

English translation of the 2017 CSES Japan questionnaire

We created an English-language facsimile of the questionnaire used in face-to-face interviews for the CSES Japan survey after the 2017 general election. Please be aware that this English questionnaire was never used in field interviews. We prepared this translation only to show the visual aspects of the questionnaire such as matrices, scales, and arrows for guiding the flow of the questions.

We tried to make the layout of the English copy as close as possible to that of the original in Japanese. However, as the lengths of sentences differ between the original Japanese and translated English questions, it is impossible to avoid some inconsistencies. For example, Q32 in Japanese appears at the top of page 17 while Q32 in English appears at the bottom of page 19.

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Election attitudes survey

(Survey on the general election)

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Request to interviewees*

*(To be read by interviewer)

This questionnaire asks about your thoughts and opinions towards a variety of topics. Your answers to all of the questions are needed to make international comparisons of people's views on society, culture, and politics, so please answer each question. Because this survey is academic, some of the questions might seem difficult or hard to answer. Answering any such questions as best you can would be greatly appreciated.

However you choose to answer, your opinion is extremely valued. We thank you for supporting our research aims by completing this questionnaire.

Your responses to each question will be tallied with all other respondents' answers and expressed statistically. For example, "Forty percent agreed with the statement." There will never be any disclosure of your name or how you answered individually.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance.

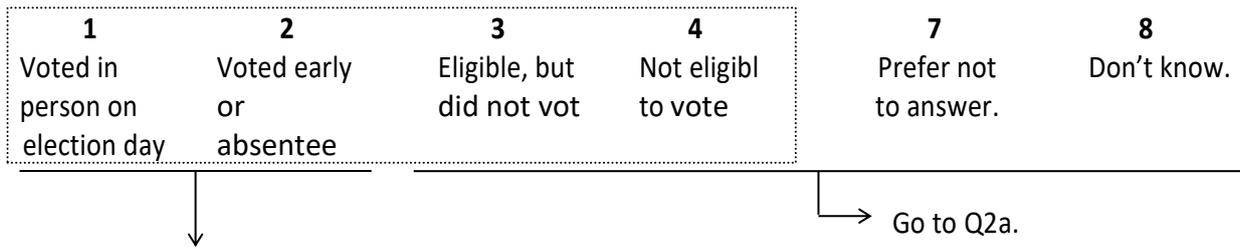
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Interview survey start time: _____ Month _____ Day _____ Hour

Interview survey end time: _____ Hour

(Record start and end times using the 24-hour clock.)

1a. Did you vote in the general election on October 22 last year?



[for respondents who answered 1 or 2 at Q1a.]

1b. On the single-member district section of the ballot, which party's candidate did you vote for? Please select one from the following list.

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Party of Hope
3. Komeito
4. Japanese Communist Party
5. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
6. Japan Innovation Party
7. Social Democratic Party
8. Other party (please specify: _____)
9. Independent candidate
10. Turned in a blank ballot (spoiled ballot)

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know.

[for respondents who answered 1 or 2 at Q1a.]

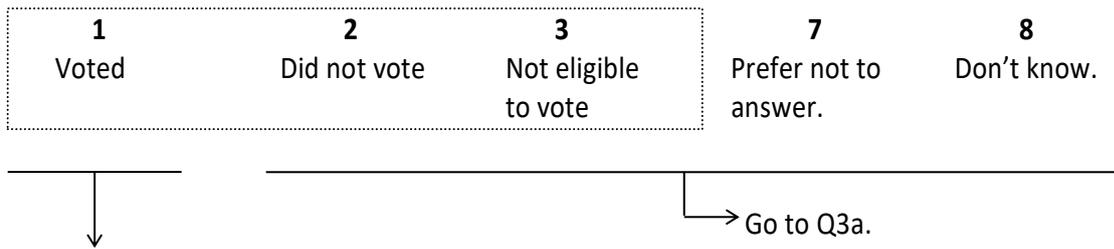
1c. On the proportional representation section of the ballot, which party did you vote for? Please select one from the following list.

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Party of Hope
3. Komeito
4. Japanese Communist Party
5. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
6. Japan Innovation Party
7. Social Democratic Party
8. Party for Japanese Kokoro
9. Other party (please specify: _____)
10. Turned in a blank ballot (spoiled ballot)

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know.

[For all respondents]

2a Did you vote in the House of Representatives election in December 2014?



[For respondents who answered 1 at Q2a.]

2b. On the single-member district section of the ballot, which party's candidate did you vote for? Please select one from the following list.

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Democratic Party of Japan
3. Japan Innovation Party
4. Komeito
5. Party for Future Generations
6. Japanese Communist Party
7. Social Democratic Party
8. People's Life Party
9. Other party (please specify: _____)
10. Turned in a blank ballot (spoiled ballot)

97. Prefer not to answer.
 98. Don't know.
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[For respondents who answered 1 at Q2a.]

2c. On the proportional representation section of the ballot, which party did you vote for? Please select one from the following list

1. Liberal Democratic Party
2. Democratic Party of Japan
3. Japan Innovation Party
4. Komeito
5. Party for Future Generations
6. Japanese Communist Party
7. Social Democratic Party
8. People's Life Party
9. New Renaissance Party
10. Other party (please specify: _____)
11. Turned in a blank ballot (spoiled ballot)

97. Prefer not to answer.
 98. Don't know.
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[For all respondents]

3a. In this general election, the media reported on stories like, “Can the LDP win 300 seats?” and stories on diminishing hopes and commitment to constitutional democracy. Where did you read or hear these types of news reports? (Multiple answers)

[Note to interviewer: Prompt with “Were there any other sources?” to elicit multiple answers.]

- 1. I read the newspaper.
- 2. I read the stories online.
- 3. I watched television.
- 4. I listened to the radio.
- 5. I heard news from other people.
- 6. I didn't read or hear these types of news stories. → Go to Q4.

- 7. Prefer not to answer. → Go to Q4.
 - 8. Don't know.
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[For respondents who selected only one information source among responses 1-5 at Q3a.]

3b. At the time you read or heard the news, how did you feel? Please select all the answers that describe your feelings. (Multiple answers)

[Note to interviewer: Prompt with “Were there any other sources?” to elicit multiple answers.]

- 1. I thought this will be an interesting election.
- 2. I thought this will be a boring election.
- 3. I became more interested in the election.
- 4. I became less interested in the election.
- 5. I didn't feel anything in particular.
- 6. I don't remember.

- 7. Prefer not to answer.
 - 8. Don't know.
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[For all respondents]

Now we are ready to go on to the next topic. I'd like to ask about the media outlets where you read or watch political news.

4. Let's start with newspapers. Which of the following do you read? (Multiple answers)

[Note to interviewer: Prompt with "Were there any others?" to elicit multiple answers.]

1. Yomiuri Shinbun
2. Asahi Shinbun
3. Mainichi Shinbun
4. Sankei Shinbun
5. Nihon Keizai Shinbun
6. Tokyo Shinbun
7. Hokkaido Shinbun
8. Chūnichi Shinbun
9. Nishinippon Shinbun
10. Prefectural or local newspapers (Kahoku Shinpo, Shinano Mainichi, Hokkoku Shinbun, Chugoku Shinbun, Nagasaki Shinbun, Okinawa Times, etc.)
11. Seikyo Shinbun
12. Political party newspapers (Akahata, Komeito Shinbun, etc.)
13. Other newspapers (please specify: _____)
14. I don't read newspapers.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know.

5. The next question is about television. Do you regularly watch TV news shows?

1. I watch commercial TV network news shows, but not NHK [public broadcasting] news.
2. I watch NHK news shows, but not commercial TV network news.
3. I watch both commercial TV network and NHK news shows.
4. I don't watch TV news shows.

7. Prefer not to answer.

8. Don't know.

6. Lastly, I will ask about the internet and social media platforms. (Multiple answers)

[Note to interviewer: Prompt with "Were there any other sources?" to elicit multiple answers.]

1. I read news on the websites of newspapers and TV stations.
2. I read news on portal sites like Yahoo Japan.
3. I read news that appears on my Facebook, Twitter, Line, or other feeds.
4. I read news apps on my smartphone.
5. I don't read news on the internet.

7. Prefer not to answer.

8. Don't know.

7. How interested would you say you are in politics? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

1	2	3	4	7	8
Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Prefer not to answer.	Don't know.

8. And how closely do you follow politics on TV, radio, newspapers, or the Internet? Very closely, fairly closely, not very closely, or not at all?

1	2	3	4	7	8
Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	Prefer not to answer.	Don't know.

9. How closely do the following statements match your views? Please select the answer below which is closest to your views.

“You feel you understand the most important political issues of this country.”

1	2	3	4	5	7	8
Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer.	Don't know.

10. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

First, how do you feel about statement (a), “What people call a compromise in politics is really selling out your principles”? [Note: use the same approach for statements (b) – (g).]

Strongly agree Somewhat agree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree Prefer not to answer. Don't know.

(a) What people call compromise in politics is really just selling out on one's principles. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
(b) Most politicians do not care about the people. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
(c) Most politicians are trustworthy. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
(d) Politicians are the main problem in Japan. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
(e) Having a strong leader in government is good for Japan even if the leader bends the rules to get things done. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
(f) The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
(g) Most politicians care only about the interests of the rich and powerful. . .	1	2	3	4	5	7	8

13. Now on to another topic.

How widespread do you think corruption such as bribe taking is among politicians in Japan: very widespread, quite widespread, not very widespread, or it hardly happens at all?

1 Very widespread	2 Quite widespread	3 Not very widespread	4 It hardly Happens at all	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know.
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14. Please say to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels."

1 Strongly agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Neither agree nor disagree	4 Somewhat disagree	5 Strongly disagree	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know.
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15. Now thinking about the performance of the Abe Cabinet in general, how good or bad a job do you think the third Abe Cabinet did over the past 3 years? Has it done a very good job? A good job? A bad job? A very bad job?

1 Very good job	2 Good job	3 Bad job	4 Very bad job	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know.
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16a. In this country, is there a political party that is somewhat close to your views?

1 Yes	2 No	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know
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[For respondents who answered "Yes" at Q16a]

16b. Which party represents your views best?

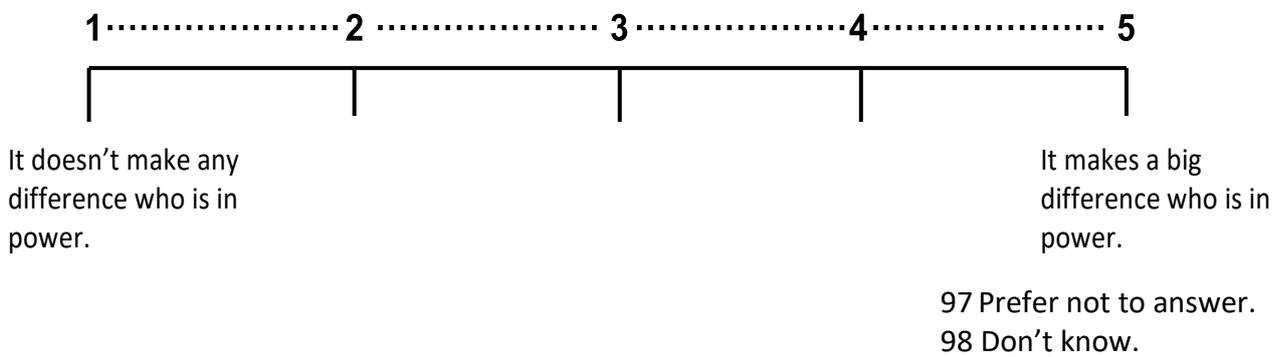
1. Liberal Democratic Party	97. Prefer not to answer.
2. Party of Hope	98. Don't know.
3. Komeito	
4. Japanese Communist Party	
5. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan	
6. Japan Innovation Party	
7. Social Democratic Party	
8. Party for Japanese Kokoro	
9. Democratic Party	
10. Other party (please specify: _____)	

[For all respondents]

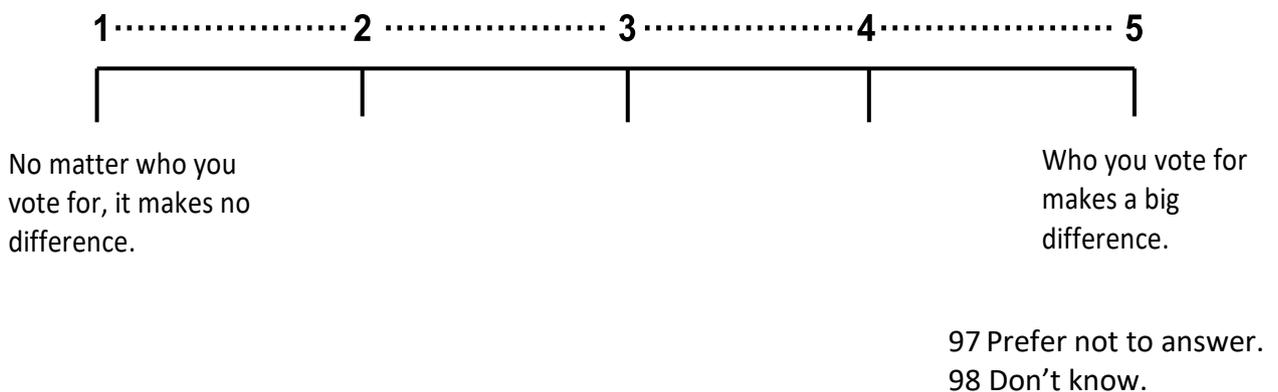
17. In the past year, did Japan's economy get better or worse?

1 Gotten much better	2 Gotten somewhat better	3 Stayed about the same	4 Gotten somewhat worse	5 Gotten much worse	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know.
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18a. 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. Using the scale on this card, (where ONE means that it doesn't make any difference who is in power and FIVE means that it makes a big difference who is in power), where would you place yourself?

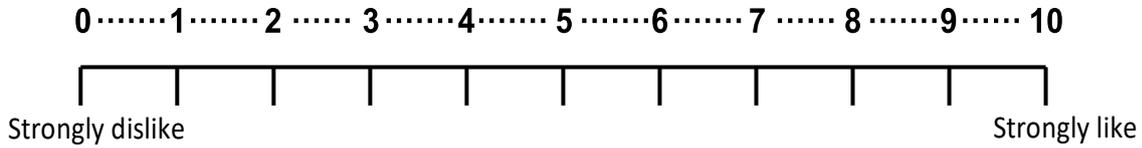


18b. Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. Using the scale on this card, (where ONE means that voting won't make any difference to what happens and FIVE means that voting can make a big difference), where would you place yourself?



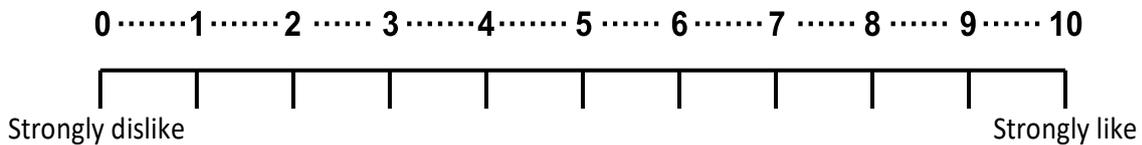
19. I'd like to know what you think about each of our political parties. After I read the name of a political party, please rate it on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If I come to a party you haven't heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so.

19a. The first party is Liberal Democratic Party.



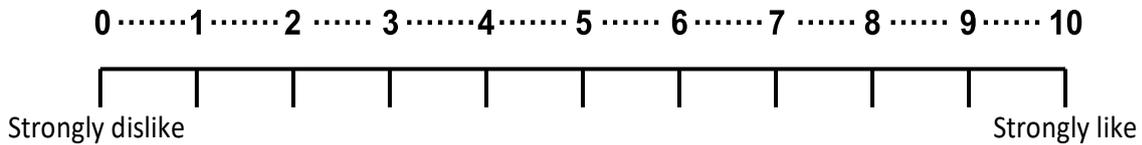
96 Haven't heard of party. 98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

19b. Using the same scale, where would you place, Party of Hope?



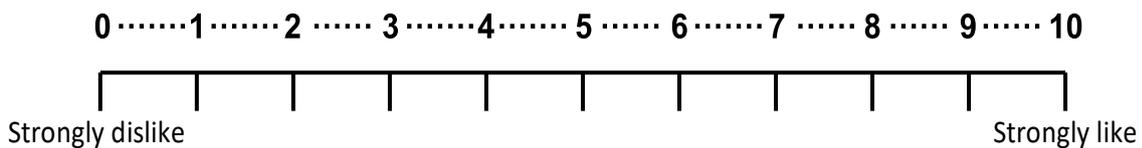
96 Haven't heard of party. 98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.
97 Prefer not to answer.

19c. Using the same scale, where would you place, Komeito?



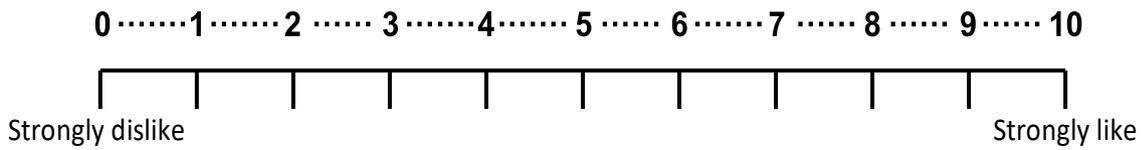
96 Haven't heard of party. 98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.
97 Prefer not to answer.

19d. Using the same scale, where would you place, Japanese Communist Party?



96 Haven't heard of party. 98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.
97 Prefer not to answer.

19e. Using the same scale, where would you place, Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan?

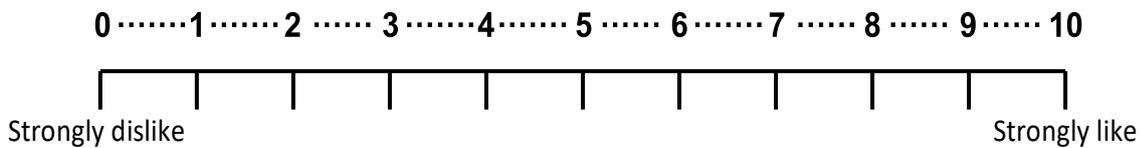


96 Haven't heard of party.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

19f. Using the same scale, where would you place, Japan Innovation Party?



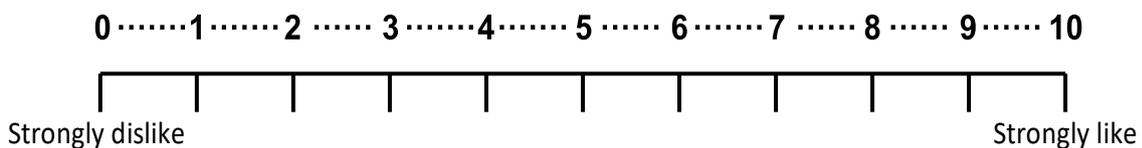
96 Haven't heard of party.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

20. The next set of questions is about party leaders at the time of the election. After I read the name of a party leader, please rate them on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that candidate and 10 means that you strongly like that candidate. If I come to a party leader you haven't heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so.

20a. The first is Mr. Shinzo ABE (Liberal Democratic Party).

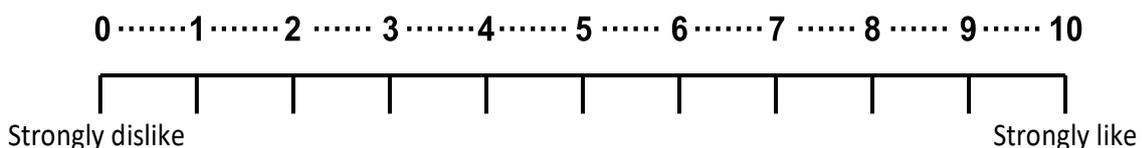


96 Haven't heard of leader.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

20b. Using the same scale, where would you place, Ms. Yuriko KOIKE (Party of Hope)?

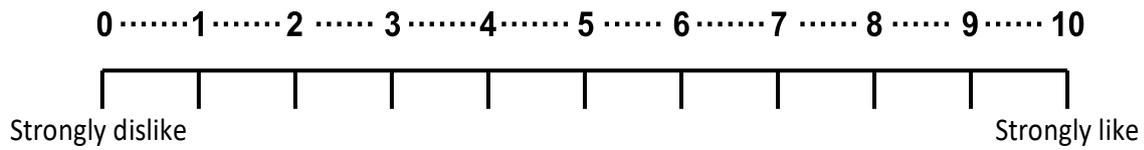


96 Haven't heard of leader.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

20c. Using the same scale, where would you place, Mr. Natsuo YAMAGUCHI (Komeito)?

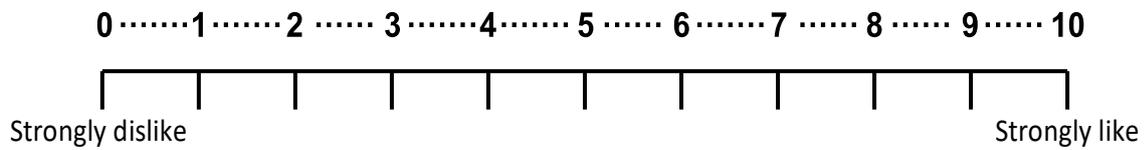


96 Haven't heard of leader.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

20d. Using the same scale, where would you place, Mr. Kazuo SHII (Japanese Communist Party)?

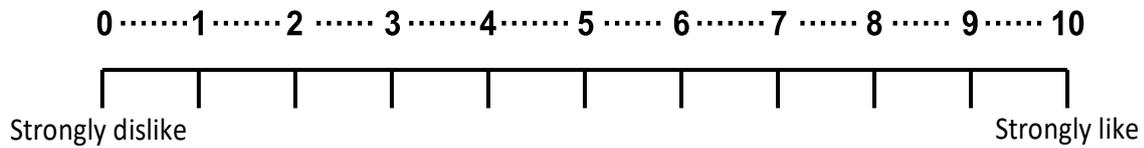


96 Haven't heard of leader.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

20e. Using the same scale, where would you place, Mr. Yukio EDANO (Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan)?

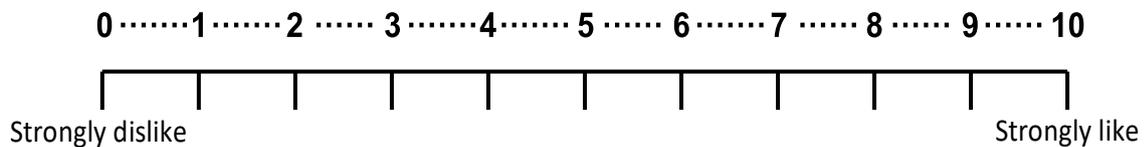


96 Haven't heard of leader.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

20f. Using the same scale, where would you place, Mr. Ichiro MATSUI (Japan Innovation Party)?



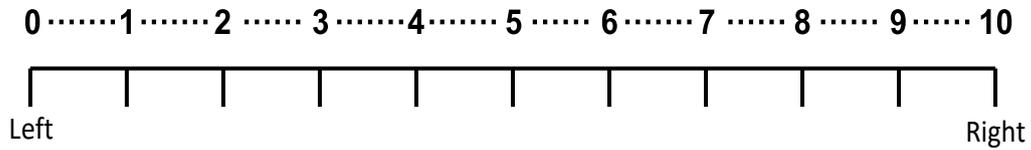
96 Haven't heard of leader.

98 Don't know enough about/Don't know where to rate.

97 Prefer not to answer.

21. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place each party on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

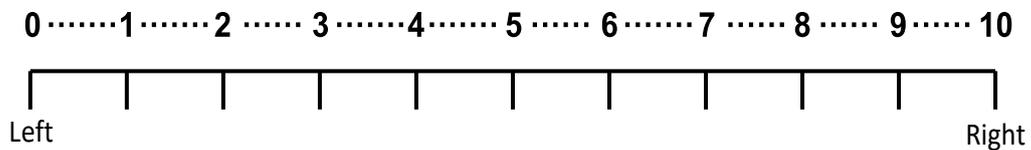
21a. The first is Liberal Democratic Party.



95 Haven't heard of left-right.
96. Haven't heard of party.

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know where to place.

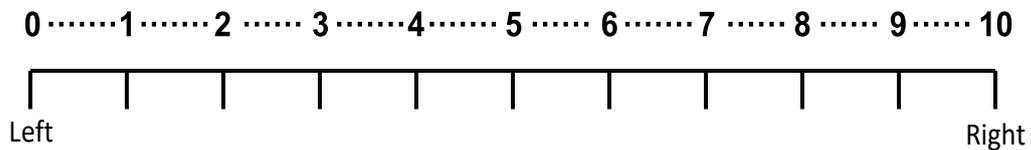
21b. Using the same scale, where would you place Party of Hope?



95 Haven't heard of left-right.
96. Haven't heard of party.

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know where to place.

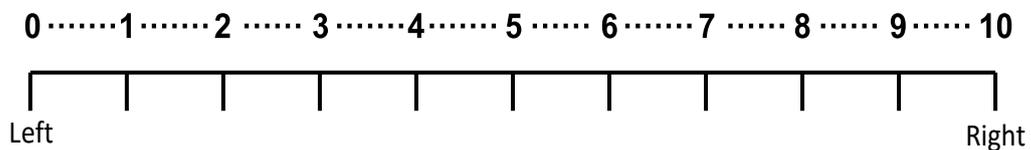
21c. Where would you place Komeito?



95 Haven't heard of left-right.
96. Haven't heard of party.

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know where to place.

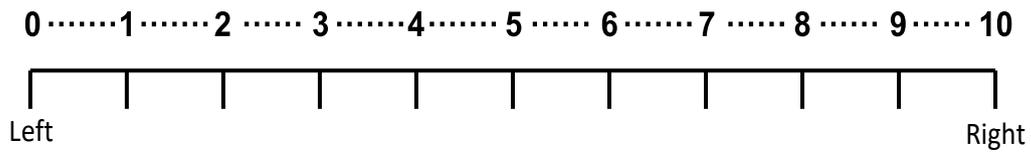
21d. Where would you place Japanese Communist Party?



95 Haven't heard of left-right.
96. Haven't heard of party.

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know where to place.

21e. Where would you place Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan?



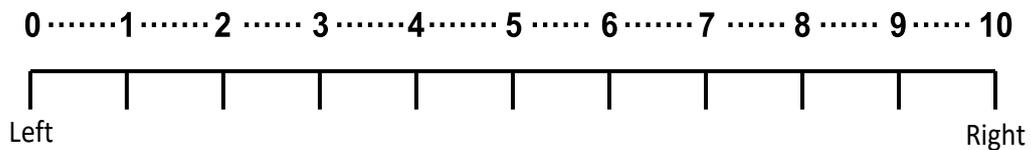
95 Haven't heard of left-right.

96. Haven't heard of party.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know where to place.

21f. Where would you place Japan Innovation Party?



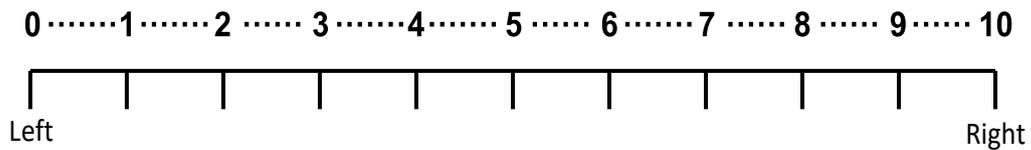
95 Haven't heard of left-right.

96. Haven't heard of party.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know where to place.

22a. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

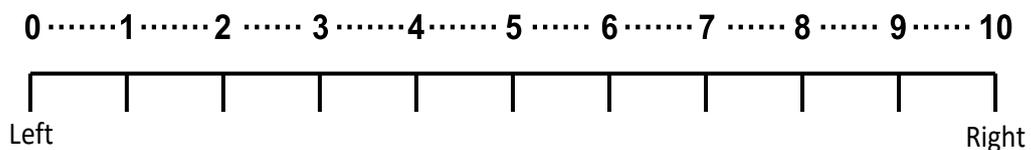


95 Haven't heard of left-right.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know where to place.

22b. Where would you place the Prime Minister Shinzo ABE on this scale?



95 Haven't heard of left-right.

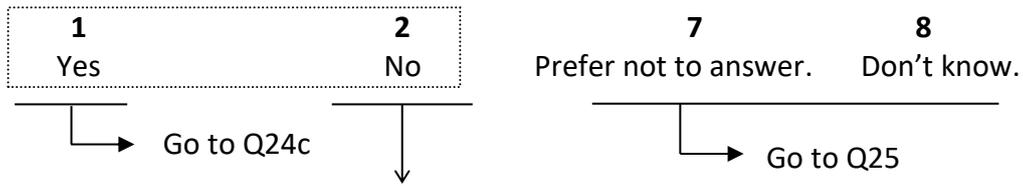
97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know where to place.

23. On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in [COUNTRY]?

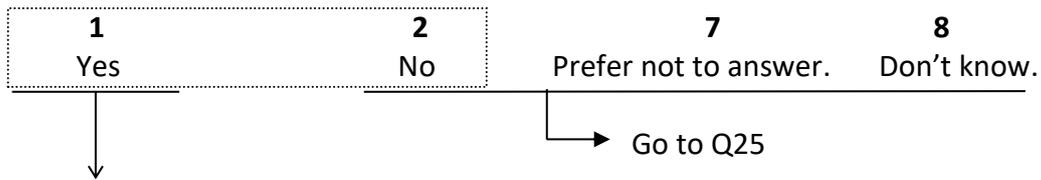
1 Very Satisfied	2 Fairly satisfied	3 Not very satisfied	4 Not at all satisfied	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know.
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24a. Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular party?



[Only respondents who answered "No" at Q24a]

24b. Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?



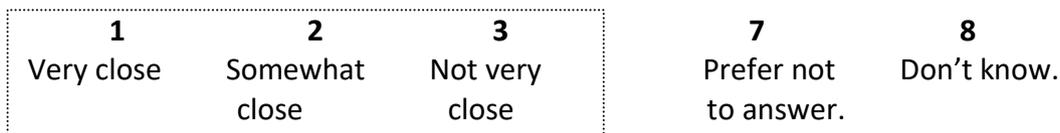
[Only respondents who answered "YES" at Q24a or Q24b]

24c. Which party do you feel closest to?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Party of Hope3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan6. Japan Innovation Party7. Democratic Party8. Social Democratic Party9. Liberal Party10. Party for Japanese Kokoro11. Other party (please specify: _____) | <p>97. Prefer not to answer. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>98. Don't know. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Go to Q25</p> |
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[Only respondents who answered "YES" at Q24a or Q24b]

24d. Do you feel very close to this party, somewhat close, or not very close?



[For all respondents]

25. Which parties do you think are capable of leading the government? Please indicate all of the parties that can govern. **(Multiple answers)** [Note to interviewer: Prompt with “Were there any other sources?” to elicit multiple answers.]

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|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Liberal Democratic Party |
| 2. Party of Hope |
| 3. Komeito |
| 4. Japanese Communist Party |
| 5. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan |
| 6. Japan Innovation Party |
| 7. Social Democratic Party |
| 8. Other party (please specify: _____) |
| 9. Turned in a blank ballot (spoiled ballot) |

97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don't know.

26. Do you support the Abe administration?

1	2	3	4
Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

- 7** Prefer not to answer
8 Don't know

27. Would you agree with or oppose increasing the number of foreigners living near you?

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat oppose	Oppose

- 7** Prefer not to answer
8 Don't know

28. How willing are you to accept foreigners working in the following occupations? Please answer for each job category. First, how do you feel about (a) factory workers? **[Note: use the same approach for statements (b) – (e).]**

	Very willing	Somewhat willing	Not willing	Prefer not to answer.	Don't know.
(a) Factory worker	1	2	3	7	8
(b) Supermarket or convenience store clerk	1	2	3	7	8
(c) Farming, forestry, or fishing sector worker	1	2	3	7	8
(d) Caregiving or nursing sector worker	1	2	3	7	8
(e) Researcher or engineer	1	2	3	7	8

29. Next I would like to ask how you feel about foreigners immigrating to Japan—do you think it’s a positive thing or not? First, how do you feel about immigration by (a) Chinese people? **[Note: use the same approach for statements (b) – (e).]**

	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Prefer not to Answer.	Don't know.
(a) Chinese people	1	2	3	4	7	8
(b) South Korean people	1	2	3	4	7	8
(c) Filipino people	1	2	3	4	7	8
(d) Brazilian people	1	2	3	4	7	8
(e) American people	1	2	3	4	7	8

30. Over the past five years, have the number of foreigners living in the same area as you increased?

1 Increased	2 No change	3 Decreased	7 Prefer not to answer.	8 Don't know.
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31. From the following list, please indicate all of the actions you have taken at some time in the past five years. **(Multiple responses)** [Note to interviewer: Prompt with “Did you do anything else?” to elicit multiple answers.]

1. Voted in an election.
2. Participated in a local council or neighborhood association meeting.
3. Contacted a local person of influence out of necessity (met in person, wrote a letter, etc.).
4. Contacted a politician or government official out of necessity.
5. Went to a local assembly meeting or government office to make a request or petition for something.
6. Attended a meeting related to elections or politics.
7. Helped in an election campaign (supported candidates, etc.).
8. Participated in a local citizens’ campaign or social movement.
9. Signed a petition.
10. Donated money or helped in a fundraising campaign.
11. Participated in a demonstration.
12. Posted your political opinions online (website, blog, Twitter, etc.) where anyone could read them.
13. Posted your political opinions online where only specific people could read them (LINE, Facebook, email, etc.).
14. Contacted a mass media outlet, sent a letter, or appeared on a program to express your views.
15. Intentionally bought something (or did not buy something) for environmental, political, or ethical reasons.
16. Did none of the above things.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don’t know.

For the next section, please tell us how you feel about the Abe government.

32. To start, please tell us what you like about the Abe government. List as many things as you wish. [Note to interviewer: Prompt with “Is there anything else?” to elicit multiple answers. Record respondents’ answers as accurately as possible.]

Details:

7. Prefer not to answer.

8. Don’t know.

33. Next, please tell us what you dislike about the Abe government. List as many things as you wish. [Note to interviewer: Prompt with “Is there anything else?” to elicit multiple answers. Record respondents’ answers as accurately as possible.]

Details:

7. Prefer not to answer.
8. Don’t know.

34. How well are your household’s finances doing compared to a year ago? Select the closest answer below.

1	2	3	4	5
Much better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Much worse

7 Prefer not to answer.
8 Don’t know.

35. What do you expect your household’s finances will be like in the future? Select the closest answer below.

1	2	3	4	5
Much better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Much worse

7 Prefer not to answer.
8 Don’t know.

36. What do you expect Japan’s economic conditions will be like in the future?

1	2	3	4	5
Much better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Much worse

7 Prefer not to answer.
8 Don’t know.

In this section, you will be asked about your thoughts towards some opinions on current issues.

37. Two views of the right to collective self-defense problem are presented below. Are your views closer to statement A or B?

A. To strengthen the US-Japan Security Treaty system, the right to exercise collective self-defense should be recognized.

B. Due to the risk of getting involved in international conflicts, the right to exercise collective self-defense should not be recognized.

1. Close to A

2. Closer to A than B

3. Closer to B than A

4. Close to B

7. Prefer not to answer.

8. Don't know.

38. Two views of the consumption tax are presented below. Are your views closer to statement A or B?

A. Even if it leads to higher consumption taxes, education, welfare, and other public services should be expanded.

B. Even if education, welfare, and other public services are cut back, consumption taxes should not be raised.

1. Close to A

2. Closer to A than B

3. Closer to B than A

4. Close to B

7. Prefer not to answer.

8. Don't know.

39. Two views of revising the constitution are presented below. Are your views closer to statement A or B?

A. The current constitution is becoming more out of date, so revising it soon would be best.

B. The current constitution provides a solid legal framework, so not revising it now would be best.

1. Close to A

2. Closer to A than B

3. Closer to B than A

4. Close to B

7. Prefer not to answer.

8. Don't know.

40. Two views of nuclear power generation are presented below. Are your views closer to statement A or B?

A. Because nuclear power is a reliable energy source and economically efficient, we should continue to have nuclear power generation.

B. Because of the problems of disposing radioactive waste and, in the worst case, nuclear accidents, we should stop using nuclear power generation.

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| 1. Close to A | 7. Prefer not to answer. |
| 2. Closer to A than B | 8. Don't know. |
| 3. Closer to B than A | |
| 4. Close to B | |

41. Of the four people listed below, who was the Minister of Foreign Affairs during the last general election?

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fumio KISHIDA | 7. Prefer not to answer. |
| 2. Taro KONO | 8. Don't know. |
| 3. Taro ASO | |
| 4. Hiroshige SEKO | |

42. Currently in the lower house of the Diet, which party holds the second most number of seats?

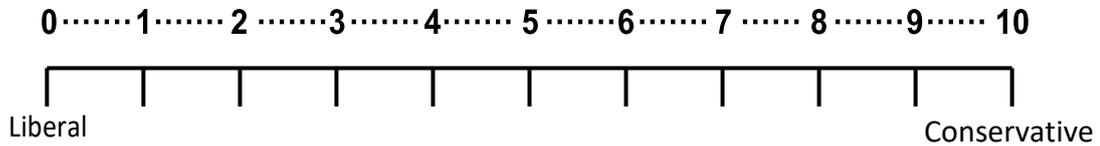
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| 1. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan | 7. Prefer not to answer. |
| 2. Party of Hope | 8. Don't know. |
| 3. Komeito | |
| 4. Japan Innovation Party | |

43. Which of the following is required to propose a constitutional amendment?

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| 1. Approval by at least 2/3 of all Diet members in each chamber | 7. Prefer not to answer. |
| 2. Approval by a majority of all Diet members in each chamber | 8. Don't know. |
| 3. Approval by at least 2/3 of Diet members in attendance in each chamber | |
| 4. Approval by a majority of Diet members in attendance in each chamber. | |

44. When discussing politics, sometimes terms such as “liberal” and “conservative” are used. If we place these terms on a scale where liberal = 0 and conservative equals 10, where would you place the various political parties? Please select a number on the answer sheet.

44a. First, where would you place the LDP on the scale below?



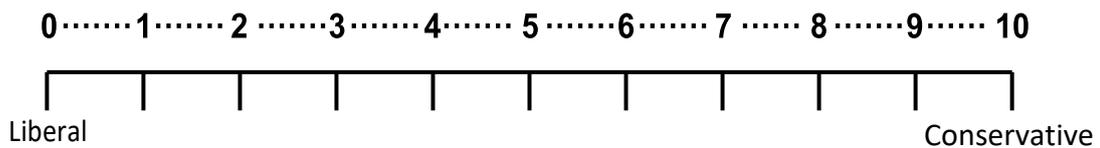
95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

97. Prefer not to answer.

96. Never heard of this party.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

44b. Where would you place the Party of Hope?



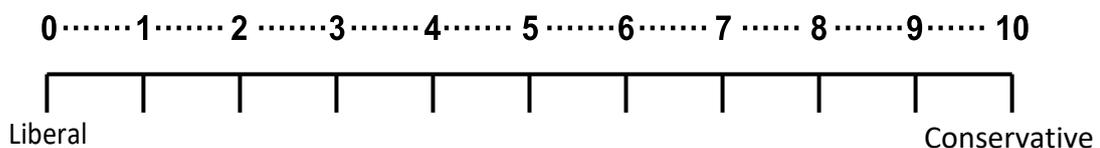
95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

97. Prefer not to answer.

96. Never heard of this party.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

44c. Where would you place Komeito?



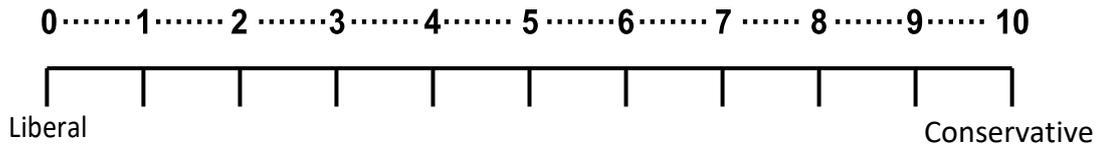
95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

97. Prefer not to answer.

96. Never heard of this party.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

44d. Where would you place the Japanese Communist Party?



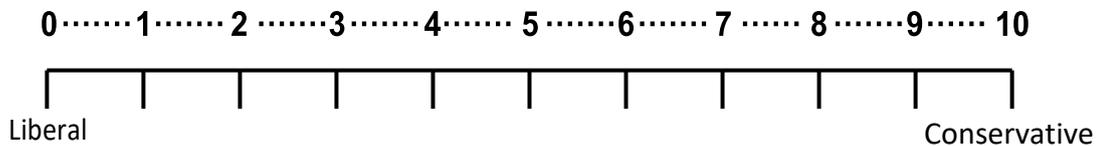
95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

96. Never heard of this party.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

44e. Where would you place the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan?



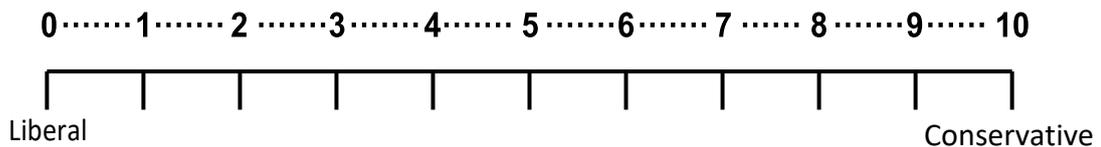
95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

96. Never heard of this party.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

44f. Where would you place the Japan Innovation Party?



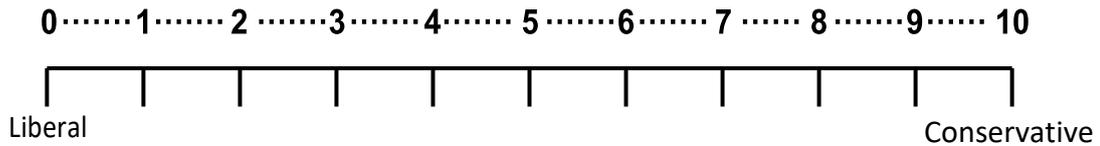
95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

96. Never heard of this party.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

45. Where do you think you would be on this liberal-to-conservative scale?

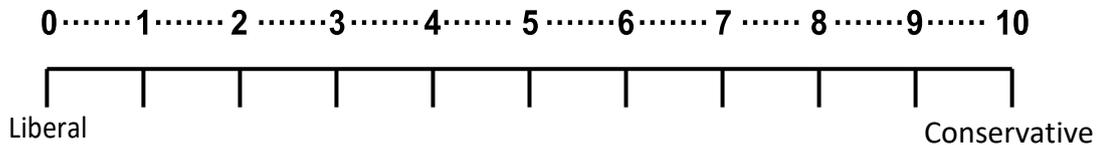


95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

46. Where would you place Prime Minister Shinzō Abe on this liberal-to-conservative scale?



95. Don't know because not familiar with the terms liberal and conservative.

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know what score would be right.

This section asks for information about you.

47. In what year and month were you born? How old are you now?

1. Meiji

2. Taisho

Year

Month

Age

3. Showa

4. Heisei

48. What is your gender?

1 Male	2 Female
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5*
Other

*[Note to interviewer: Select "5 Other" if the respondent suggests it themselves.]

49. What was the last level of school you attended (or are attending)?

1. Middle school (including ordinary and higher primary school under the pre-1947 system)
2. High school (including middle school, girls' high school, and vocational school under the pre-1947 system)
3. Technical college or junior college (including high school, normal school, and higher normal school under the pre-1947 system)
4. Specialized training college
5. Four-year college
6. Graduate school master's degree program
7. Graduate school doctoral degree program

97. Prefer not to answer.

98. Don't know.

50. Did you graduate from the last level of school you attended, withdraw, or are you currently enrolled?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| Graduated | Withdrew | Currently enrolled | Prefer not to answer. | Don't know. |

51. Are you currently working to earn a regular income, either full-time or part-time?

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| 1. Yes, currently working. | |
| 2. Not currently working. | → Go to Q53(8). |
| 7. Prefer not to answer. | |
| 8. Don't know | → Go to Q54. |

[For respondents who chose answer 1, "Yes, currently working," at Q51.]

52. How many hours do you work a week? Please include overtime in your answer. If you have two or more jobs, please answer with the number of hours you work at the job where you earn the most.

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| 1. 32 hours a week or more | 7. Prefer not to answer |
| 2. 15-31 hours a week | 8. Don't know |
| 3. Less than 15 hours a week | |

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q51.]

53(1). What is your current type of employment?

- 1. Regular, full-time employment
 - 2. Fixed-term contract or temporary agency employment
 - 3. Part-time or short-term employment
 - 4. Self-employed
 - 5. Employed or helping in your family’s business
 - 6. Business owner or executive
7. Prefer not to answer
8. Don’t know
- Go to Q53(3).
- Go to Q53(3).

[For respondents who answered 1, 2, or 3 at Q53(1).]

53(2). What type of company or organization do you work for? Please choose the answer that best describes your employer.

- 1. National or local government (public employee)
 - 2. Private company
 - 3. Third sector organization jointly financed by national or local government agency and a private company.
 - 4. Nonprofit organization (incorporated association, public service corporation, etc.)
7. Prefer not to answer
8. Don’t know
- Go to Q53(4).

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q51 (Except for those who, at Q53(2), chose answer 1, “National or local government” as their employer. These respondents should skip to Q53(4)).]

53(3). How many people work for your employer? Please include all employees in the organization, not just those at your local office or worksite.

- 1. 1 (Self-employed, contractor)
 - 2. 2-4
 - 3. 5-9
 - 4. 10-29
 - 5. 30-99
 - 6. 100-299
 - 7. 300-499
 - 8. 500 or more
97. Prefer not to answer
98. Don’t know

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q51.]

53(4) What is your current job category?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proprietor or equivalent2. Executive or equivalent3. Upper management (division or department chief)4. Middle management (section chief)5. Lower management (assistant section chief)6. Supervisor, foreman, team leader7. Rank-and-file8. Other (please specify: _____) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">97. Prefer not to answer98. Don't know |
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[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q51.]

(53)5. Which of the following is closest to your occupation type?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Professional (physician, nurse, attorney, teacher, etc.)2. Managerial (private or public sector manager, legislator, proprietor, etc.)3. Engineering or technical (mechanical, electrical, chemical, or civil engineer, architect, etc.)4. Administrative (private or public sector general office work, accounting, or other desk work)5. Sales or service sector (retail, wholesale, store clerk, insurance sales, cook, barber, hairdresser, home helper, etc.)6. Manufacturing and skilled trades (product manufacturing, assembly, auto repair, construction, electrical work, food processing, etc.)7. Transportation and security sector (truck driver, taxi driver, sailor, mail carrier, radio operator, police officer, firefighter, military servicemember, security guard, etc.)8. Other (please specify: _____) |
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97. Prefer to not answer.
98. Don't know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q51.]

53(6) What is your primary activity at work? Please provide a brief, specific description. (Examples: rice farming, elementary school teacher, supermarket cashier, telephone sales for a food business, outside sales for a cosmetics firm, installing interior electrical wiring at construction sites, caregiving at a nursing home (certified care worker), bank receptionist, making plastic toys at a factory, etc.)

Description:

7. Prefer to not answer.
8. Don't know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q51.]

53(7). What is the industrial sector of your firm or employer? Pick the closest answer below. For those employed in the employed in a government-affiliated corporation, third-sector organization, or nonprofit organization, please answer based on the nature of the organization’s work.

1. Primary industry (agriculture, forestry, and fishing)
2. Secondary industry (heavy industry, mining, construction, manufacturing)
3. Tertiary industry (government employee, transportation, communications, and other public utilities, wholesale or retail sales, personal services, finance, insurance, real estate)
4. Other (please specify: _____)

7. Prefer not to answer.
8. Don’t know.

[For respondents who chose answer 2, Not currently working,” at Q51]

53(8). Select the answer below that describes your current situation.

1. Housewife or primarily engaged in housekeeping
2. Student (including job training programs and vocational school)
3. Retired (at mandatory retirement age)
4. Unable to work due to disability
5. Unemployed
6. Other (please specify: _____)

7. Prefer to not answer.
8. Don’t know.

[For all respondents]

54. Are you currently a labor union member?

1. Yes, I am a member.
2. No, I am not a member.

7. Prefer not to answer.
 8. Don’t know.
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55. What is your marital status? Please select an answer below.

<p>1. Married (including common law marriage)</p> <p>2. Widowed</p> <p>3. Divorced or separated</p> <p>4. Single (never married)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	→	Go to Q59.
<p>7. Prefer not to answer.</p> <p>8. Don't know.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	→	Go to Q59.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, "married," at Q55.]

56. Is your spouse currently working to earn a regular income, either full-time or part-time?

<p>1. Yes, currently working</p> <p>2. Not currently working</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	→	Go to Q58(8).
<p>7. Prefer not to answer.</p> <p>8. Don't know.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	→	Go to Q58(8).

[For respondents who chose answer 1, "Yes, currently working," at Q56.]

57. How many hours do you work a week? Please include overtime in your answer. If you have two or more jobs, please answer with the number of hours you work at the job where you earn the most.

<p>1. 32 hours a week or more</p> <p>2. 15-31 hours a week</p> <p>3. Less than 15 hours a week</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	→	
<p>7. Prefer not to answer.</p> <p>8. Don't know.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	→	

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q56.]

58(1). What is your spouse’s current type of employment?

- 1. Regular, full-time employment
 - 2. Fixed-term contract or temporary agency employment
 - 3. Part-time or short-term employment
 - 4. Self-employed
 - 5. Employed or helping in your family’s business
 - 6. Business owner or executive
7. Prefer not to answer
8. Don’t know
- Go to Q58(3).
- Go to Q58(3).

[For respondents who answered 1, 2, or 3 at Q53(1).]

58(2). What type of company or organization does your spouse work for? Please choose the answer that best describes your employer.

- 1. National or local government (public employee)
 - 2. Private company
 - 3. Third sector organization jointly financed by national or local government agency and a private company.
 - 4. Nonprofit organization (incorporated association, public service corporation, etc.)
7. Prefer not to answer.
8. Don’t know.
- Go to Q58(4).

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q56 (Except for those who, in Q58(2), chose answer (1), “National or local government” as their spouse’s employer. These respondents should skip at Q58(4)).]

58(3). How many people work for your spouse’s employer? Please include all employees in the organization, not just those at your spouse’s local office or worksite.

- 1. 1 (Self-employed, contractor)
 - 2. 2-4
 - 3. 5-9
 - 4. 10-29
 - 5. 30-99
 - 6. 100-299
 - 7. 300-499
 - 8. 500 or more
97. Prefer not to answer.
98. Don’t know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q56.]

58(4) What is your spouse’s current job category?

- 1. Proprietor or equivalent
- 2. Executive or equivalent
- 3. Upper management (division or department chief)
- 4. Middle management (section chief)
- 5. Lower management (assistant section chief)
- 6. Supervisor, foreman, team leader
- 7. Rank-and-file
- 8. Other (please specify: _____)

- 97. Prefer not to answer.
- 98. Don’t know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q56.]

58(5). Which of the following is closest to your spouse’s occupation type?

- 1. Professional (physician, nurse, attorney, teacher, etc.)
- 2. Managerial (private or public sector manager, legislator, proprietor, etc.)
- 3. Engineering or technical (mechanical, electrical, chemical, or civil engineer, architect, etc.)
- 4. Administrative (private or public sector general office work, accounting, or other desk work)
- 5. Sales or service sector (retail, wholesale, store clerk, insurance sales, cook, barber, hairdresser, home helper, etc.)
- 6. Manufacturing and skilled trades (product manufacturing, assembly, auto repair, construction, electrical work, food processing, etc.)
- 7. Transportation and security sector (truck driver, taxi driver, sailor, mail carrier, radio operator, police officer, firefighter, military servicemember, security guard, etc.)
- 8. Other (please specify: _____)

- 97. Prefer to not answer.
- 98. Don’t know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q56.]

58(6) What is your spouse’s primary activity at work? Please provide a brief, specific description. (Examples: rice farming, elementary school teacher, supermarket cashier, telephone sales for a food business, outside sales for a cosmetics firm, installing interior electrical wiring at construction sites, caregiving at a nursing home (certified care worker), bank receptionist, making plastic toys at a factory, etc.)

Description:

- 7. Prefer not to answer.
- 8. Don’t know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “Yes, currently working,” at Q56.]

58(7). What is the industrial sector of your spouse’s firm or employer? Pick the closest answer below. For those employed in the employed in a government-affiliated corporation, third-sector organization, or nonprofit organization, please answer based on the nature of the organization’s work.

- 1. Primary industry (agriculture, forestry, and fishing)
- 2. Secondary industry (heavy industry, mining, construction, manufacturing)
- 3. Tertiary industry (government employee, transportation, communications, and other public utilities, wholesale or retail sales, personal services, finance, insurance, real estate)

- 7. Prefer not to answer.
- 8. Don’t know.

[For respondents who chose answer 1, “married,” at Q55.]

58(8). Is your spouse currently a labor union member?

- 1. Yes, my spouse is a member.
- 2. No, my spouse is not a member.

- 7. Prefer not to answer.
- 8. Don’t know.

[For all respondents]

59. How many people, including yourself, are living in your home? Please do not include people staying temporarily, live-in domestic workers, or tenants.

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people

- 97. Prefer not to answer
- 98. Don’t know

[Note to interviewer: For respondents who reported living alone at Q59, enter "0" at Q60(1) and 60(2) and go on to Q61.]

60(1). How many of the people living with you are 18 years old or younger? Please do not include people staying temporarily, live-in domestic workers, or tenants.

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 people

- 97. Prefer not to answer
- 98. Don't know

[Note to interviewer: For respondents who answered "0" at Q60(1), enter "0" at Q60(2) and go on to Q61.]

60(2). How many of the people living with you are 6 years old or younger? Please do not include people staying temporarily, live-in domestic workers, or tenants.

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 people

- 97. Prefer not to answer
- 98. Don't know

61. Last year (January 2017-December 2017), what was your household's combined annual, pretax income (including bonuses and incidental income)?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Less than ¥2,000,0002. ¥2,000,000 - ¥3,900,0003. ¥4,000,000 - ¥5,900,0004. ¥6,000,000 - ¥7,900,0005. ¥8,000,000 - ¥9,900,0006. ¥10,000,000 - ¥11,900,0007. More than ¥12,000,000 |
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- 97. Prefer not to answer.
- 98. Don't know.

62. What type of housing do you live in?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Owner-occupied, single-family house2. Owner-occupied condominium3. Rented single-family house (privately owned)4. Rented apartment or condominium (privately owned)5. Rented housing or apartment (publicly owned)6. Employer-owned or public employee housing7. Live-in, employee dormitory8. Other (please specify: _____) |
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- 97. Prefer not to answer.
- 98. Don't know.

63. Do you or anyone in the same generation as you in your household own stocks or bonds?

- 1. Yes, we own stocks or bonds.
- 2. No, we do not own stocks or bonds.

- 7. Prefer not to answer.
- 8. Don't know.

64. How often do you attend religious services? This includes worshipping at household altars or shrines, but does not include baptisms, weddings, or funerals.

- 1. Never
- 2. Once a year
- 3. 2-11 times a year
- 4. Around once a month
- 5. Twice a month or more
- 6. At least once a week

- 7. Prefer not to answer
- 8. Don't know

65. What is your religious affiliation?

- 1. Zen Buddhism (Soto or Rinzai sects)
- 2. Tendai Buddhism
- 3. Pure Land Buddhism
- 4. True Pure Land Buddhism
- 5. Shingon Buddhism
- 6. Nichiren Buddhism
- 7. Jishū Buddhism
- 8. Lotus Sutra/Hokke Buddhism
- 9. Honmon Butsuryū Buddhism
- 10. Buddhism (specific sect unknown)
- 11. Shinto
- 12. Roman Catholicism
- 13. Protestant
- 14. Other Christian denomination
- 15. Other Buddhist sect (please specify: _____)
- 16. Non-religion/non-sectarian

- 97. Prefer not to answer
- 98. Don't know

(Go to questions on next page)

[For all respondents]

66. What nation were you born in?

1. Japan
 2. Other (please specify: _____)
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Thank you for your cooperation in completing this lengthy survey.

[Note to interviewer: Be sure to enter the end time of the interview.]

[Completed by interviewer]

IR-1. Overall, how cooperative was the respondent?

1. Cooperative
 2. Not cooperative
 3. Don't know
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IR-2. Did the respondent ask to stop partway through the survey? If so, for what reason?

1. Asked to stop due to: _____
 2. Did not ask to stop
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IR-3. Did the respondent complain about anything during the survey? If so, for what reason?

1. Complained about: _____
 2. Did not complain
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IR-4. How interested in politics did the respondent seem to be?

1. Extremely interested
 2. Fairly interested
 3. Average level of interest
 4. Not very interested
 5. Not at all interested
 6. Don't know
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IR-5. How well informed about politics did the respondent seem to be?

1. Extremely informed
2. Fairly informed
3. Average level of information
4. Not very informed
5. Not at all informed
6. Don't know

End of survey