

2012 Post House of Representatives Election [Mail Survey]

Q1-1: How did you feel about the Noda cabinet that was launched last Fall? (Please circle only one choice.)

- (1) Fiscal policy
- (2) Economic stimulus policy
- (3) Diplomacy
- (4) Political leadership
- (5) Overall performance of the Noda administration

1. Pretty good
2. A little good
3. Neither
4. A little bad
5. Pretty bad

Q1-2: How did you feel about the performance of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) administration as a whole since the 2009 election when the party took power? (Please circle only one choice.)

- (1) Fiscal policy
- (2) Economic stimulus policy
- (3) Diplomacy
- (4) Political leadership
- (5) Overall performance of the Democratic Party (DPL) administration

1. Pretty good
2. A little good
3. Neither
4. A little bad
5. Pretty bad

Q2: Putting this 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. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
9. Green Wind
10. Tomorrow Party of Japan
11. Japan Restoration Party
12. Other
13. Independent (Nonpartisan)

[To those who chose between 1 and 12 in Q2]

SQ1: Are you an ardent supporter of the party? Or a not so ardent supporter? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Ardent supporter
2. Not so ardent

[To those who chose 13 in Q2]

SQ2: If you had to choose one party that you favor the most, which party would you choose? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
9. New Party Daichi

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10. Tomorrow Party of Japan
11. Japan Restoration Party
12. Other
- 13.No such party

[To all]

Q3: Are there any political party you would never support? (Please circle as many items as necessary)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
9. New Party Daichi
10. Tomorrow Party of Japan
11. Japan Restoration Party
12. Other
- 13.No such party

Q4: Did you vote in this House of Representatives election? If you did not vote, did you abstain from voting, or did you not have the right to vote?

1. Voted
2. Abstained
3. Did not have voting rights

[To those who chose 1. Voted in Q4]

SQ1: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency?

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

4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
9. New Party Daichi
10. Tomorrow Party of Japan
11. Japan Restoration Party
12. Other
13. Independent (Nonpartisan)

SQ2: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation constituency, where you vote for a political party? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
9. New Party Daichi
10. Tomorrow Party of Japan
11. Japan Restoration Party
12. Other
13. Independent (Nonpartisan)

[To all]

Q5: Please recall the House of Councilors election in July 2010 (the prime minister of the time was Naoto Kan). Did you vote in the election? If you did not vote, did you abstain from voting, or did you not have the right to vote?

1. Voted
2. Abstained
3. Did not have voting rights

[To those who chose “1. Voted” in Q5]

SQ1: Which party’s candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency?

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People’s New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. Independent (Nonpartisan)

SQ2: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation constituency, where you vote for political party? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. New Clean Government Party (New Komeito/NCGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People’s New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other

[To all]

Q6: Please recall the last House of Representatives election in 2009 (the prime minister of the time was Taro Aso). Did you vote in the election? If you did not vote, did you abstain from voting, or did you not have the right to vote?

1. Voted
2. Abstained
3. Did not have voting rights

[To those who answered 1. Voted in Q6]

SQ1: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency?

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. Independent (Nonpartisan)

SQ2: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation constituency where you vote for political party? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other

[To all]

Q7: Which political party do you think has an ability of being in charge of a government? Please choose any political parties that you think so. (Please circle as many items as necessary)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)

8. New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
9. New Party Daichi
10. Tomorrow Party of Japan
11. Japan Restoration Party
12. Other
13. No such party

Next, please give us your views on several recent propositions.

Q8: The following are two major points of view about fiscal reconstruction and economic policy.

A: Amidst the current sluggish economy, economic stimulus measures should be implemented first at the risk of fiscal reconstruction postponement.

B: With the government saddled with a massive amount of debt, fiscal reconstruction measures should come first at the risk of postponing economic stimulus packages.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the fiscal-or-economy question to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important
3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding fiscal reconstruction and economic stimulus measures? (Please circle only one choice for each party)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)

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- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

- 1. Close to A
- 2. A little close to A
- 3. A little close to B
- 4. Close to B

Q9: The following are two major points of view about the right of collective self-defense.

A: The exercise of the right of collective self-defense should be approved to enhance the Japan-U.S. security alliance.

B: The exercise of the right of collective self-defense should not be approved because it will lead to Japan's involvement in international disputes.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Close to A
- 2. A little close to A
- 3. A little close to B
- 4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the right of collective self-defense to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Pretty important
- 2. A little important
- 3. No so important
- 4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the right of collective self-defense? (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q10: The following are two major points of view about welfare and taxes.

A: Public services like welfare should be developed even if a tax hike is required.

B: Taxes should be reduced even if the quality of public services like welfare deteriorates.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of welfare and taxes to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important

3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding welfare and taxes?
The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q11: The following are two major points of view about the restart of nuclear power plants.

A: We should restart nuclear power plants, because we cannot cover the demand for electricity only with thermal power, wind power, and solar power generation and we have to bear the influence of power saving.

B: We should not restart nuclear power plants and cover the demand for electricity with thermal power, wind power, and solar power generation and power saving, until we will be certain about the safety of nuclear power generation.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A

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3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of restarting nuclear power plants to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important
3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the restart of nuclear power plants? The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q12: The following are two major points of view about the relationships between the central and local governments.

A: Naturally, the central government should provide subsidies and other forms of aid to support less competitive local areas.

B: It is significant to aim to create communities with vitality based on free competition among local areas by reducing the central government's subsidies and other forms of aid.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of the central and local governments to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important
3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the relationships between the central and local governments? The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A

3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q13: The following are two major points of view about constitutional revision.

- A: The current Constitution is obsolete and should be revised as soon as possible.
B: The current Constitution overall is satisfactory and should remain unchanged.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of constitution revision to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important
3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding constitution revision?
The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q14: The following are two major points of view about how to sustain the public pension system.

A: Insurance premiums should be raised to secure stable financial resources for the future.

B: The consumption tax rate should be increased so that all generations can shoulder an equal level of responsibility.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of the public pension system to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important
3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the public pension system? The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party

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- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

- 1. Close to A
- 2. A little close to A
- 3. A little close to B
- 4. Close to B

Q15: The following are two major points of view about the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps Futenma Air Station in Okinawa.

A: It is very difficult to relocate the base to another prefecture, and the air station should be relocated to Nago city in accordance with the Japan-U.S. agreement.

B: The Japanese government should take the time to negotiate with the United States about the relocation of the air base to another prefecture to reduce the burden on Okinawans.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Close to A
- 2. A little close to A
- 3. A little close to B
- 4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of the relocation of the Futenma Air Station to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Pretty important
- 2. A little important
- 3. No so important
- 4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the relocation of the Futenma Air Station? The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q16: The following are two major points of view about the income gap, which results from free competition.

A: The government should take active measures to address the income gap, which results from free competition.

B: The government should be careful about taking action for the income gap, which results from free competition.

SQ1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

SQ2: How important is the issue of the income gap, which results from free competition to you?

(Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty important
2. A little important
3. No so important
4. Not important at all

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the income gap, which results from free competition? The first question is about the LDP. (Please circle only one choice for each party.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (5) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (6) People's New Party
- (7) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (8) New Renaissance Party (Shinto Kaikaku)
- (9) Green Wind
- (10) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (11) Japan Restoration Party

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q17: 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.)

1. Liberal
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Middle
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
11. Conservative

Q18: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the current politics? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty satisfied
2. A little satisfied
3. Neither
4. A little dissatisfied
5. Pretty dissatisfied

Q19: How much do you support or not support the current Abe administration? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Support a lot
2. Support a little
3. Not support so much
4. Almost not support

Q20: What do you think of the current Japanese economic condition? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty good
2. A little good
3. Neither
4. A little bad
5. Pretty bad

Q21: What do you think of the current Japanese economic condition compared with what it was one year ago? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. Unchanged
4. A little worse
5. Much worse

Q22: 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. Unchanged
4. A little worse
5. Much worse

Q23: What do you think of the following? Please choose the response that best matches your thinking. (Please circle only one choice each for item.)

- (1) Today's Japanese politicians do not give people much consideration.
- (2) I cannot tell how things will change and it does not make any sense to think of the future.
- (3) People are becoming economically worse off.
- (4) Considering how things change, I am pessimistic about the future of my children.
- (5) People are becoming increasingly indifferent to others.
- (6) It is natural that some are haves and others are have-nots.

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- (6) Proposition A: On the whole, Japan is going in the right direction.
 B: On the whole, Japan is going in the wrong direction.
- (7) Proposition A: We should make an effort to further develop patriotism.
 B: We should leave individuals to develop patriotism.
- (8) Proposition A: I would like to emphasize spiritual richness and a comfortable lifestyle.
 B: I would like to emphasize material richness and an affluent lifestyle.
- (9) Proposition A: I would like to live abroad for a few years if I have such an opportunity.
 B: I would not like to live abroad for a few years even if I have such an opportunity.

1. Close to A
2. A little close to A
3. A little close to B
4. Close to B

Q25: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your current livelihood? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty satisfied
2. A little satisfied
3. Neither
4. A little dissatisfied
5. Pretty dissatisfied

Q26: How has your livelihood changed compared with what it was one year ago? Please choose from below. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. Unchanged
4. A little worse
5. Much worse

Q27: 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. Unchanged
4. A little worse
5. Much worse

Q28: What is your expectation for the Abe administration's future performance? (Please circle only one choice for each

- (1) Fiscal policy
- (2) Economic stimulus policy
- (3) Diplomacy
- (4) Political leadership
- (5) Overall future performance of the Abe administration

1. Pretty high
2. A little high
3. Neither
4. No so high
5. Almost no expectation

Q29: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the overall result of this House of Representatives election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty satisfied
2. A little satisfied
3. Neither
4. A little dissatisfied
5. Pretty dissatisfied

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Q30: Do you appreciate or not appreciate the administrative change realized as the result of the general election in 2009? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Appreciate a lot
2. Appreciate
3. Neither
4. Not appreciate
5. Never appreciate

Q31: Do you think Japanese politics became better or worse after the administrative change realized as the result of the general election in 2009? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. Unchanged
4. A little worse
5. Much worse

Q32: Please write a name of Japanese ministries and agencies you know.

- 1.[Respondents answer]
- 2.DK

Q33: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with democracy in Japan. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty satisfied
2. A little satisfied
3. A little dissatisfied
4. Pretty dissatisfied

Q34: Which problems do you feel are the most important among the problems that our nation is currently facing. Please select up to 2 problems you think the most important. (Please choose up to 2 items)

1. Security
2. Public transportation
3. Economy
4. Price increases
5. Tax system
6. Unemployment measures
7. Constitutional revision
8. National defense and diplomacy
9. Housing problem
10. Solving of income gap
11. Medical treatment
12. Education
13. Pension
14. Environmental problem
15. Other ()

Q35: If you had to choose, which one do you think is the most important? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Maintaining order in the nation.
2. Giving people more say in important political decisions.
3. Fighting rising prices.
4. Protecting freedom of speech.

SQ1: How about the second one? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Maintaining order in the nation.
2. Giving people more say in important political decisions.
3. Fighting rising prices.
4. Protecting freedom of speech.
5. No second choice.

Q36: How much do you think the campaign promises of Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) listed in its manifesto for the last House of Representatives election in Fall, 2009 were fulfilled in the DPJ administration? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Manifesto overall
- (2) Reducing wasteful spending by public works review
- (3) Reducing the whole personnel expense of government officials for 20 %
- (4) Reducing 80 seats of the House of Representatives
- (5) Prohibiting the donations and party ticket purchase by industrial associations and hereditary politician
- (6) Paying ¥26,000 per child for a family until he or she graduates junior high school
- (7) Making public high school education substantially free as well as giving subsidy for private high school education
- (8) Unification of pension system
- (9) Realizing the guaranteed minimum pension for ¥70,000 for a month
- (10) Abolition of the latter-stage elderly healthcare system
- (11) Increasing the number of medical doctors by 1.5 times
- (12) Increasing the amount of independent revenue sources of local governments
- (13) Income support system for each farmer
- (14) Abolition of provisional tariff such as gasoline tax and tax decrease
- (15) Making highway free of charge
- (16) Radical review of postal business
- (17) Decreasing the corporate tax for the small and medium-sized enterprises to 11%
- (18) Expansion of employment insurance to non-regular employee
- (19) Transition of leaderships from the bureaucracy to the government
- (20) Relocation of the Futenma Air Station at Okinawa to somewhere outside of the prefecture

1. A lot
2. Somewhat
3. No so much
4. Not at all

Q37: Which area is the one that you feel you are belonging to the most? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. City you live in now.
2. Region you live in now.
3. Japan
4. Asia
5. The World

SQ1: How about the second one? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. City you live in now.
2. Region you live in now.
3. Japan
4. Asia
5. The World
6. No second choice

Q39: Do you feel proud of being Japanese? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. Somewhat
3. No so much
4. Hardly
5. I am not Japanese

Q39: What part of Japan do you feel proud of? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Political system
2. Social legislation
3. Position in the international society
4. Economic system
5. Nature of the people
6. Spiritual virtues
7. Religion
8. Accomplishment in arts

- 9. Accomplishment in sciences
- 10. Geographical feature of the land
- 11. Other ()
- 12. I don't feel proud of Japan

Q40: How do you feel about the following systems, institutions, and groups? Please score your feelings as 1 stands for "Not trustworthy" and 11 stands for "Trustworthy." (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) National politics
- (2) The governor of the prefecture you live in
- (3) The assembly of the prefecture you live in
- (4) The public office of the prefecture you live in
- (5) Electoral system
- (6) Indirect representative system
- (7) Political party
- (8) National Diet
- (9) Court
- (10) Central government agencies
- (11) The head of the municipality you live in
- (12) The assembly of the municipality you live in
- (13) The public office of the municipality you live in

- 1. Not Trustworthy
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6. Middle
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11. Trustworthy

Q41: How do you evaluate the current Japanese political system? Please score your feelings as 1 stands for “very bad” and 10 stands for “very good.” (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Pretty bad
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
10. Pretty good

Q42: 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

Q43: Do you have or not have any concerns in your daily life? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes, I have concern(s)
2. No, I do not have any concern

[To those who answered 1. Yes, I have concern(s) in Q43]

SQ1: For which matters do you feel concern? (Please circle as many items as necessary.)

1. My health
2. Family’s health
3. Problems in my daily life
4. Problems in family’s daily life
5. Current income and assets

6. Future income and assets
7. Life design of old age
8. Relationships with family and relatives
9. Relationships with neighborhood and community
10. Jobs and people in the workplace
11. Management of business and enterprises
12. Other

[To all]

Q44: Do you want the current politics to change? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. Somewhat
3. No so much
4. Never

Q45: How much do you think or not think that individual human rights are respected in our country?
(Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. Somewhat
3. No so much
4. Never

Q46: Suppose there are following two policies to improve the economy, which policy do you think we should implement? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A policy that has a great outcome with a great probability of failure
2. A policy that has a small outcome with a small probability of failure
3. Neither

Q47: There is a saying “If you don’t go into the tiger’s cave, you cannot capture a baby tiger”
(Nothing venture, nothing have). Do you agree or disagree with the saying? (Please circle only one choice.)

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1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree
6. I don't understand the meaning of the saying

Q48: Which article of the Japanese Constitution do you think includes a war-renouncing section?
(Please circle only one choice.)

1. Article 1
2. Article 5
3. Article 9
4. Article 17
5. DK

Q49: In the House of Councilors elections, how many councilors are elected from the proportional representation constituency and the single-seat constituency, respectively? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. 50 from the proportional representation constituency, 72 from the single-seat constituency
2. 41 from the proportional representation constituency, 70 from the single-seat constituency
3. 45 from the proportional representation constituency, 76 from the single-seat constituency
4. 48 from the proportional representation constituency, 73 from the single-seat constituency
5. DK

Q50: When the decisions on a proposed bill are different between the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors, the proposed bill will be enacted if the House of Representatives pass it again. In such case, how many of yeas do you think are necessary in the House of Representatives to pass a bill? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Majority of the members present
2. Majority of the all members
3. Two-thirds of the members present
4. Two-thirds of the all members

Q51: Do you know what positions the following people now hold? If you know, please answer the name of the position.

- (1) What position does Kenji Hirata hold now in Japan?
- (2) What position does Seiji Maehara hold now in Japan?
- (3) What position does David Cameron hold now in the United Kingdom?

1.[Respondents answer]

2.DK

Q52: What do you feel about the future scale of the government expenditure on the following 16 policies? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Social welfare (including national pension)
- (2) Health and hygiene
- (3) Livelihood protection
- (4) Education and labor
- (5) National defense
- (6) Diplomacy and trade (including economic cooperation)
- (7) Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
- (8) Commerce and industry
- (9) Transportation and communication (including road building)
- (10) Local autonomy
- (11) Housing and small and medium-sized enterprises
- (12) Land, infrastructure, and environment
- (13) General administrative work
- (14) Justice and police
- (15) National bonds (a budget for redeeming the past national bonds)
- (16) Others (ex. reserve fund)

1. Have to reduce a lot
2. Have to reduce a little
3. Remain the same scale
4. Have to increase a little
5. Have to increase a lot

Q53: In the past election, which policy did you consider the most? How about the second, and the third?

The Most

The Second

The Third

1. Diplomacy and security
2. Fiscal and monetary
3. Industrial policy
4. Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
5. Education and child-rearing
6. Pension and medical treatment
7. Employment and finding jobs
8. Public security
9. Environment
10. Political and administrative reform
11. Decentralization of power
12. Constitution (revision or not)
13. Earthquake disaster reconstruction and prevention
14. Social Structure (ex. infrastructure)
15. Nuclear power plant and energy
16. Other

Q54: It seems that many people feel that “I lean toward XX party in the long run.” Even if you possibly vote for other parties in the short run, which party do you think you “lean toward” in the long run? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Social Democratic Party (SDP)
5. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People’s New Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. New Party Daichi

9. Tomorrow Party of Japan
10. Japan Restoration Party
11. New Party Nippon
12. Other
13. No such party

Q55: Usually, how often do you do the following things? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Watch political news on the Internet
- (2) Read posts related to politics in the Internet forum, chat rooms, and social networking services
- (3) Comment upon politics on the Internet

1. Almost Everyday
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely

Q56: How do you feel about influential politicians and parties? If you are neutral, please mark 50. If you have positive feelings, please indicate from 50 and 100 according to the level of your feelings; if you have negative feelings, please indicate from 0 and 50 according to the level of your feelings. Please enter 0 to 100 for each item.

- (1) Shinzo Abe
- (2) Yoshihiko Noda
- (3) Natsuo Yamaguchi
- (4) Mizuho Fukushima
- (5) Kazuo Shii
- (6) Shouzaburou Jimi
- (7) Yoshimi Watanabe
- (8) Youichi Masuzoe
- (9) Shintarou Ishihara
- (10) Yukiko Kada
- (11) Tsuru Hashimoto
- (12) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (13) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)

- (14) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (15) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- (16) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (17) People's New Party
- (18) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (19) New Renaissance Party
- (20) Green Wind
- (21) Tomorrow Party of Japan
- (22) Japan Restoration Party

Q57: When you decide the candidates to vote in this election, how much did you consider electoral situation that the media reports? (ex. which political party or candidate is dominant or not). (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. A lot
- 2. A little
- 3. Neither
- 4. Not so much
- 5. Not at all
- 6. Did not see such reports

[Ask those who answered 1. A lot or 2. A little in Q57]

SQ1: How did the media's election news affect you? (Please circle as many items as necessary.)

- 1. Voted
- 2. Quitted to vote
- 3. Got stronger feelings toward the candidates I wanted to vote
- 4. Got weaker feelings toward the candidates I wanted to vote
- 5. Voted for winning political parties or candidates
- 6. Voted for competing political parties or candidates
- 7. Voted for losing political parties or candidates
- 8. Impossible to classify

[To all]

Q58: 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

Q59: How much do you feel the following institutions, organizations, and systems are trustworthy?
(Please circle only one choice for each item)

- (1) Religious group
- (2) Self-defense force
- (3) Legal system
- (4) Newspaper and magazine
- (5) TV
- (6) Labor union
- (7) Police
- (8) Government
- (9) Political party
- (10) National Diet
- (11) Administration
- (12) Court and judicial system
- (13) Large corporation
- (14) Pro-environment group
- (15) Charity and volunteer group
- (16) Women's movement
- (17) The United Nations
- (18) Asian countries
- (19) APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation)
- (20) The United States
- (21) EU and European countries
- (22) South Korea
- (23) China
- (24) Taiwan

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

Q60- SQ1: There are various ways for citizens to affect the government. How much do you feel the following actions have effects to influence the government? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Vote for a candidate who has the same opinion as mine in election
- (2) Help election campaigns
- (3) Contact a local politician
- (4) Join a society in support of a politician
- (5) Become a member of political party
- (6) Donate money for politicians or political party
- (7) Contact local influential people
- (8) Consult with public office
- (9) Petition the assembly or public office
- (10) Sign a petition
- (11) Join a large demonstration or meeting
- (12) Contact or contribute an article to the media
- (13) Join a citizens' movement
- (14) Join a strike or boycott
- (15) Express an opinion on the Internet

1. A lot
2. A little
3. Neither
4. No so much
5. Almost not effect

SQ2: Have you experienced one or more actions among the following in this five years? If yes, could you tell us which action you have joined? (Please circle as many items as necessary)

- (1) Vote for a candidate who has the same opinion as mine in election
- (2) Help election campaigns

- (3) Contact a local politician
- (4) Join a society in support of a politician
- (5) Become a member of political party
- (6) Donate money for politicians or political party
- (7) Contact local influential people
- (8) Consult with public office
- (9) Petition the assembly or public office
- (10) Sign a petition
- (11) Join a large demonstration or meeting
- (12) Contact or contribute an article to the media
- (13) Join a citizens' movement
- (14) Join a strike or boycott
- (15) Express an opinion on the Internet
- (16) Neither

Q61: Have you been asked to vote for a specific candidate or political party by the following people or group during the election? If yes, how much did such offer affect your choice of voting? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Acquaintance, friends, or relatives
- (2) Someone for labor union
- (3) Workplace or someone for industry
- (4) Neighborhood or local community
- (5) Religious group
- (6) Citizen or cultural group I belong to
- (7) A candidate or political party
- (8) A society in support of a politician

1. A lot
2. A little
3. Neither
4. No so much
5. Hardly
6. I was not asked

Face Sheet

F1 Gender

1. Male
2. Female

F2 Age (What is your birthday and how old are you in completed years?)

F3 Residential years: Have you continued to live in this area (within a 30-minute walk around this town, village and apartment block) since your birth? Or did you move here from somewhere else? If you have temporarily moved anywhere else after you were born around here, please choose "Lived here since birth." (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Live here since birth
2. Moved from somewhere else

[Ask those who answered “2. Moved from somewhere else” in F3]

F3-1 How long have you lived in this area (within a 30-minute walk around this town, village and apartment block)? If you have temporarily moved to somewhere else, please choose the answer that is the closest to the total years of your residence around here.

1. Less than 3
2. 4 to 9
3. 10 to 14
4. More than 15

F4 Education: What is your final schooling? This question excludes schools in the miscellaneous category. For dropouts and current enrollments, please answer indicating the type of final school when you were a student. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Postwar junior high, prewar elementary and junior high
2. Postwar high and wartime junior high
3. Technical college, junior college and advanced vocational school
4. University and graduate school

F5 Occupation: What is your occupation? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Employed
2. Self-employed
3. Family business
4. Student
5. Full-time homemaker
6. Jobless
7. Other ()

[Ask those who chose between 1. Employed and 3. Family business in F5]

F5-1 Approximately, what is the total number of employees at your company, including branch offices and satellite stations? If you are a public employee, please choose 6. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. 1 to 4
2. 5 to 29
3. 30 to 299
4. 300 to 999
5. More than 1,000
6. Public employee

[To all]

F5-2 What kind of work do you usually do? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
2. Commerce and industrial service
3. Freelance
4. Managerial
5. Technical Specialist
6. Clerical work
7. Sales, services, laborers
8. Other expert
9. Student
10. Full-time homemaker

- 11. Jobless
- 12. Impossible to classify

F6 Primary breadwinner's job: Are you the primary breadwinner at home?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (I am not the primary breadwinner.)

[To those who chose 2. No (I am not the primary breadwinner.) in F6]

F6-1 What is the occupation of the primary breadwinner in the home?

- 1. Employed
- 2. Self-employed
- 3. Family business
- 4. Student
- 5. Full-time homemaker
- 6. Jobless
- 7. Other ()

[To those who chose between 1. Employed and 3. Family business in F6-1]

F6-2 Approximately, what is the total number of employees at the primary breadwinner's company, including branch offices and satellite stations? If you are a public employee, please choose 6. (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. 1 to 4
- 2. 5 to 29
- 3. 30 to 299
- 4. 300 to 999
- 5. More than 1,000
- 6. Public employee

F6-3 What kind of work does the household primary breadwinner do? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
- 2. Commerce and industrial service

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3. Freelance
4. Managerial
5. Technical Specialist
6. Clerical work
7. Sales, services, laborers
8. Other expert
9. Student
10. Full-time homemaker
11. Jobless
12. Impossible to classify

[To All]

F7 Which type is your house? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Your own home (detached house)
2. Condominium
3. Private rental house (detached house)
4. Private apartment
5. Public housing or apartment
6. Salaried housing (company house or public employee's apartment)
7. Sleep-in or live-in, dormitory or boarding house
8. Other ()

F8 What was the total annual income of your household last year (from January to December 2011)?

Please include bonuses and other additional income before taxes. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Less than 2 million yen
2. 2 million to less than 3 million yen
3. 3 million to less than 4 million yen
4. 4 million to less than 5 million yen
5. 5 million to less than 6 million yen
6. 6 million to less than 7 million yen
7. 7 million to less than 8 million yen
8. 8 million to less than 9 million yen
9. 10 million to less than 11 million yen
10. 12 million to less than 14 million yen

11. 14 million to less than 20 million yen

12. 20 million yen or more

F9 If you do not mind, would you give us your telephone number?

1. Yes

2. No

3. Do not answer

This is the end of the questionnaire
Thank you very much for your cooperation for a long time