Status of Election Studies in Japan

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Topic of this talk

- Introduction to Japanese Election Study (JES) Project
- CSES in Japan
Continuous National Election Survey Project in Japan:
Japanese Election Study (JES) Project

- Website URL: http://www.res.kutc.kansai-u.ac.jp/JES/index.html
- I (Joji Watanuki): 3 waves in 1983 (UH, LH)
- II (Ikuo Kabashima): 7 waves in 1993 (LH), 95 (UH), 96 (LH)
- III (Ken’ichi Ikeda): 9 waves in 2001 (UH), 03 (LH), 04 (UH, CSES2), 05 (LH)
- IV (Hiroshi Hirano): 7 waves in 07 (UH), 09 (LH), 10 (UH)
- V (Yoshiaki Kobayashi): 10 waves done in 12 (LH), 13 (UH). 16? (UH, LH?)
Features of JES Project

• National Sample (2-step random sampling)
• Sample size: approximately 3000 (2500-3700)
• Combination of Face to Face and Mail, net
• Small N of Investigators (4-6)
• Funded by MEXT
• 5 yrs project, except JES I
• Budget: 100-150 million yen (approximately 1-1.5 mil. USD) for 5 yrs, except JES I
The Yearly Budget of JES5 (approx.)

• 2012: 24,700,000JPY ≈ 224,500USD (mail survey on pre and post LH election). Using other budget and sample, we collected pre- and post-election survey via F-T-F.
• 2013: 48,100,000JPY ≈ 437,300USD (F-T-F and net survey on pre and post UH election)
• 2014: 23,400,000JPY ≈ 212,700USD (mail and net)
• 2015: 16,000,000JPY ≈ 145,400USD (mail and net)
• 2016: 25,000,000JPY ≈ 227,300USD

← not enough for F-T-F
## Response Rates on 1\textsuperscript{st} waves of JESs

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<td>60.10%</td>
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* original sample 3000 + supplementary 705

These are face-to-face interviews.
From JES data:
Party in Government?

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

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CSES in Japan

• I: JEDS96 (Bradley Richardson, 1995)
• II: JES III (Ken’ichi Ikeda, 2004)
• III: A Panel Survey on Asian Barometer round 2 and CSES round 3 (Ikeda, 2007)
• IV: WASC Project (Ikeda, 2010)
• V: ?