

2013 Pre House of Councilors Election Poll [Telephone Survey]

Q1: Do you support or not support the Abe administration? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Support
2. Not support
3. DK/ I don't want to tell

[To those who chose 1. Support in Q1]

Q2-1: What is the reason for supporting the Abe administration? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Policy of the Abe administration
2. Personality of the Prime Minister Abe
3. Political Party of the Abe administration
4. DK/ I don't want to tell

[To those who chose 2. Not support in Q1]

Q2-2: What is the reason for not supporting the Abe administration? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Policy of the Abe administration
2. Personality of the Prime Minister Abe
3. Political Party of the Abe administration
4. DK/ I don't want to tell

[To all]

Q3: Who do you is the most appropriate as a prime minister of Japan among the following people?
(Please circle only one choice.)

1. Shinzo Abe
2. Taro Aso
3. Shigeru Ishiba
4. Nobuteru Ishihara
5. Banri Kaieda
6. Katsuya Okada
7. Seiji Maehara
8. Goushi Hosono

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9. Natsuo Yamaguchi
10. Shintaro Ishihara
11. Tsuru Hashimoto
12. Kazuo Shii
13. Yoahimi Watanabe
14. Ichiro Ozawa
15. other
16. DK

Q4: How much do you feel the politics of our nation is trustworthy? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little
3. No so much
4. Almost no trust
5. DK
6. NA

Q5: How much do you feel the politics of the prefecture you live in is trustworthy? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little
3. No so much
4. Almost no trust
5. DK
6. NA

Q6: How much do you feel the politics of the municipality you live in is trustworthy? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little
3. No so much
4. Almost no trust
5. DK

6. NA

Q7: Regarding the political stance of being conservative or liberal, what is your stance? In the scale, the left end (0) means the most liberal and the right end (10) means the most conservative. Please circle the number that best describes your thinking. (Please circle only one number.)

0 Liberal

1

2

3

4

5 Middle

6

7

8

9

10 Conservative

11. DK

12. NA

Q8: If current Japanese society is categorized into the following socioeconomic levels, which do you think you are classified as? Please choose from below. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Top

2. Higher middle

3. Lower middle

4. Higher low

5. Bottom

6. DK

7. NA

Q9: Which political system do you think is the most desirable for the House of Representatives election?

1. Medium-sized constituency or system based on it

2. Small-sized constituency or system based on it

3. Proportional representation constituency or system based on it
4. DK/I don't want to tell

Q10: Which political system do you think is the most desirable for the House of Councilors election?

1. Medium-sized constituency or system based on it
2. Small-sized constituency or system based on it
3. Proportional representation constituency or system based on it
4. DK/I don't want to tell

Q11: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the current politics? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty satisfied
2. A little satisfied
3. A little dissatisfied
4. Pretty dissatisfied
5. DK/I don't want to tell

Q12: How do you think the Japanese economic condition will be from now onward? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. A little worse
4. Much worse
5. DK/I don't want to tell

Q13: How do you think your livelihood will change from now moving forward? Please choose from below. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. A little worse
4. Much worse
5. DK/I don't want to tell

Q14: There are four opinions about the change of government. If you have to choose, which one is close to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. The government party is doing well, and thus it should continue to be in charge
2. Nothing will change no matter what party is in charge, and thus the ruling party should be in charge
3. No problem will occur even if the opposition party will be in charge, and thus it should be in charge
4. The opposition party can do it better, and thus it should be in charge
5. DK/I don't want to tell

Q15: There are several possibilities about how much seats the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) administration or the coalition government based on the LDP can gain in the House of Councilors after the election. If you have to choose, which one do you think is desirable? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Less than the majority
2. Greater than the majority, but less than the two-thirds
3. Greater than the two-thirds
4. DK/I don't want to tell

Q16: Will you go to vote in the coming House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. I will go to vote no matter what happens
2. I will probably go to vote
3. I will decide whether or not to go to vote after checking the future political situation
4. I will probably not go to vote
5. I will not go to vote no matter what happens
6. DK/I don't want to tell

[To those who chose between 1 and 4 or 6 in Q16]

Q17: Which party's candidate will you vote for in the single-seat constituency? (Please circle only one choice.)

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1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
4. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
5. People's Life Party
6. Japan Restoration Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. Independent (nonpartisan)
10. I will abstain from voting or I will not go to vote (Go to Q19-2)
11. I have not decided yet
12. DK/I don't want to tell

Q18: Which party's candidate will you vote for in the proportional representation constituency?
(Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
4. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
5. People's Life Party
6. Japan Restoration Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. I will abstain from voting or I will not go to vote (Go to Q19-2)
10. I have not decided yet
11. DK/I don't want to tell

Q19-1: Which one do you consider the most when you decide which party to vote? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Which party is the best to be in charge of the government
2. Which party's leader is the best
3. Which party's policy is the best
4. Other
5. I will abstain from voting or I will not go to vote (Go to Q19-2)

6. DK/I don't want to tell

[To those who chose 5 in Q16, 11 in Q17, and 11 in Q18]

Q19-2: What is the reason for abstaining from voting in the next election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Even if I vote, it does not largely affect the electoral outcomes
2. I don't know much about the difference between each party's policy and candidate's policy
3. I have to work or do something on the election day
4. I don't think that Japanese politics will be better by going to vote
5. Other
6. DK/I don't want to tell

[To all]

Q20: The following are two major points of view about the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) which attempt to reduce the trade tariff to zero among countries in the Pacific Ocean. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. We should join the TPP
2. We should not join the TPP
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q21: The following are two major points of view about fiscal reconstruction and economic policy. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Economic stimulus measures should be implemented first at the risk of fiscal reconstruction postponement.
2. Fiscal reconstruction measures should come first at the risk of postponing economic stimulus packages.
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q22: The following are two major points of view about passive smoking where people are exposed to the smoke of other's tobacco. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. We should regulate smoking at public space
2. We should not regulate smoking at public space

3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q23: The following are two major points of view about the right of collective self-defense. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. The exercise of the right of collective self-defense should be approved
2. The exercise of the right of collective self-defense should not be approved
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q24: The following are two major points of view about welfare and tax burdens. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Public services like welfare should be developed even if a tax hike is required.
2. Taxes should be reduced even if the quality of public services like welfare deteriorates.
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q25: The following are two major points of view about the restart of nuclear power plants. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. We should restart nuclear power plants
2. We should not restart nuclear power plants
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q26: The following are two major points of view about the relationships between the central and local governments. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Naturally, the central government should provide subsidies and other forms of aid to support less competitive local areas
2. It is significant to aim to create communities with vitality based on free competition among local areas
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q27: The following are two major points of view about constitutional revision. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. The current Constitution should be revised as soon as possible

2. The current Constitution should not be revised now
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q28: The following are two major points of view about how to sustain the public pension system. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Insurance premiums should be raised to secure stable financial resources for the future.
2. The consumption tax rate should be increased so that all generations can shoulder an equal level of responsibility.
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q29: The following are two major points of view about the income gap, which results from free competition. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. The government should take active measures to address the income gap
2. The government should be careful about taking action for the income gap
3. DK/I don't want to tell

Q30: Due to Article 96, to revise the constitution, each of the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors has to gain the two-thirds or more approvals. The following are two major points of view about Article 96. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. It is better to keep the current conditions of the two-thirds of approvals.
2. The condition must be that the each House has to gain the half or more approvals.
3. DK/I don't want to tells

Q31: The current Article 9, clause 2 provides that "...land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized." The following are two major points of view about the provision. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Article 9, clause 2 should be deleted so that we can cooperate with the U.S. and protect the both countries
2. Article 9, clause 2 should remain so that we can prevent to start a war
3. DK/I don't want to tells

Q32: The current Article 9 provides for the renunciation of war and the renunciation of military forces. The following are two major points of view about Article 9. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Article 9 should be revised and include the possession of right of self-defense and armed forces.
2. There is no need for changing the current Article 9.
3. DK/I don't want to tells

Q33: Please recall the House of Representatives election in December of the last year. Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation constituency in the election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
4. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
5. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
6. Tomorrow Party of Japan
7. Japan Restoration Party
8. Your Party (Minnano tou)
9. People's New Party
10. Green Wind
11. Other
12. I abstained from voting or I did not go to vote
13. I did not have the voting rights
14. DK/I don't want to tells

Q34: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation constituency in the last House of Councilors election in July, 2010 (the prime minister of the time was Naoto Kan)? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
4. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)

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5. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
6. People's New Party
7. Sunrise Party of Japan
8. Your Party (Minnano tou)
9. Other
10. I abstained from voting or I did not go to vote
11. I did not have the voting rights
12. DK/I don't want to tells/I do not remember

Q35: Putting an election aside, which party do you usually support? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
4. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
5. People's Life Party
6. Japan Restoration Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. No such party
10. DK/I don't want to tells

Q36: Which political party do you think has an ability of begin in charge of a government? Please choose any political parties that you think so. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
4. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
5. People's Life Party
6. Japan Restoration Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. No such party
10. DK/I don't want to tells

Q37: What do you feel about the following countries overall?

- (1) The United States
- (2) China
- (3) Russia
- (4) South Korea
- (5) Australia
- (6) Turkey
- (7) Brazil
- (8) North Korea

1. Like a lot
2. Like a little
3. Neither
4. Dislike a little
5. Dislike a lot
6. DK/NA

F1 Gender

1. Male
2. Female

F2 Age

1. Early 20
2. Late 20
3. 30s
4. 40s
5. 50s
6. 60s
7. 70s
8. DK/NA

F3 Occupation: What is your occupation? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Manager and Executive
2. Full-time employee
3. Part-time employee
4. Temporary employee
5. Self-employee and freelance
6. Family business
7. Sideline
8. Student
9. Jobless

Thank you for your cooperation.