

1. I almost always vote for the same party.
2. I usually vote for the same party, but sometimes vote for a different party.
3. I often vote for different parties depending on the election.
4. Other ()
5. DK
6. NA

Q6. Generally speaking, if the ruling party suffers a big defeat in the House of Councilors election, how desirable or undesirable do you feel the following outcomes are?

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

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

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

Q8. {SHOW CARD #13} So, concerning the results of the latest House of Councilors elections,

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how satisfied are you overall? Please choose from one of the following.

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

Q9. {SHOW CARD #14} During the House of Councilors election, how much interest did you have in the election campaigns of the candidates from the various parties?

1. Lots of interest
2. Some interest
3. Not much interest
4. Hardly any interest
5. DK
6. NA

Q10. {SHOW CARD #15} In the recent House of Representatives election, did you try to persuade your friends and/or acquaintances to vote for a particular candidate? Choose one from the following.

1. Tried to persuade a lot
2. Tried to persuade several times
3. Tried to persuade a few times
4. Did not try to persuade at all (proceed to Q11)
5. DK (proceed to Q11)
6. NA (proceed to Q11)

Q10-SQ1. {SHOW CARD #16} Which party was that candidate from? (To respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q10)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X (blank)
7. X (blank)
8. Other
9. DK
10. NA

Q10-SQ2. {SHOW CARD #17} Whom did you try to persuade? (M.A.) (To the respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q10)

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

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(For all the respondents)

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Q11. {SHOW CARD #18} On the other hand, did someone you know, including your friends, family members, relatives, etc., try to persuade you to vote for a particular candidate? Choose from one of the following.

1. Persuaded a lot
2. Persuaded several times
3. Persuaded a few times
4. Have not persuaded at all (proceed to Q12)
5. DK (proceed to Q12)
6. NA (proceed to Q12)

Q11-SQ1 (1) {SHOW CARD #19} Which party was that candidate from? Tell us the name of the party from which you had the most persuasion. (To respondent whose answer was 1-3 in Q11)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other
9. DK (proceed to Q12)
10. NA (proceed to Q12)

Q11-SQ1. (2) {SHOW CARD #19} Who tried to persuade you? (M.A.) (To the respondent whose answer was 1-3 in Q11)

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

Q11-SQ2 (1) {SHOW CARD #19} Which party was that candidate from? Tell us the name of the party from which you had the 2nd most persuasion. (To the respondent whose answer was 1-3 in Q11)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other
9. There was no 2nd party (proceed to Q12)
10. DK (proceed to Q12)
11. NA (proceed to Q12)

Q11-SQ2. {SHOW CARD #19} Who tried to persuade you? (M.A.) (To the respondents whose answer was 1-3 in Q11)

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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 the respondents)

Q12. {SHOW CARD #20} Since May of this year, have you participated, or been approached by others to participate, in the election campaign through one or more of the following? If yes, which party did it concern?

Q12-(1). Received a postcard from the candidate/party

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

Q12-(2). Received a newspaper or flyer related to the campaign.

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

Q12-(3). Received a phone call from the campaign person.

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

Q12-(4). Went to the election rallies and street oratories.

1. LDP

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2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. No, I did not receive any.
10. DK
11. NA

Q12-(5). Helped the election campaigns.

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

Q12-(6). Being a member of the candidate's support group (Koenkai).

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

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

Q12-(7). A family member being a member of the candidate's support organization.

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

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

Q7-(8). Heard about the *Manifest* (public commitment)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ

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- 5. JCP
- 6. X
- 7. X
- 8. Other ()
- 9. No, I did not receive any.
- 10. DK
- 11. NA

Q13. {SHOW CARD #21} 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, and the JCP regardless of the party you support.

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

- 1. LDP
- 2. DPJ
- 3. CGP (New Komeito)
- 4. SDJ
- 5. JCP
- 6. X
- 7. X
- 8. Other ()
- 9. No particular party, they are all about the same.
- 10. DK
- 11. NA

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

- 1. LDP
- 2. DPJ
- 3. CGP (New Komeito)
- 4. SDJ
- 5. JCP
- 6. X
- 7. X
- 8. Other ()
- 9. No particular party, they are all about the same.
- 10. DK
- 11. NA

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

- 1. LDP
- 2. DPJ
- 3. CGP (New Komeito)
- 4. SDJ
- 5. JCP
- 6. X
- 7. X
- 8. Other ()
- 9. No particular party, they are all about the same.
- 10. DK
- 11. NA

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

- 1. LDP
- 2. DPJ
- 3. CGP (New Komeito)

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4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. No particular party, they are all about the same.
10. DK
11. NA

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

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. No particular party, they are all about the same.
10. DK
11. NA

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

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDJ
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. No particular party, they are all about the same.
10. DK
11. NA

Q14. {SHOW CARD #22, 23} Please tell me your whether you agree or disagree with the following statements and/or opinions.

{SHOW CARD #22}

(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

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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

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

{SHOW CARD #23}

(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

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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

Q25. {SHOW CARD #24} What do you think about the government expenditures on the following matters? Choose one that best reflects your attitude toward each item.

(1) Environmental issues

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

(2) Crime control

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

(3) Education

1. Too much
2. Adequate

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3. Too little
4. DK
5. NA

(4) Defense

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

(5) Foreign aid

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

(6) Public utilities such as roads

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

(7) Social security, welfare

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

(8) Employment and countermeasures against unemployment

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

(9) Subsidiaries toward agriculture, forestry and fishery

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

Q16 {SHOW CARD #25} Do you think the Japanese government is doing well in this world?
Please choose from one of the following,

1. It is doing well
2. It is doing well to a certain extent
3. It is not doing too well

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4. It is not doing well at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q17 {SHOW CARD #25} Do you think the Japanese economy is doing well in this world? Please choose again from one of the following,

1. It is doing well
2. It is doing well to a certain extent
3. It is not doing too well
4. It is not doing well at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q18 {SHOW CARD #26} Do you feel that the structural reforms put into effect by the Koizumi Cabinet have had any merits to you personally? Please choose from one of the following the statement that fits most with what you think.

1. There were merits
2. There were merits to a certain extent
3. There was not much merit
4. There was not any merit
5. DK
6. NA

Q19 {SHOW CARD #27} Do you feel that the structural reforms put into effect by the Koizumi Cabinet have had any merits on the Japanese society? Please choose from one of the following the statement that fits most with what you think.

1. There were merits
2. There were merits to a certain extent
3. There was not much merit
4. There was not any merit
5. DK
6. NA

Q20 {SHOW CARD #28} Next, we will ask you about how you view politics. Please choose the answer that best reflects how you feel about the following statements.

(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

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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
4. Disagree
5. DK
6. NA

Q21. {SHOW CARD #29} Now, how would you feel about following statements? Choose one that best reflects your attitude toward each statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q22. (1) {SHOW CARD #30} To what extent do you feel you can trust national politics? Choose from the following

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

Q22. (2) {SHOW CARD #30} Now, I'd like to ask about your feelings concerning local politics. To what extent do you feel you can trust the politics in this prefecture?

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

Q22. (3) {SHOW CARD #30} And to what extent do you feel you can trust the politics in this city, town, or village?

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

Q23 {SHOW CARD #31} 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
2. If I had to choose, I would say that I could converse even with a differing opinion.
3. If I had to choose, I would say that it would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
4. It would be hard to converse with a differing opinion.
5. DK
6. NA

(3) Colleagues you are close to

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

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5. DK
6. NA

(4) Close friends

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

Q24 {SHOW CARD #32} During the most recent election campaign, from which of the following did you hear about and watch the most regarding the elections? (M. A.)

1. NHK news programs
2. Izumi Oguri's "Today's Events" (NTV)
3. Masako Fuefuki & Takahiko Fujii's "News Plus 1" (NTV)
4. Tetsuya Chikushi & Mitsuyo Kusano's "News 23" (TBS)
5. Hideya Sugio & Tomoko Ogawa's "News Forest" (TBS)
6. Matsumoto Masaya & Takigawa Crystel's "News Japan" (FTV)
7. Taro Kimura & Yuko Ando's "FNN Super News" (FTV)
8. Furudate Ichiro's "News Station" (ATV)
9. Etsuko Komiya's "Super J Channel" (ATV)
10. Maoko Kotani's "World Business Satellite" (TTV)
11. Bunchin Katsura's "Wake Up" (NTV)
12. Kazuo Tokumitsu's "The Sunday" (NTV)
13. Hiroshi Sekiguchi's "Sunday Morning" (TBS)
14. Misuzu Tamaru's "News Special" (TBS)
15. Yuji Kuroiwa's "News 2001" (FTV)
16. Soichiro Tahara's "Sunday Project" (ATV)
17. Isao Fukutome & Takae Mikumo's "Broadcaster" (TBS)
18. Radio Station
19. Weekly Magazines
20. Other TV program ()
21. DK
22. NA

Q25 During the most recent election campaign, did you show your support for a certain party or candidate by attending meetings, putting up posters or through other ways?

1. I showed my support
2. I did not show my support (proceed to Q26)
3. DK (proceed to Q26)
4. NA (proceed to Q26)

Q25-SQ1 How frequently did you show your support?

1. Frequently
2. Once in awhile
3. Hardly ever
4. DK
5. NA

Q26 Regarding the various problems with policies over the last few years, which was the most important to you? Any type of problem is fine. Please be as specific as possible.

Answer:
or

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1. None in particular (proceed to Q27)
2. DK (proceed to Q27)
3. NA (proceed to Q27)

Q26-SQ1 {SHOW CARD #33} Over the last 3 years, how has the government handled the problem you mentioned (in Q26)?

1. Very good job
2. Good job
3. Bad job
4. Very bad job
5. DK
6. NA

Q26-SQ2 {SHOW CARD #33} Also, how do you feel the government has performed overall over the last 3 years? Please choose from one of the following.

1. Very good job
2. Good job
3. Bad job
4. Very bad job
5. DK
6. NA

Q27 {SHOW CARD #34} Overall, satisfied are you with the democracy carried out in Japan? Which of the following reflects your opinion?

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

Q28 {SHOW CARD #25} Some people claim that one votes for in an election makes a big difference in the results, while others claim that it does not make much of a difference. Choose one that best reflects your attitude towards the statement.

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

Q29 {SHOW CARD #35} Some people claim that there is a big difference between who takes charge of the administration, while others claim that it does not make much of a difference. Which of the following reflects your opinion?

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

Q30 {SHOW CARD #36} Do you agree or disagree with the statement "democracy may have its problems, but it is better than any other system out there"?

1. Agree a lot
2. Agree
3. Disagree

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4. Disagree a lot
5. DK
6. NA

Q31 {SHOW CARD #37} How has the party you voted for in the proportional- representation constituency in last year's House of Councilors election performed over this past year? Please choose from one of the following.

1. They are doing a very good job
2. They are doing a good job
3. They are doing a bad job
4. They are doing a very bad job
5. I didn't vote
6. I didn't have the right to vote
7. DK
8. NA

Q32 {SHOW CARD #38} When you think of Japanese elections, how well do elections ensure that the views of voters are represented by the Congress members?

1. Very well
2. Quite well
3. Not very well
4. Not well at all
5. DK
6. NA

Q33 Is there a political party in Japan that reflects your views well?

1. Yes
2. No (proceed to Q34)
3. DK (proceed to Q34)
4. NA (proceed to Q34)

Q33-SQ {SHOW CARD #39} Which political party reflects your views the best? Please choose from one of the following.

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. DK
10. NA

Q34 Thinking apart from your views of the political parties, is there a particular leader of a party in the election who reflected your views well?

1. Yes
2. No (proceed to Q35)
3. DK (proceed to Q35)
4. NA (proceed to Q35)

Q34-SQ Which party is the party leader whom reflects your views the best from? Please choose from one of the following.

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. X

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7. X
8. Other ()
9. DK
10. NA

Q35 Is there a political party that you have always felt close to you?

1. Yes (proceed SQ1)
2. No (proceed SQ4)
3. DK (proceed to Q36)
4. NA (proceed to Q36)

Q35-SQ1 Which political party is that? Are there any others? (For those who answered “Yes” to Q35)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. DK
10. NA

Q35-SQ2 Out of those parties, which do you feel closest to? (For those who answered in SQ1 that there is more than one party. If in SQ1 there is only one party, do not ask again but instead circle the same number.)

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. X
7. X
8. Other ()
9. DK
10. NA

Q35-SQ3 Do you have any parties that you feel somewhat close to? (For those who answered “No” to Q35)

1. Yes
2. No (proceed to Q36)
3. DK (proceed to Q36)
4. NA (proceed to Q36)

Q35-SQ4 Which political party is that? Are there any others?

1. LDP
2. DPJ
3. CGP (New Komeito)
4. SDP
5. JCP
6. Other ()
7. DK
8. NA

Q35-SQ5 How close to you feel to that party?

1. Very close
2. Somewhat close
3. Not very close

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- 4. DK
- 5. NA

Q36 {SHOW CARD #40} Please let me know your opinions of the various political parties. After I read the name of a political party, please rate it on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If you have never heard the name of a certain party or cannot say whether or not you like them, please say so.

- 1) LDP Score: 1. Never heard of the party 2. DK 3. NA
- 2) DPJ Score: 1. Never heard of the party 2. DK 3. NA
- 3) CGP (New Komeito) Score: 1. Never heard of the party 2. DK 3. NA
- 4) SDP Score: 1. Never heard of the party 2. DK 3. NA
- 5) JCP Score: 1. Never heard of the party 2. DK 3. NA

Q37 {SHOW CARD #41} 1) When referring to politics, the terms Conservative and Progressive have occasionally been used. On a scale from 0-10 with 0 being Progressive and 10 being Conservative, please rate where you think the LDP would stand.

- Progressive 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Conservative 11. DK 12. NA
- 2) What about the DPJ?
Progressive 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Conservative 11. DK 12. NA
- 3) How about the CGP (New Komeito)?
Progressive 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Conservative 11. DK 12. NA
- 4) What about the SDP?
Progressive 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Conservative 11. DK 12. NA
- 5) What about the JCP?
Progressive 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Conservative 11. DK 12. NA

Q38 Over the past five years, in order to express your opinion of what the government should or should not do, have you done any of the following?

- 1) Contacted a politician or a federal officer personally, through a letter or some other way?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 3. DK
 - 4. NA
- 2) Participated in a protest, march or demonstration?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 3. DK
 - 4. NA
- 3) Contended with someone who had the same interests as you?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 3. DK
 - 4. NA

Q39 {SHOW CARD #42} In Japan, how respected is an individual's freedom and rights? Please choose the closest statement to your thoughts from one of the following.

- 1. An individual's freedom is respected a lot
- 2. It is somewhat respected
- 3. It not so respected
- 4. It is not respected at all
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

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Q40 {SHOW CARD #43} How widespread do you think corruption such as bribe taking is amongst politicians in Japan? Please choose from one of the following.

1. Very prevalent
2. Somewhat prevalent
3. Not very prevalent
4. Nonexistent
5. DK
6. NA

Q41 {SHOW CARD #44} Regarding the government, sometimes the terms Progressive and Conservative are used. Please rank yourself on a 0-10 scale with 0 being most progressive and 10 being most conservative.

Progressive 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Conservative 11. DK 12NA

Q42 I'd like to ask you some questions regarding the Japanese political system.

1) {SHOW CARD #45} 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 part of Congress (correct)
3. Does not necessarily have to be a part of Congress
4. DK
5. NA

2) {SHOW CARD #46} Which of the following is a requirement to make an amendment to the constitution?

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

3) {SHOW CARD #47} Out of the following, which is the name given for the election system for the House of Councilors?

1. Multiple seat constituency system.
2. System of proportional representation as a major part of the system which is combined with single-seat constituencies.
3. System that combines single-seat districts and proportional-seat representation. (correct)
4. DK
5. NA

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES

{Face sheet}

Demographic Background Information on Respondent

F1. Gender

1. Male
2. Female

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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?

1. Primary or lower-secondary school (junior high school)
2. High school
3. Junior college and 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. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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. 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 any job for regular income?

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

SQ2. (For those whose choice was 1 in F4 SQ1) What was your last job?

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 fit for your job.

1. Farm, Forest or Fishery worker
2. Self-employed or owner of company
3. Free-lance worker & Artist
4. Office Administrator
5. Sales person

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6. Engineer
7. Office worker
8. Professional (medical doctor, professor)
9. Other (employed)
10. DK
11. NA

SQ4. MAIN OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT (For those whose choice was 1~9 in SQ3)

LEGISLATORS, SENIOR OFFICIALS, AND MANAGERS

11. Legislators and Senior officials
12. Corporate Managers
13. General Managers

PROFESSIONALS

21. Physical, Mathematical and Engineering Science Professionals
22. Life Science and Health Professionals
23. Teaching Professionals
24. Other Professionals

TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONALS

31. Physical and Engineering Science associate Professionals
32. Life Science and Health Associate Professionals
33. Teaching Associate Professionals
34. Other Associate Professionals

CLERKS

41. Office Clerks
42. Customer Services Clerks

SERVICES WORKERS AND SHOP AND MARKET SALES WORKERS

51. Personal and Protective Service Workers
52. Models, Sales Persons and Demonstrators

SKILLED AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY WORKERS

61. Market-Oriented Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers
62. Subsistence Agricultural and Fishery Workers

CRAFT AND RELATED TRADE WORKERS

71. Extraction and Building Trade Workers
72. Metal, Machinery and Related Trade Workers
73. Precision, Handicraft, Printing and Related Trade Workers
74. Other Craft and Related Trades Workers

PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS

81. Stationary-Plant and Related Operators
82. Machine Operators and Assemblers
83. Drivers and Mobile-Plant Operators

ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS

91. Sales and Services Elementary Occupations
92. Agricultural, Fishery and Related Laborers
93. Laborers in Mining, Construction, Manufacturing and Transport

ARMED FORCES

1. Armed Forces.

97. No Occupation
98. DK
99. NA
- (missing) Inapplicable

SQ5. INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (For those whose choice was 1~9 in SQ3)

0. Not in Labor force, Never had a Job
1. Primary Sector: Agricultural, Forestry, Fisheries
2. Secondary Sector: Industry, Mining, Construction, and Manufacturing
3. Tertiary Sector Transportation, Communications, and Other Public Utilities
Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade
Personal Services

Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
Business and Repair Services
Entertainment and Recreation Services
Professional and Related Services
Public Administration
Active Duty Military

4. Other
5. DK
6. NA

SQ6. PRIVATE OR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (For those whose choice was 4~9 in SQ3)

1. Public Sector
2. (Partly public) Quasi Autonomous Nongovernmental Organization
3. Third Sector
4. Private Sector
5. Non-Profit Sector
6. Other
7. DK
8. NA

F5-1. RESPONDENT MEMBER OF A UNION

1. R is member of a Union
2. R is not a member of a Union
3. DK
4. NA

F5-2. RESPONDENT MEMBER OF A BUSINESS OR EMPLOYER'S ASSOCIATION

1. R is member of a Business or Employer's Association
2. R is not a member of a Business or Employer's Association
3. DK
4. NA

F5-3. RESPONDENT MEMBER OF A FARMER'S ASSOCIATION

1. R is member of a Farmer's Association
2. R is not a member of a farmer's Association
3. DK
4. NA

F5-4. RESPONDENT MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

1. R is member of a Professional Association
2. R is not a member of a Professional Association
3. DK
4. NA

F6. SOMEONE ELSE IN HOUSE IS MEMBER OF A UNION

0. INAP
1. Someone Else (Other than R) is a Member of a Union
2. No One Else (Other than R) is a Member of a Union
3. DK
4. NA

F7. RESPONDENT'S MARITAL STATUS

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

F8. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF SPOUSE

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. 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 F8) Has your spouse ever had any job for regular income?

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

SQ2. (For those whose choice was 1 in F8 SQ1) What was your spouse's last job?

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 F8 or 1~5 in F8 SQ2) Please choose the category below which fit for your spouse's job.

1. Farm, Forest or Fishery worker
2. Self-employed or owner of company
3. Free-lance worker & Artist
4. Office Administrator
5. Sales person
6. Engineer
7. Office worker
8. Professional (medical doctor, professor)
9. Other (employed)
10. DK
11. NA

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- 91. Sales and Services Elementary Occupations
- 92. Agricultural, Fishery and Related Laborers
- 93. Laborers in Mining, Construction, Manufacturing and Transport

ARMED FORCES

- 1. Armed Forces.

97. No Occupation

98. DK

99. NA

(missing) Inapplicable

SQ5. INDUSTRIAL SECTOR OF SPOUSE (For those whose choice was 1~9 in SQ3)

- 0. Not in Labor force, Never had a Job
- 1. Primary Sector: Agricultural, Forestry, Fisheries
- 2. Secondary Sector: Industry, Mining, Construction, and Manufacturing
- 3. Tertiary Sector Transportation, Communications, and Other Public Utilities
 - Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade
 - Personal Services
 - Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
 - Business and Repair Services
 - Entertainment and Recreation Services
 - Professional and Related Services
 - Public Administration
 - Active Duty Military
- 4. Other
- 5. DK
- 6. NA

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- 1. Public Sector
- 2. (Partly public) Quasi Autonomous Nongovernmental Organization
- 3. Third Sector
- 4. Private Sector
- 5. Non-Profit Sector
- 6. Other
- 7. DK

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- 2. No
- 3. NA

Thank you for your cooperation with this survey.

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