

2014 Post House of Representatives Election [Internet Survey]

Q1: Did you go to vote in the House of Representatives election on December 14 (Sunday)? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. I voted on the day
2. I voted using early voting or absentee ballot
3. I abstained from voting

Q2: 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 Innovation Party
5. The Party for Future Generations
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. People's Life Party
8. Other
9. Independent (Nonpartisan)

Q3: Which experiences do you have with the person you voted for? (Please circle as many items as necessary)

1. I have received a phone call, which asked me to vote for the person
2. I have talked to the person
3. I have shaken the person's hand
4. I have directly listened to the speech or greetings of the person
5. I have talked to a secretary or a person from a society in support of the person
6. I have received a postcard or notification on mail
7. None of the above

Q4: When did you finally decide the candidate you voted in the single-seat constituency? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Election day
2. Between two days before and the day before election day
3. Between the week before and the three days before election day
4. Between after the announcement and more than one week before election day
5. Before the announcement

Q5: When you finally decided the candidate to vote in the single-seat constituency, which one did you consider the most? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Whether a candidate supports the prime minister or party leader
2. Party I support
3. Policy of each party
4. Personality of a candidate
5. Policy of a candidate
6. Benefit for a workplace
7. Benefit for a neighborhood
8. I consider the overall balance of parliamentary seats
9. I was asked to vote for a specific candidate
10. Other

Q6: Which party's candidate did 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. Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP)
4. Japan Innovation Party
5. The Party for Future Generations
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. People's Life Party
8. Other

Q7: How much did you pay attention to the lists of candidates of each party when you decided the party to vote in the proportional representation constituency? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little
3. Not so much
4. Hardly

Q8: When did you finally decide the party you voted in the proportional representation constituency? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Election day
2. Between two days before and the day before election day
3. Between the week before and the three days before election day
4. Between after the announcement and more than one week before election day
5. Before the announcement

Q9: When you finally decided the candidate to vote in the proportional representation constituency, which one did you consider the most? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Whether a candidate supports the prime minister or party leader
2. Party I support
3. Policy of each party
4. Personality of a candidate
5. Policy of a candidate
6. Benefit for a workplace
7. Benefit for a neighborhood
8. I consider the overall balance of parliamentary seats
9. I was asked to vote for a specific candidate
10. Other

Q10: When you vote in this House of Councilors election, how much did you consider that you were going to “select the government”? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little

3. Not so much
4. Hardly

[To those who chose 3 (I abstained from voting) in Q1]

Q11: When did you finally decide NOT to vote in the House of Councilors election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Election day
2. Between two days before and the day before election day
3. Between the week before and the three days before election day
4. Between after the announcement and more than one week before election day
5. Before the announcement

[To those who chose 3 (I abstained from voting) in Q1]

Q12: What was the reason you decided NOT to vote in the House of Councilors election? Please tell us the biggest reason. (Please circle only one choice.)

1. I did not have time to go to the poll due to work and other reasons
2. I did not have time to go to the poll due to travel and other reasons
3. I had time to go to the poll, but it was troublesome for me
4. Not candidate or party made me go to the poll
5. I saw no difference in voting different candidates or parties
6. I did not think Japanese politics would be better no matter what candidate or party I voted for
7. I forgot or did not know an election day
8. Other

[To all]

Q13: Regarding the electoral outcomes of this time, what do you feel about the number of seats that the Liberal Democratic Party gained? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. It should be more
2. Just right
3. It should be less

Q14: How about the number of seats that the Democratic Party of Japan gained? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. It should be more
2. Just right
3. It should be less

Q15: How about the number of seats that the Clean Government Party (Komeito/CGP) gained? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. It should be more
2. Just right
3. It should be less

Q16: How about the number of seats that Japan Innovation Party gained? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. It should be more
2. Just right
3. It should be less

Q17: How about the number of seats that the Party for Future Generations gained? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. It should be more
2. Just right
3. It should be less

Q18: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the results 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

Q19: Do you appreciate or not appreciate the administrative change realized as the result of the general election in 2012? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q20: Do you think or not think that Japanese politics became better by the administrative change realized as the result of the general election in 2012? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q21: How much were you interested in election campaign of each party during this House of Representatives election? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. A lot
2. A little
3. Not so much
4. Almost no interest

Q22: 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 to some extent
- 3. Remain the same scale
- 4. Have to increase to some extent
- 5. Have to increase a lot

Q23: In this House of Representatives election, which policy did you consider the most? How about the second, and the third? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

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. Raising consumption tax
17. Other

Q24: 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. Japan Innovation Party
5. The Party for Future Generations
6. Japan Communist Party (JCP)
7. People’s Life Party
8. Other
9. No such party

Q25: Please tell us your opinion about the following propositions. Do you agree or disagree with the ideas? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Japan should strengthen its security power
- (2) Despite the financial hardship, we should enhance social welfare such as pension and elder care as much as possible
- (3) Small government with low cost is better even if the quality of government services goes down
- (4) Japan must not have nuclear weapons
- (5) We should strengthen the Japan-US security arrangements
- (6) We should increase the number of female politician
- (7) Except for the elderly and people with disadvantages, every person should live without counting on social welfare
- (8) Japan should have a closer relationship with Russia even if it gives the Northern Territories up to the country.
- (9) Livelihood protection has not been provided for those who originally need the support
- (10) Japan should strongly assert the rights of possession of the Senkaku Islands toward the

international society

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

Q26: Please tell us everything you have experienced in these five years. (Please circle as many items as necessary)

- (1) Vote in elections
- (2) Work in residents' or neighborhood association
- (3) Contact local influential people
- (4) Contact politicians or government officials
- (5) Petition the assembly or public office
- (6) Join a meeting regarding elections or politics
- (7) Help election campaigns
- (8) Join a citizens' movement
- (9) Sign a petition
- (10) Donate money
- (11) Join a demonstration
- (12) Express an opinion on the Internet
- (13) Contact, donate, or contribute an article to the media
- (14) Join a boycott or buycott
- (15) I have done anything above

Q27: Do you like or dislike the following countries? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) The United States
- (2) China
- (3) Russia
- (4) EU and European countries
- (5) South Korea
- (6) Taiwan
- (7) Australia

1. Like a lot
2. Like a little
3. Dislike a little
4. Dislike a lot

Q28: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of people in public office?
(Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q28 (1): How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the democracy in Japan? (Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q28 (2): How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the democracy in the United Nations?
(Please circle only one choice.)

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

Q29: 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.

Q30: 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. I have no second choice

Q31: 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

Q32: 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

Q33: 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

0. Not Trustworthy

1.

2.

3.

4.

5. Middle

6.

7.

8.

9.

10. Trustworthy

Q34: Generally speaking, do you think that our nation is “governed by the few big interest-seeking groups” or “governed for the benefit of every people”? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Governed by the few big interest-seeking groups

2. Governed for the benefit of every people

Q35: 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

Q36: How do you feel about the following ideas? Which one is closer to your view? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Almost everyone is trustworthy
- (2) Most people trust other people when the other trusts them
- (3) I have confidence in recognizing those who can be trusted and those who cannot
- (4) If somebody helps me, I will also help somebody else
- (5) Even if I cannot expect for direct appreciation or gratitude, I am kind to others
- (6) I think that if I am kind to others finally there will be something good for me

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

Q37: Which one do you think is the most important as a national goal when we think about ten or fifteen years later? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Maintaining domestic order
2. Giving people more chances to speak on important governmental decisions
3. Suppressing prices
4. Securing freedom of speech

Q38: How about the second one? (Please circle only one choice.)

1. Maintaining domestic order
2. Giving people more chances to speak on important governmental decisions
3. Suppressing prices
4. Securing freedom of speech

Q39: How do you feel about the following ideas? (Please circle only one choice for each item.)

- (1) Generally speaking, Japan is better country than other countries
- (2) I want to be proud of Japan, but there are times when I cannot be so
- (3) We should review the post-war education and teach children more about patriotism and people's obligation
- (4) Foreigners who are legally living in Japan should have the same rights as the ones of Japanese
- (5) I am proud of Japanese democracy
- (6) People should support their own country even when the country is wrong
- (7) Every people in Japan receive fair and equal treatment

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

Q40: Years to live in this area

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

Q40 (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

F1: Gender

1. Male
2. Female

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

This is the end of the questionnaire.

Thank you very much for your cooperation for a long time