

# JES VII wave4: Post-election-survey 2022 House of Councillors Election

July, 2022

Q1: Did you go to vote in the House of Councillors election?

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

<To those who chose “1” or “2” in Q1>

SQ1: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single member district?

- 1 Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- 2 Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
- 3 Komei
- 4 Japan Innovation Party (Nippon Ishin)
- 5 Japanese Communist Party
- 6 Democratic Party For the People
- 7 Reiwa Shinsengumi
- 8 **First Japan (First-no-Kai)**
- 9 Other
- 10 Independent (Nonpartisan)
- 11 DK/NA

SQ2: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the proportional representation system?

- 1 Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- 2 Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
- 3 Komei
- 4 Japan Innovation Party (Nippon Ishin)
- 5 Japanese Communist Party
- 6 Democratic Party for the People
- 7 Reiwa Shinsengumi
- 8 Other
- 9 DK/NA

SQ3: Overall, how satisfied are you with the results of the recent House of Councillors election?

- 1 Fairly satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Can't say either
- 4 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 5 Not satisfied at all

Q2: What do you think of following? Select the answer that most closely matches your own opinion in response to each statement.

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
(1) Current Japanese politicians do not think about us very much.	1	2	3	4	5
(2) Nobody knows what the world will be like, so there is no point thinking about the future.	1	2	3	4	5
(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 whatever1 ..... 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 maintain1 ..... 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.

A: We should pay more attention to our country and society.

B: We should place more emphasis on fulfilling individual goals.

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

SQ2.

A: Our country and society should do something for us.

B: I want to do something for our country and society.

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

SQ3.

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.

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

SQ4.

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 close to A
- 2 Somewhat A
- 3 Somewhat B
- 4 Close to B

SQ5.

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 close to A
- 2 Somewhat A
- 3 Somewhat B
- 4 Close to B

SQ6.

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

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

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

SQ7.

A: More patriotism should be cultivated among the people.

B: The feeling of patriotism should be left to the judgment of each individual.

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

SQ8.

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 close to A
- 2 Somewhat A
- 3 Somewhat B
- 4 Close to B

SQ9.

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 close to A
- 2 Somewhat A
- 3 Somewhat B
- 4 Close to B

Q4: Select all that you have experienced over the last 5 years.

- (1) Vote in elections
- (2) Joined an activity in my town community or neighborhood association
- (3) Contact local influential people (meeting, writing a letter, etc.)
- (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, or contribute an article to the media
- (14) Refused to buy or intentionally bought a certain product for environmental, political, or ethical reasons.
- (15) I do not have experienced anything above.

Q5: How often do you talk about politics with your friends?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never

Q6: When you have a strong opinion, do you ever persuade friends, relatives, or colleagues to share that opinion with others?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never

Q7: Do you feel constrained when discussing with others about political issues and/or issues in government?

- 1 always feel "restricted" when talking with others
- 2 I often feel "restricted" when talking with others.
- 3 I don't often feel "constrained" when talking with others.
- 4 I never feel "constrained" when talking with others.

Q8: What were the most important issues in the recent House of Representatives election for you? (Choose one only, that applies to you the most.)

- 1 Foreign affairs, Defense and Security
- 2 Fiscal and monetary
- 3 Industry & Economy
- 4 Constitution (revision or not)
- 5 Education & Child-Rearing
- 6 Pension & Medical Care
- 7 Nuclear power plant and Energy Issues
- 8 Environment Issues
- 9 Covid-19 countermeasures
- 10 Other

Q9: What do you think about the number of seats won by the LDP in this House of Representatives election?

- 1 Too many
- 2 Just right
- 3 Too few

Q10: Who do you think is the most qualified to be the next prime minister of Japan?

- 1 KISHIDA Fumio, the Prime Minister
- 2 MOGI Toshimitsu, Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party
- 3 KONO Taro, director of Public Relations Division, Liberal Democratic Party of Japan
- 4 TAKAICHI Sanae, LDP policy chief
- 5 HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 6 IZUMI Kenta, representative of the Constitutional Democratic Party
- 7 YAMAGUCHI Natsuo, representative of Komei Party

- 8 MATSUI Ichiro, representative of Japan Innovation Party
- 9 SHII Kazuo, chairman of the Communist Party
- 10 TAMAKI Yuichiro, representative of the Democratic Party For the People
- 11 Other
- 12 DK/NA

Q11 Are you for or against to the statement "Democracy may be problematic, but it is preferable to any other form of government."

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

Q12 To what extent do you assess the Japan government's response to Russia's military invasion of Ukraine?

Please select the one that applies to you

- 1 Highly
- 2 Somewhat high
- 3 Somewhat low
- 4 Not at all

Q13 In response to the rise in prices due to the situation in Ukraine, the government has decided on emergency measures that include expanding subsidies for oil distributors and providing benefits to low-income households with children. To what extent do you rate these measures? Please select the one that applies to you.

- 1 Highly
- 2 Somewhat high
- 3 Somewhat low
- 4 Not at all

Q14 In terms of measures against the Covid-19, what do you want the government to prioritize now is "preventing the spread of infection" or "recovering economic activity"? Which one is closer to your idea?

- 1 Preventing the spread of infection
- 2 Recovering economic activity

Q15: How old are you?

- 1 Under 20
- 2 20-29
- 3 30-39
- 4 40-49
- 5 50-59
- 6 60-69
- 7 70 years old and over

Q16: 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.

- 1. Junior high school
- 2. High school
- 3. College of technology/ Junior college/ Specialized training college
- 4. University/ Graduate school

Q17: Are you employed, self-employed, or helping your family business? If you do not work, are you a student, housewife, or house husband?

- 1. Employed
- 2. Self-employed (incl. freelancer)
- 3. Family business
- 4. Student

5. Housewife/ house husband (Full-time homemaker)
6. Unemployed
7. Other