

## 2013 Pre House of Councilors Election [Mail Survey]

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**[To all]**

Q1-1: Do you have any candidate from the Liberal Democratic Party in your constituency in this House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q1-2: How much do you know the candidate? If there are multiple candidates from the Liberal Democratic Party, please tell us about the one you know well. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Know very well
2. Know a little
3. Don't know

**[To those who chose 1. Know very well and 2. Know a little in Q1-2]**

Q1-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q1-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician
- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

1. Yes, I think so
2. No, I do not think so
3. Neither

Q2: Please tell us about another candidate.

Q2-1: Do you have any other candidate from the Liberal Democratic Party except the one you

mentioned in Q1-2? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q2-2: How much do you know the candidate? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Know very well
2. Know a little
3. Don't know

Q2-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q2-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician
- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

1. Yes, I think so
2. No, I do not think so
3. Neither

**[To all]**

Q3-1: Do you have any candidate from the Democratic Party of Japan in your constituency in this House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q3-2: How much do you know the candidate? If there are multiple candidates from the Democratic

Party of Japan, please tell us about the one you know well. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Know very well
2. Know a little
3. Don't know

**[To those who chose 1. Know very well and 2. Know a little in Q1-2]**

Q3-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q3-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician
- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

1. Yes, I think so
2. No, I do not think so
3. Neither

Q4: Please tell us about another candidate.

Q4-1: Do you have any other candidate from the Democratic Party of Japan except the one you mentioned in Q3-2? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q4-2: How much do you know the candidate? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Know very well
2. Know a little
3. Don't know

Q4-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q4-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician
- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

1. Yes, I think so
2. No, I do not think so
3. Neither

**[To all]**

Q5-1: Do you have any candidate from the Clean Government Party (Komeito) in your constituency in this House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q5-2: How much do you know the candidate? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Know very well
2. Know a little
3. Don't know

**[To those who chose 1. Know very well and 2. Know a little in Q5-2]**

Q5-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q5-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician
- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

1. Yes, I think so
2. No, I do not think so
3. Neither

**[To all]**

Q6-1: Do you have any candidate from the Japan Restoration Party in your constituency in this House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q6-2: How much do you know the candidate? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Know very well
2. Know a little
3. Don't know

**[To those who chose 1. Know very well and 2. Know a little in Q6-2]**

Q6-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q6-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician

- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

- 1. Yes, I think so
- 2. No, I do not think so
- 3. Neither

**[To all]**

Q7-1: Do you have any candidate from the Your Party (Minnanotou) in your constituency in this House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Q7-2: How much do you know the candidate? (Please circle only one choice.)

- 1. Know very well
- 2. Know a little
- 3. Don't know

**[To those who chose 1. Know very well and 2. Know a little in Q7-2]**

Q7-3: How do you feel about the candidate? 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.

Q7-4: How do you think about the following things about the candidate? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The candidate has an ability and leadership as a politician
- (2) The candidate can be trustworthy as a human
- (3) I agree with the political claims on the candidate
- (4) The candidate will contribute to my neighborhood

- 1. Yes, I think so

2. No, I do not think so
3. Neither

**[To all]**

Q8: What is your opinion about going to vote? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Going to vote is the electorate's duty
2. We have to participate in elections as much as possible
3. We do not necessarily have to participate in elections

Q9: In the coming House of Councilors election, how much do you think the race is competitive in your district? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A candidate will win even if I do not vote for him/her
2. A candidate will slightly win even if I do not vote for him/her
3. A candidate will win only if I vote for him/her because he/she is on the border
4. A candidate will be on the border only if I vote for him/her
5. It seems difficult for a candidate to win even if I vote for him/her
6. Other
7. I do not have any candidate to support
8. I have not decided a candidate to support

Q10: 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. (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Shinzo Abe
- (2) Banri Kaieda
- (3) Natsuo Yamaguchi
- (4) Shintarou Ishihara
- (5) Touru Hashimoto
- (6) Yoshimi Watanabe
- (7) Kazuo Shii
- (8) Ichirou Ozawa
- (9) Liberal Democratic Party

- (10) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (11) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (12) Japan Restoration Party
- (13) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (14) Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- (15) People's Life Party

Q11: How did you feel about the current Abe administration? (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

Q12-1: 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. Japan Restoration Party
- 5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
- 6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
- 7. Other
- 8. No such party

**[To those who chose between 1 and 7 in Q12-1]**

Q12-2: 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 8 in Q12-1]**

Q12-3: If you had to choose one party that you favor the most, which party do 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. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. Other
8. No such party

**[To all]**

Q13: 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. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. Other
8. No such party

Q14-1: Will you go to vote in the coming House of Councilors election? Or have you already voted using early voting and absentee voting? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. I have already voted using early voting and absentee voting
2. I will definitely go to vote
3. I will probably go to vote

4. I will probably abstain from voting
5. I will abstain from voting
6. I have not decided yet

**[To those who chose 1. I have already voted using early voting and absentee voting in Q14-1]**

Q14-2: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. Other
8. Independent (Nonpartisan)

Q14-3: 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. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. Other

**[To those who chose 2. I will definitely go to vote and 3. I will probably go to vote in Q14-1]**

Q14-4: Have you decided which party's candidate you would vote for in the single-seat constituency? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes, I have decided
2. No, I have not decided

**[To those who chose 1. Yes, I have decided in Q 14-4]**

Q14-5: Which party's candidate is the person?

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. Other
8. Independent (Nonpartisan)

Q14-6: Q14-4: Have you decided which party's candidate you would vote for in the the proportional representation constituency, where you vote for political party? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Yes, I have decided
2. No, I have not decided

**[To those who chose 1. Yes, I have decided in Q 14-6]**

Q14-7: Which party's candidate is the person? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. Other

**[To those who chose 1 in Q14-1 or who chose 1 in Q14-4 and 1 in Q14-6]**

\*If you chose 1. I have already voted using early voting and absentee voting in Q14-1, please read the following question considering the "party you voted for."

Q14-8: Are the candidate in the single-seat constituency and the candidate in the proportional representation constituency from the same political party? Or are they from different parties? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Same party
2. Not the same party

**[To those who chose 2. Not the same party in Q14-8]**

Q14-9: Why is that? Please choose the reason. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. I do not have a candidate from a party I support in the single-seat constituency
2. A candidate from a party that I support will surely win
3. A candidate in the single-seat constituency is from a different party from the one I usually support in the proportional representation constituency
4. I chose candidates both in the single-seat constituency and the proportional representation constituency without considering the political party per se.
5. I consider the balance of the whole seats

**[To all]**

Q15-1: 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? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

**[To those who chose 1. Voted in Q15-1]**

Q15-2: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency? (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
9. Independent (Nonpartisan)

Q15-3: Which party or party's candidate 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]**

Q16-1: Please recall the House of Representatives election in December of the last year (the prime minister of the time was Yoshihiko Noda). 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? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

**[To those who chose 1. Voted in Q16-1]**

Q16-2: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency? (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. Japan Restoration Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other
9. Independent (Nonpartisan)

Q16-3: Which party or party's candidate 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. Japan Restoration Party
7. Your Party (Minnano tou)
8. Other

**[To all]**

Q17: 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 as many items as necessary)

1. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
2. Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
3. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Japan Restoration Party
5. Your Party (Minnano tou)
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
6. People's New Party
7. Other
8. No such party

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

Q18: 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.

A: We should join the TPP since it increases the export of Japanese industrial products to abroad.

B: We should not joint the TPP since it encourages the import of cheap agricultural products to Japan and damages Japanese farmers.

Q18-1: 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

Q18-2: How important is the issue of TPP to you? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q18-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the TPP? (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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q19: 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.

Q19-1: 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

Q19-2: 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

Q19-3: 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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q20: 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.



Q20-1: 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

Q20-2: 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

Q20-3: 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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q21: 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.

Q21-1: Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q21-2: 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

Q21-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding welfare and taxes?  
(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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q22: 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.

Q22-1: 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

Q22-2: 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

Q22-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the restart of nuclear power plants? (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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q23: 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.

Q23-1: 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

Q23-2: 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

Q23-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the relationships between the central and local governments? (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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q24: 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.

Q24-1: 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

Q24-2: 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

Q24-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding constitution revision?

(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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q25: 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.

Q25-1: 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

Q25-2: 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

Q25-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the public pension system? (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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q26: 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.

A: The revision of the constitution is an important matter, and it is better to keep the current

conditions of the two-thirds of approvals.

B: To make the revision easier, the condition must be that the each of the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors has to gain the half or more approvals.

Q26-1: 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

Q26-2: How important is the issue of Article 96? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q26-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the issue of Article 96? (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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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

Q27: 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.

A: Article 9 should be revised and include the possession of right of self-defense and armed forces.

B: There is no need for changing the current Article 9.

Q27-1: 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

Q27-2: How important is the issue of Article 96? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q27-3: What policy do you think the following parties are pushing for regarding the issue of Article 9? (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) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

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



Q28: 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

Q29: 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

Q30: The following are two major points of view about the “twisted Diet” in which different parties hold the majority each in the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors. Which idea is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice.)

A: Article 9 should be revised and include the possession of right of self-defense and armed forces.

B: There is no need for changing the current Article 9.

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

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

Q31: Whether or not there is an election, some people always pay attention to politics while others do not. How much do you pay attention to political issues? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little
3. No so much
4. Hardly

Q32: Do you support the Abe administration? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Support a lot
2. Support a little
3. Not support so much
4. Almost no support

Q33: 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

Q34: 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

Q35: 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

Q36: 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.
- (7) You should abide by whatever your parents say.
- (8) Those who break rules should be severely punished.
- (9) Leaders should treat their subordinates in a dignified manner.
- (10) Adolescent girls and boys should if possible, be educated separately.
- (11) A good educational background and material richness matter in the world.
- (12) We have much information about political and social issues, but I am at a loss about which is more credible.
- (13) Honesty does not pay off in the current social situation; the shrewd guys win.
- (14) Much of what I want to say or think is rejected by people around me.
- (15) I am unlikely to realize my dream if I continue to live as I do now.

1. Agree
2. Agree, if anything
3. Neither
4. Disagree, if anything
5. Disagree

Q37: Regarding the following two points of view, which is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

Q37-1: Proposition            A: You should pay more attention to national and social issues.  
   B: You should put more emphasis on developing your personal life.

Q37-2: Proposition            A: I would like the nation and public to do something for me.  
   B: I would like to do something for the nation and public.

Q37-3: Proposition            A: I will prepare for my future life by saving, for example.  
   B: I will enrich and enjoy my daily life.

Q37-4: Proposition            A: You should put more emphasis on all public benefits rather than individual benefits.  
   B: You should put more emphasis on individual benefits rather than all public benefits.

Q37-5: Proposition            A: I want more leisure time even if my income remains the same.  
   B: I want more income even if my leisure time remains the same.

Q37-6: Proposition            A: On the whole, Japan is going in the right direction.  
   B: On the whole, Japan is going in the wrong direction.

Q37-7: Proposition            A: We should make an effort to further develop patriotism.  
   B: We should leave individuals to develop patriotism.

Q37-8: 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.

Q37-9: 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.

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

Q38: 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

Q39: 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

Q40: 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

Q41: What is your expectation for the Abe administration's future performance? (Please circle only one choice for each)

Q41-1: Fiscal policy

Q41-2: Economic stimulus policy

Q41-3: Diplomacy

Q41-4: Political leadership

Q41-5: Overall future performance of the Abe administration

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

Q42: How much do you think the following institutions are trustworthy? (Please circle only one choice.)

(1) Political party being charge of government

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

(2) Existing political parties

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

(3) Political party and politicians

1. Pretty trustworthy
2. A little trustworthy

3. No so much trustworthy
4. Almost no trust

(4) Representative system like election

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

Q43: Please write a name of Japanese ministries and agencies you know.

Q44: 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

Q45: How much do you think you understand or do not understand the manifesto and election promises of each party? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- (2) Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
- (3) Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
- (4) Japan Restoration Party
- (5) Your Party (Minnano tou)
- (6) Japan Communist Party (JCP)

1. Understand well
2. Understand a little
3. Neither
4. Not understand so much
5. Hardly understand

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

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.)

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree



Face Sheet

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F1: Gender

1. Male
2. Female

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

F3-1: 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 someplace 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

**[To all]**

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

F5-1: 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]**

F5-2: 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]**

F5-3 Occupation Category: 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

F6-1 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]**

F6-2: 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]**

F6-3 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

F6-4 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

This is the end of the questionnaire.  
Thank you for your cooperation.