

# Nationwide Post-Election Voter Survey for the House of Councillors

July 2019

Q1. First of all, did you vote in the House of Councillors election on Sunday, July 21? Select the correct answer below. (Choose one answer only.)

- ☐ 1 I voted on election day.  
☐ 2 I voted early or absentee.

☐ 3 I did not vote. —————>(Go to Q3)

<SQ1–SQ11 are exclusively for those who selected answers 1 or 2 (I voted) in Q1>

SQ1. This question is about the House of Councillors election. Which party's candidate did you vote for in your prefectural electoral district? (Choose one answer only.)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Liberal Democratic Party        | 6 Japanese Communist Party           | 11 Independent |
| 2 Democratic Party for the People | 7 Social Democratic Party            |                |
| 3 Komeito                         | 8 Reiwa Shinsengumi                  |                |
| 4 Nippon Ishin no Kai             | 9 Party to Protect Citizens from NHK |                |
| 5 Constitutional Democratic Party | 10 Another party (name: _____)       |                |

SQ2. Which party or party's candidate did you vote for in the proportional-representation block, where voters throughout the country select a party or candidate? (Choose one answer only.)

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SQ3. How much attention did you pay to the open list of candidates submitted by the parties, when you voted for a party in the proportional-representation block? Select the correct answer below. (Choose one answer only.)

- ☐ 1 I paid a lot of attention.  
☐ 2 I paid some attention.  
☐ 3 I did not pay much attention.  
☐ 4 I hardly paid any attention,

SQ4. How satisfied are you with the results of the election as a whole? Select the correct answer below. (Choose one answer only.)

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Very satisfied                     | 4 Somewhat dissatisfied |
| 2 Somewhat satisfied                 | 5 Very dissatisfied     |
| 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied |                         |

Q2. What do you think of following? Select the answer that most closely matches your own opinion in response to each statement. (Choose one answer only for each question from (1) through (15).)

Agree	Somewhat	Neither	Somewhat	Disagree
	Agree	agree nor	disagree	
		disagree		

- (1) Current Japanese politicians do not think ..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
about us very much.
- (2) Nobody knows what the world will be like, .. 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
so there is no point thinking about  
the future.
- (3) People are becoming worse off. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5
- (4) Given all the changes in the world, I do not ... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
have much hope for our children's future.
- (5) These days, society is becoming heartless. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5
- (6) It is natural for some people to be powerful ... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
and others to be vulnerable in society.
- (7) People must obey their parents and do whatever 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
they say.
- (8) People who break social conventions should... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
be subject to strict sanctions.
- (9) Those who lead others should treat people .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
with dignity.
- (10) Boys and girls should be sent to different .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
schools if possible.
- (11) Educational background and money do .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
still matter in today's society.
- (12) I am not sure what information to trust, .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
although various reports on politics  
and society are available.
- (13) In today's society, honest people lose out and 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
clever people gain the advantage.
- (14) People do not understand what I think or .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
say.
- (15) My dreams will never come true, if I maintain 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5  
my current way of life.

Q3. If you had to choose between opinion A and opinion B (below), which would be closer to your own opinion? (Choose one answer only for questions (1) through (9).)

SQ1. Opinion

A: We should pay more attention to our country and society.  
B: We should place more emphasis on fulfilling individual goals.

1	2	3	4
Close to A	Somewhat A	Somewhat B	Close to B

SQ2. Opinion

A: Our country and society should do something for us.  
B: I want to do something for our country and society.

1	2	3	4
Close to A	Somewhat A	Somewhat B	Close to B

SQ3. Opinion

A: I want to work to prepare for the future, for example, by saving.  
B: I want to focus on enjoying a fulfilling life every day.

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1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

SQ4. Opinion

A: The interests of the whole nation are more important than those of individuals.  
B: The interests of individuals are more important than those of the whole nation.

1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

SQ5. Opinion

A: I want to have more free time, even if my income remains the same.  
B: I want to increase my income, even if my free time remains the same.

1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

SQ6. Opinion

A: I think Japan is heading in a good direction overall.  
B: I think Japan is heading in a bad direction overall.

1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

SQ7. Opinion

A: We should learn to love our country.  
B: Love of country is an individual choice.

1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

SQ8. Opinion

A: I want to focus on the richness of heart and mind and living a comfortable life.  
B: I want to focus on attaining material wealth during my life.

1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

SQ9. Opinion

A: I want to live abroad for 2–3 years if I have the chance to do so.  
B: I do not want to live abroad for 2–3 years, even if I have the chance to do so.

1                      2                      3                      4  
Close to A    Somewhat A    Somewhat B    Close to B

Q4. Do you support the Abe Cabinet? (Choose one answer only.)

- 1 Strongly support  
2 Somewhat support  
3 Slightly support  
4 Do not support at all

Q5. Among the following statements, select all that you have experienced over the last 5 years. (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. I voted in an election.  | 9. I signed a petition.                           |
| 2. I joined an activity in my town community or neighborhood association.         | 10. I made a donation or a contribution to funds. |
| 3. I needed to meet a local influential figure. (meeting, writing a letter, etc.) | 11. I participated in a demonstration.            |
|   | 12. I expressed my opinion via the Internet.      |

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| 4. I needed to meet a politician or bureaucrat.                              | 13. I expressed my opinion by contacting the mass media, sending a letter to the editor, or appearing in the media.        |
| 5. I went to the assembly or government office to sign or submit a petition. | 14. I deliberately purchased or decided not to purchase a certain product for environmental, political or ethical reasons. |
| 6. I attended an electoral or political rally.                               |  |
| 7. I helped an election campaign (supporting a candidate, etc.)              | 15. I did none of the above.   |
| 8. I joined a residents' campaign or civic movement.                         |  |

Q6. Do you talk about politics with your friends? Select the correct answer below. **(Choose one answer only.)**

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|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Often | 2. Sometimes | 3. Rarely | 4. Never |
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Q7. When you have a strong opinion, do you share your ideas with others, such as friends, relatives, or colleagues, and try to persuade them? **(Choose one answer only.)**

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| 1. Often | 2. Sometimes | 3. Rarely | 4. Never |
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Q8. When you talk about political and governmental issues with others, do you feel constrained? For example, do you think, "I shouldn't say that?" Select the most appropriate answer. **(Choose one answer only.)**

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| 1. I feel constrained whenever I talk to anyone.      | 3. I don't feel constrained when I talk to a small number of people. |
| 2. I feel constrained when I talk to a lot of people. | 4. I never feel constrained, even when I talk to a lot of people.    |

Q9. Of the following candidates, whom do you think should be the next Prime Minister, after Abe? (Choose one answer only.)

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| <b>1</b><br>SUGA Yoshihide | <b>2</b><br>KISHIDA Fumio   | <b>3</b><br>KATO Katsunobu | <b>4</b><br>ISHIBA Shigeru      | <b>5</b><br>YAMAGUCHI Natsuo |
| <b>6</b><br>EDANO Yukio    | <b>7</b><br>TAMAKI Yuichiro | <b>8</b><br>SHII Kazuo     | <b>9</b><br>Other (name: _____) |                              |

Q54. If Abe remains Prime Minister and President of the Liberal Democratic Party after Fall 2021, when his current term as LDP President ends, will you agree with this decision? (Choose one answer only.)

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| <b>1</b><br>Agree | <b>2</b><br>Somewhat agree | <b>3</b><br>Somewhat disagree | <b>4</b><br>Disagree |
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Those are all the questions we have for you. Lastly, please let us know some things about yourself for statistical-processing purposes.

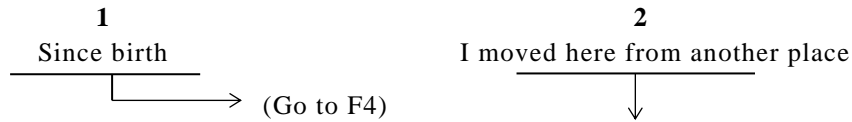
Q56. Age: How old are you? Select the correct answer below.

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| <b>1</b> Between 10 and 20 | <b>5</b> 50s     |
| <b>2</b> 20s               | <b>6</b> 60s     |
| <b>3</b> 30s               | <b>7</b> Over 70 |
| <b>4</b> 40s               |                  |

Q12. Places you have lived:

Have you lived locally (within 30-minutes walking distance of this town, village, or housing complex) since you were born? Or did you move here from another place? If you were born near here but moved temporarily

to another place, please choose “since birth.” (Choose one answer only.)



Q13. How long have you lived within 30-minutes walking distance of this town, village or housing complex?  
If you live locally but have moved to another place temporarily, please count the total number of years  
you have lived hear here. (Choose one answer only.)

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
3 years or less	4–9 years	10–14 years	15 years or more

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Q59. Level of Education: What is your academic history? There is no need to include miscellaneous schools;  
if you dropped out of school or are currently a student, list yourself as a graduate.  
(Choose one answer only.)

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Junior high school/ Higher elementary school	High school/ Old-system junior high school	College of technology/ Junior college/ Specialized training college	University/ Graduate school

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.