

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.kuttc.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 \cong 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 \cong 437,300USD (F-T-F and net survey on pre and post UH election)
- 2014: 23,400,000JPY \cong 212,700USD (mail and net)
- 2015: 16,000,000JPY \cong 145,400USD (mail and net)
- 2016: 25,000,000JPY \cong 227,300USD
- ← not enough for F-T-F

Response Rates on 1st waves of JESs

| Response Rate of JES | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------|------|------|
| JES | Year of 1 st wave | Rate | N | note |
| I | 1983 | 70.10% | 2525 | |
| II | 1993 | 75.20% | 3000 | |
| III | 2001 | 68.70% | 3000 | |
| IV | 2007 | 45.20% | 3705 | (*) |
| V | 2012 | 60.10% | 3000 | |
| * original sample 3000 + supplementary 705 | | | | |
| These are face-to-face interviews. | | | | |

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: ?