

2009 Pre-Election_Lower House

Q1: We will ask you about the candidates who have completed the procedures for running for the upcoming lower house election in this district.

Note for the surveyor: Hand the candidate list to the respondent. On the list are the names of the candidates and a thermometer.
 Circle the number of the candidates in each checked district →

1	2	3	4	5	6
2	3	4	5	6	more than 7

(1) Of the following candidates, which names do you know? Please answer by number.

【Note: The surveyor asks the respondent to answer the name in the order he or she knows, not in ascending order, from number 1 of the candidate list.】

(2) How much do you know about the candidate? (If the respondent does not know any name in question (1), circle 3. I do not know.)

(3) (To the respondents who answered "I know well" or "I know a little.") If you have neutral feelings about the candidate, please mark 50 on the thermometer. If you have positive feelings, please indicate from 50 to 100 according to the level of your feelings. If you have negative feelings, please indicate from 0 to 50 according to the level of your feelings.)

【Note: please enter the code 888 for DK and 999 for NA.】

The surveyor repeats the above-mentioned three question patterns until the respondent finishes the names mentioned (for the maximum number of the candidates). (The maximum number that can be recorded is 6.) When the respondent stops mentioning names, the surveyor always remembers to ask "Anyone else?" After confirming that the respondent knows no other candidate names, the surveyor circles 3. I do not know in question (2) regarding the remaining candidates.

<First> (1) Of the following candidates, which name do you know? Please answer by number.

→(Write the number:)

(2) How much do you know about the candidate?

1	2	3	4	5
(a)	(b)			
I know well	I know a little	I do not know	DK	NA

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(3) How much do you like or dislike the candidate?

points

<Second> (1) Please answer the number of the candidate you know next.

→(Write the number:)

(2) How much do you know about the candidate?

1	2	3	4	5
(a)	(b)			
I know well	I know a little	I do not know	DK	NA

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(3) How much do you like or dislike the candidate?

points

<Third> (1) Please answer the number of the candidate you know next.

→(Write the number:)

(2) How much do you know about the candidate?

1	2	3	4	5	
(a)	(b)				
I know well		I know a little	I do not know	DK	NA

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(3) How much do you like or dislike the candidate?

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<Fourth> (1) Please answer the number of the candidate you know next.

→(Write the number:)

(2) How much do you know about the candidate?

1	2	3	4	5	
(a)	(b)				
I know well		I know a little	I do not know	DK	NA

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(3) How much do you like or dislike the candidate?

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<Fifth> (1) Please answer the number of the candidate you know next.

→(Write the number:)

(2) How much do you know about the candidate?

1	2	3	4	5	
(a)	(b)				
I know well		I know a little	I do not know	DK	NA

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(3) How much do you like or dislike the candidate?

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<Sixth> (1) Please answer the number of the candidate you know next.

→(Write the number:)

(2) How much do you know about the candidate?

1	2	3	4	5	
(a)	(b)				
I know well		I know a little	I do not know	DK	NA

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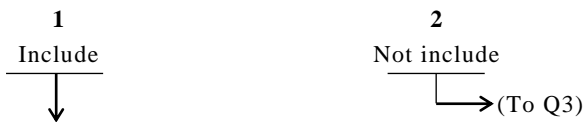
(3) How much do you like or dislike the candidate?

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【To all】

★Q2: The surveyor checks the candidate list to see if this district includes LDP candidates.



【Note: The surveyor reads the question aloud, mentioning the LDP's candidate name in the blank space of the question sentence.】

We will ask you questions about LDP candidate xx in this district. What do you think of the candidate in terms of the following points of view. Please choose only one item for each point of view. The first point of view is "As a politician, the candidate has ability and leadership."

(One choice each for the first to fourth question) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fourth question.】

	Agree	Disagree	Neither	DK	NA
1 As a politician, the candidate has ability and leadership.	1	2	3	4	5
2 As a person, the candidate is trustworthy.	1	2	3	4	5
3 I support the candidate's policy.	1	2	3	4	5
4 The candidate can contribute to my local district.	1	2	3	4	5

【To all】

★Q3: The surveyor checks the candidate list to see if this district includes DPJ candidates.



【Note: The surveyor reads the question aloud, mentioning the DPJ's candidate name in the blank space of the question sentence.】

We will ask you questions about DPJ candidate xx in this district. What do you think of the candidate in terms of the following points of view. Please choose only one item for each point of view. The first point of view is "As a politician, the candidate has ability and leadership."

(One choice each for the first to fourth question) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fourth question.】

	Agree	Disagree	Neither	DK	NA
1 As a politician, the candidate has an ability and leadership.	1	2	3	4	5
2 As a person, the candidate is trustworthy.	1	2	3	4	5
3 I support the candidate's policy.	1	2	3	4	5
4 The candidate can contribute to my local district.	1	2	3	4	5

【To all】

Q4: Will you vote in the upcoming lower house election? Please choose the response that best describes your feeling. (One choice per person) 【Note: The respondent is given the choices from 1 to 4.】

- 1 I have something else to do on election day, which will make it difficult for me to go to vote.
- 2 Although I have nothing else to do on election day, I do not feel like participating in the election.
- 3 I have no trouble going to vote.
- 4 I voted before election day or used absentee voting. → (To Q6)
- 5 DK

【For those who answered between 1 and 3 and 5 or 6 in Q4.】

Q5: Are you planning to vote before election day or use absentee voting? Please choose one item. (One choice per person)

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| 1 Planning | 4 DK |
| 2 Probably | 5 NA |
| 3 Not planning | |

【To all】

Q6: Please choose the item that best matches your thinking about voting from among the items here? (One choice per person)

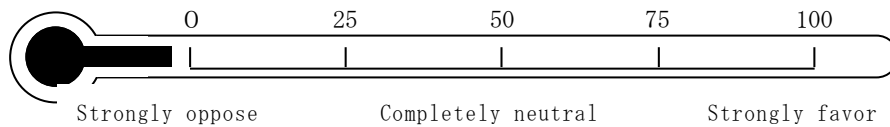
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| 1 Voting is the elector's obligation. I think it essential to vote. |
| 2 I think it significant to participate, as much as possible, in the election as an elector. |
| 3 It depends on the elector to decide whether or not to vote. I do not think it always necessary to vote. |
| 4 DK |
| 5 NA |

Q7: For the upcoming lower house election, how intense do you think the race is getting in your local single-seat constituency district? (One choice per person) **【Note: The surveyor reads aloud the first to fifth choice.】**

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| 1 The candidate I support is pretty strong, and I expect that the candidate will win even if I do not vote. | |
| 2 I expect the candidate I support will win by a close margin even if I do not vote. | |
| 3 The candidate I support is straddling the thin line between defeat and victory. I expect my vote will be helpful to the candidate's victory. | |
| 4 I expect that if I do not vote, the win of the candidate I support will be unlikely, but my vote will bring the candidate up to the thin line between defeat and victory. | |
| 5 I expect that even if I vote, the win of the candidate I support will be unlikely. | |
| 6 Others () | |
| 7 No candidate I support. | 9 DK |
| 8 I have not decided which candidate to support. | 10 NA |

Q8: 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. The first question is about Taro Aso. How do you feel about him?

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the twelfth item. Please enter code 888 for DK and 999 for NA. The respondent is given the thermometer below.】



(1) Taro Aso	<input type="text"/>	(7) LDP	<input type="text"/>
(2) Yukio Hatoyama	<input type="text"/>	(8) DPJ	<input type="text"/>
(3) Akihiro Ota	<input type="text"/>	(9) NCGP	<input type="text"/>
(4) Mizuho Fukushima	<input type="text"/>	(10) SDP	<input type="text"/>
(5) Kazuo Shii	<input type="text"/>	(11) JCP	<input type="text"/>
(6) Tamiyuki Watanuki	<input type="text"/>	(12) People's New Party (PNP)	<input type="text"/>

Q9: (1) What do you think of the results of the Aso Cabinet's fiscal policy? (One choice per person)

1 Pretty good	2 A little good	3 Neither	4 A little bad	5 Pretty bad	6 DK	7 NA
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(2) What do you think of results of the Aso Cabinet's economic measures? (One choice per person)

1 Pretty good	2 A little good	3 Neither	4 A little bad	5 Pretty bad	6 DK	7 NA
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(3) What do you think of the Aso Cabinet's diplomatic performance? (One choice per person)

1 Pretty good	2 A little good	3 Neither	4 A little bad	5 Pretty bad	6 DK	7 NA
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(4) What do you think of the Aso Cabinet's performance in terms of political leadership? (One choice per person)

1 Pretty good	2 A little good	3 Neither	4 A little bad	5 Pretty bad	6 DK	7 NA
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(5) On the whole, what do you think of the Aso Cabinet's performance? (One choice per person)

1 Pretty good	2 A little good	3 Neither	4 A little bad	5 Pretty bad	6 DK	7 NA
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Q10: Apart from which party you will vote for in the upcoming lower house election, which party do you usually support? **【Note: The respondent is given the choices from 1. LDP to 9. None.】** (One choice per person)

1 LDP	5 JCP	9 None
2 DPJ	6 PNP	
3 NCGP	7 X	
4 SDP	8 Other ()	
		11 NA

【To those who chose between 1 and 8 in Q10】

SQ1: Are you an ardent supporter of the party? Or a not so ardent supporter? (One choice per person)

1 Ardent supporter
2 Not so ardent

3 DK
4 NA

【To those who chose between 9 and 11 in Q10】

SQ2: If you are asked to choose one party, which party do you prefer most? (One choice per person)

1 LDP	9 None
2 DPJ	10 DK
3 NCGP	11 NA
4 SDP	
5 JCP	
6 PNP	
7 X	
8 Other ()	

【To all】

Q11: Do you have any party that you never want to support?Anything else? (Multiple answers are okay.)

1 LDP	5 JCP	9 None
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2 DPJ
3 NCGP
4 SDP

6 PNP
7 X
8 Other ()

10 DK
11 NA

Q12: Generally speaking, what do you think of the Aso Cabinet?

(1) Please give as many things as possible that you like about the Aso Cabinet.Anything else?

【Note: Be sure to try to encourage multiple answers, asking "Anything else?" As much as possible, make notes about the respondent's answers as they are expressed.】

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1 DK
2 NA

(2) Please give as many things as possible you do not like about the Aso Cabinet.Anything else?

【Note: Be sure to try to encourage multiple answers, asking "Anything else?" As much as possible, make notes about the respondent's answers as they are expressed.】

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1 DK
2 NA

Q13: Generally speaking, what do you think of the LDP? Feel free to indicate anything you find about the party.Any opinion is okay.For example, the things you like and do not like about the LDP.Anything else? 【Note: Pause in the parts marked "" As much as possible, make notes about the respondent's answers as they are expressed. The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth question.】

(1) What is your view of the LDP?

Write here

1 DK
2 NA

(2) What is your view of the DPJ?

Write here

1 DK
2 NA

(3) What is your view of the NCGP?

Write here

1 DK
2 NA

(4) What is your view of the SDP?

Write here

1 DK
2 NA

(5) What is your view of the JCP?

Write here

1 DK

Q14: What issue is the most important to you in the upcoming lower house election? Any subject is okay. Please give us a specific answer.

【Note: make notes about the respondent's answers as they are given. If the respondent mentions more than one issue, be sure to confirm what the most significant issue is. If "Nothing special," circle 1 in the margin.】

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- 1 Nothing special
2 DK
3 NA

Q15: Will you go to vote in the upcoming lower house election? Or have you already voted before election day or used absentee voting? (One choice per person) 【Note: The respondent is given choices 1 to 5.】

- 1 I voted before election day or used absentee voting.
- 2 I will vote without fail. → (To SQ3)
- 3 I will probably vote. → (To SQ3)
- 4 I will probably abstain. → (To Q16)
- 5 I will abstain. → (To Q16)
- 6 Not yet decided or DK
- 7 NA

【SQ1 and 2 for those who chose 1. I voted before election day or used absentee voting in Q15. Hand candidate list.】

SQ1: Which candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency ballot?

Write the name of the candidate

【Note: After interviewing the respondent, enter the candidate code (list number) and the party code (number specified below). For the candidate list, enter 88 for DK. Enter 99 for NA.】

< Candidate code > < Party code >

(Party code list)			
1 LDP	4 SDP	7 New Party Nippon (NPN)	11 Independents
2 DPJ	5 JCP	8 Japan Renaissance Party (JRP)	12 DK
3 NCGP	6 PNP	9 New Party Daichi (NPD)	13 NA
10 Other parties ()			

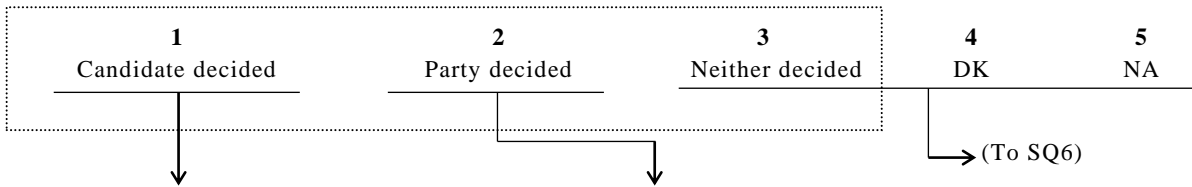
SQ2: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (One choice per person)

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| 1 LDP | 4 SDP | 7 X | 9 DK |
| 2 DPJ | 5 JCP | 8 Other parties () | 10 NA |
| 3 NCGP | 6 PNP | | |

⇒(Go on to SQ7 after SQ2)

【SQ3 to 6 for those who chose 2. I will vote without fail or 3. I will probably vote in Q15】

SQ3: Have you decided which candidate to vote for in the single-seat constituency ballot? (One choice per person)



【Hand candidate list】

SQ4: Who is the candidate?

Write the name of the candidate

【Note: After interviewing the respondent, enter the candidate code (list number) and the party code (SQ1's code). For the candidate list, enter 88 for DK and 99 for NA.】

< Candidate code >

< Party code >

SQ5: Which party is it? Please choose from the parties.

(One choice per person)

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1 LDP | 10 DK |
| 2 DPJ | 11 NA |
| 3 NCGP | |
| 4 SDP | |
| 5 JCP | |
| 6 PNP | |
| 7 X | |
| 8 Other parties
() | |
| 9 Independents | |

SQ6: Which party will you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (One choice per person)

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|--------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 LDP | 4 SDP | 7 X | 9 DK |
| 2 DPJ | 5 JCP | 8 Other parties () | 10 NA |
| 3 NCGP | 6 PNP | | |

【SQ 7 and 8 for those who chose between 1 and 3 in Q15. For those who answered "1. I voted before election day or used absentee voting" in Q15, the surveyor uses the phrase "the party you voted for" instead of "the party you will vote for" in the question below.】

SQ7: We would like to confirm again. Is the party of the candidate you will vote for in the single-seat constituency ballot and the party you will vote for in the proportional representation ballot the same or different? (One choice per person)



【To those who chose "2. Different" in SQ7】

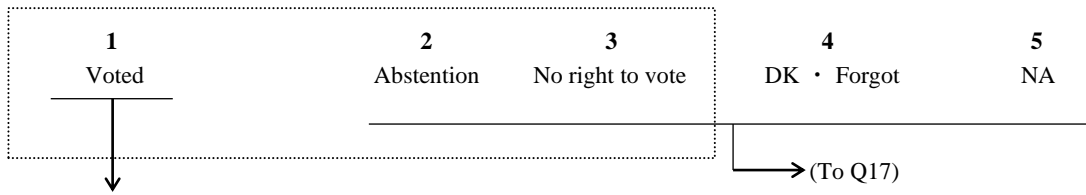
SQ8: Why is it? Please choose only one item. (One choice per person)

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| 1 I have no candidate of the party I support in the single-seat district. |
| 2 It is quite likely that the candidate of the party I support will win in the single-seat district even if I do not vote. |
| 3 It is quite likely that the candidate of the party I support will lose in the single-seat district even if I vote. |
| 4 I have found another candidate, other than the party I support, in the proportional representation ballot. |
| 5 I considered both the single-seat and proportional representation ballots regardless of parties. |
| 6 I considered parliamentary seat balance. |
| 7 Other () |
| 8 DK |
| 9 NA |

【To all】

Q16: Regarding the previous 2005 lower house election during the Koizumi administration, did you vote? (For

those who did not vote) Did you abstain or did you not have the right to vote? (One choice per person)



【To those who answered "1. Voted" in Q16】

SQ1: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the single-seat constituency ballot? (One choice per person) 【Note: The names of the parties are not given to the respondent.】

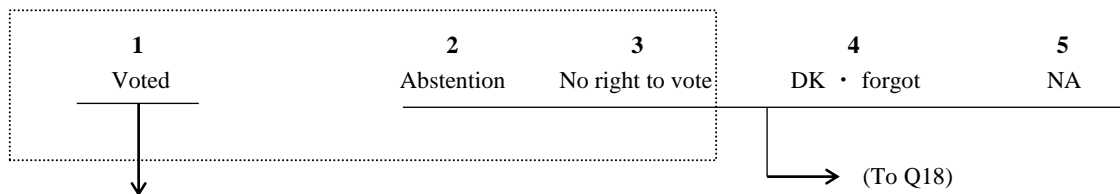
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| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Independents |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 Forgot |
| 3 NCGP | 7 NPN | 11 DK |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | 12 NA |

SQ2: Which party did you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (One choice per person) 【Note: The names of the parties are not given to the respondent.】

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|--------|-------------|----------|
| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Forgot |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 DK |
| 3 NCGP | 7 NPN | 11 NA |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

【To all】

Q17: Regarding the previous 2007 upper house election during the Abe administration, did you vote? (For those who did not vote) Did you abstain or did you not have the right to vote? (One choice per person)



【To those who answered "1. Voted" in Q17】

SQ1: Which party's candidate did you vote for in the constituency ballot? (One choice per person) 【Note: The names of the parties are not given to the respondent.】

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|--------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Independents |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 Forgot |
| 3 NCGP | 7 NPN | 11 DK |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | 12 NA |

SQ2: Which party or which party's candidate did you vote for in the proportional representation ballot? (One choice per person) 【Note: The names of the parties are not given to the respondent.】

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|--------|-------------|----------|
| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 Forgot |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 DK |
| 3 NCGP | 7 NPN | 11 NA |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

【To all】

Q18: Which party do you think has the capability for national administration? Please choose all parties that you think have that capability. (Multiple answers are okay.)

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|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1 LDP | 5 JCP | 9 None |
| 2 DPJ | 6 PNP | 10 DK |
| 3 NCGP | 7 X | 11 NA |
| 4 SDP | 8 Other () | |

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

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.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the fiscal-or-economy question to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding fiscal reconstruction and economic stimulus measures? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4	5	6

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.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the right of collective self-defense to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding the right of collective self-defense? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6

- (3) NCGP 1 2 3 4 5 6
 (4) SDP 1 2 3 4 5 6
 (5) JCP 1 2 3 4 5 6

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.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of welfare and taxes to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding welfare and taxes? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q22: The following are two major points of view about how to tackle global warming.

A: To control global warming, we cannot increase thermal power generation that produces CO₂. To handle electricity consumption, we are obliged to increase nuclear power plants that do not produce CO₂.
 B: To handle electricity consumption without increasing nuclear power plants, we are obliged to increase thermal power generation that produces CO₂, even if we fail to achieve our targets for tackling global warming.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of countermeasures against global warming to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding countermeasures against global warming? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6

- (2) DPJ 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (3) NCGP 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (4) SDP 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (5) JCP 1 2 3 4 5 6

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: The aim should be creating communities with vitality based on free competition among local areas by reducing the central government's subsidies and other forms of aid.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of the central and local governments to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding the relationships between the central and local governments? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)
 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4	5	6

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 respectable and should remain unchanged.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of constitutional revision to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding constitutional revision? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)
 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
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- (1) LDP 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (2) DPJ 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (3) NCGP 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (4) SDP 1 2 3 4 5 6
- (5) JCP 1 2 3 4 5 6

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.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of the public pension system to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding the public pension system? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q26: The following are two major points of view about economic aid for North Korea.

A: The Japanese government should not provide economic aid for North Korea as long as the abduction issue remains unresolved.
 B: The Japanese government's economic aid for North Korea is no problem if the North freezes its nuclear development program.

SQ1: Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of the Japanese government's economic aid for North Korea to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding the Japanese government's economic aid for North Korea? The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q27: 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 proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

SQ2: How important is the issue of the income gap, which results from free competition, to you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Pretty important	A little important	Not so important	Minimally important	DK	NA

SQ3: What policy do you think the following parties push for regarding the income gap, which results from free competition?

The first question is about the LDP. (One choice each for the first through the fifth party)

【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth party.】

	Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA
(1) LDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) DPJ	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) NCGP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) SDP	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) JCP	1	2	3	4	5	6

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. 【Note: Circle the respondent's answered number. The respondent is asked the question above and shown the scale with the description of liberalism and conservatism.】

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	DK
Lib											Con	
											12	NA

Q29: How satisfied or dissatisfied with current politics are you? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pretty satisfied	A little satisfied	Neither	A little dissatisfied	Pretty dissatisfied	DK	NA

Q30: What kind of administration do you hope will be organized as the result of the upcoming lower house election? Please choose only one. (One choice per person)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 A single-party government of the LDP
2 A coalition government of the LDP and the other parties except for the DPJ
3 A coalition government involving the LDP and the DPJ
4 A single-party government of the DPJ
5 A coalition government of the DPJ and the other parties except for the LDP | 6 Other ()
7 DK
8 NA |
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Q31: The following are two major points of view about the so-called twisted Diet, or the situation in which the majority consists of different primary parties between the upper and lower houses. Which proposition is closer to your view? (One choice per person)

Proposition A: It is better because it facilitates more discreet deliberations and more meaningful discussions.
B: It is undesirable because it worsens conflicts and causes inefficient deliberations.

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|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Close to A | A little close to A | A little close to B | Close to B | DK | NA |

Q32: Regardless of whether or not an election campaign is on, some are consistently interested in politics and others are not. How much interest do you have in political events? Please choose one item. (One choice per person)

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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Pretty interested | A little interested | Not so interested | Hardly interested | DK | NA |

Q33: Are you in favor of the Aso Cabinet? (One choice per person)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Pretty in favor
2 A little in favor
3 Not so in favor
4 Almost not in favor | 5 DK
6 NA |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|

Q34: What condition do you think the current Japanese economy is in? (One choice per person)

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|-------------|---------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Pretty good | A little good | Neither | A little bad | Pretty bad | DK | NA |

Q35: What do you think of current economic conditions compared with what they were one year ago? (One choice per person)

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|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Much better | A little better | Unchanged | A little worse | Much worse | DK | NA |

Q36: What do you think the Japanese economy will now become moving into the future? (One choice per person)

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|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Much better | A little better | Unchanged | A little worse | Much worse | DK | NA |

Q37: What do you think of the following? Please choose the response that best matches your thinking. The first question is about the proposition that today's Japanese politicians do not give people much consideration. (One choice each for the first through the fifteenth item) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifteenth item.】

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| Agree Partly agree Neither Partly disagree Disagree | DK | NA |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|

(1) Today's Japanese politicians do not give people much consideration.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(2) I cannot tell how things will change and it does not make any sense to think of the future.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(3) People are becoming economically worse off.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(4) Considering how things change, I am pessimistic about the future of my children.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(5) People are becoming increasingly indifferent to others.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Agree	Partly agree	Neither	Partly disagree	Disagree	DK	NA
(6) It is natural that some are haves and others are have-nots.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(7) You should abide by whatever your parents say.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(8) Those who break the rules should be severely punished.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(9) Leaders should treat their subordinates in a dignified manner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(10) Adolescent girls and boys should, if possible, be educated separately.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(11) A good educational background and material richness matter in the world.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(12) We have much information about political and social issues, but I am at a loss about which is more credible.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(13) Honesty does not pay off in the current social situation; the shrewd guys win.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(14) Much of what I want to say or think gets rejected by people around me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(15) I am unlikely to realize my dream if I continue to live as I do now.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q38: Regarding the following two points of view, which is closer to your view?

(One choice each for the first through the ninth question) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the ninth question.】

(1) Proposition

A: You should pay more attention to national and social issues.

B: You should put more emphasis on developing your personal life.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Close to A	A little close to A	A little close to B	Close to B	DK	NA

(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.

1	2	3	4	5	6
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Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

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

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

(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.

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

(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.

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

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

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

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

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

(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.

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

(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 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**
 Close to A A little close to A A little close to B Close to B DK NA

Q39: How much are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your current lifestyle? (One choice per person)

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7**
 Pretty satisfied A little satisfied Neither A little dissatisfied Pretty dissatisfied DK NA

Q40: How has your lifestyle changed compared with what it was one year ago? Please choose one item. (One choice per person)

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7**

Much better A little better Unchanged A little worse Much worse DK NA

Q41: How do you think your lifestyle will change from now moving forward? Please choose one item. (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Much better	A little better	Unchanged	A little worse	Much worse	DK	NA

Q42(1): How high are your expectations for the Aso Cabinet's future performance? The first question is about fiscal policy. (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pretty high	A little high	Neither	Not so high	Almost nil	DK	NA

(2) How high are your expectations for the Aso Cabinet's future economic measures? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pretty high	A little high	Neither	Not so high	Almost nil	DK	NA

(3) How high are your expectations for the Aso Cabinet's future diplomatic performance? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pretty high	A little high	Neither	Not so high	Almost nil	DK	NA

(4) How high are your expectations for the Aso Cabinet's political leadership? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pretty high	A little high	Neither	Not so high	Almost nil	DK	NA

(5) How high are your expectations for the Aso Cabinet's future overall performance? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pretty high	A little high	Neither	Not so high	almost nil	DK	NA

Q43: How much trust do you put in the following items? Please choose the response that best matches your thinking. The first question is about the ruling party in charge of national administration.

(One choice each for the first through the fourth item) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fourth item.】

	Pretty trustworthy	A little trustworthy	Not so trustworthy	Almost not trustworthy	DK	NA
(1) Administrative party	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) Existing parties	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) Parties and politicians	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) Indirect representative systems, such as elections	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q44: Do you value the Koizumi Cabinet's reform package, including postal privatization? (One choice per person)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Value	Partly value	Neither	Not value partly	Not value	DK	NA

Q45: Please name any government ministries and agencies you know.

Notes: The surveyor asks the respondent to name all the government organizations he or she knows and circles all the answered ones. Then, enter the total counts answered (0-14). If the respondent gives incorrect answers, it is counted as 0. Circle 15 for DK. [Note: The respondent is not given the names of the government organizations.]

counts 15 DK

1. National Police Agency 2. Ministry of Defense 3. Financial Services Agency 4. Cabinet Office
 5. Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications 6. Ministry of Justice 7. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 8. Ministry of Finance 9. Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
 10. Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare 11. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
 12. Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 13. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
 14. Ministry of the Environment

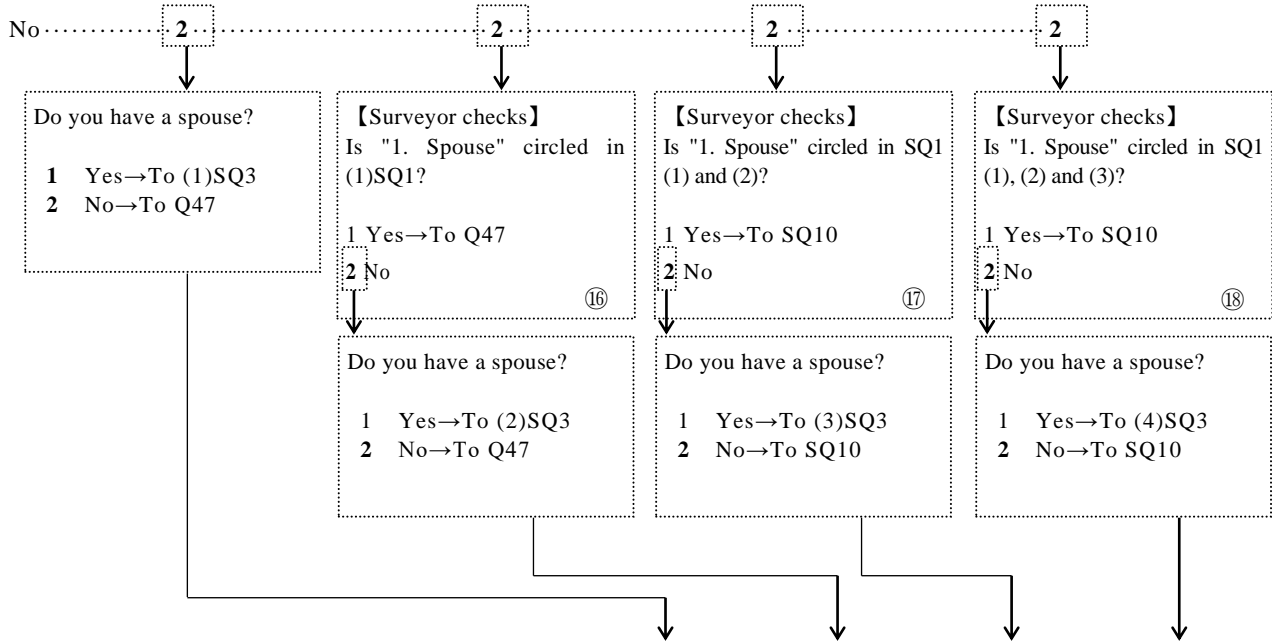
【To all】

Q46: Please think about people 20 years or older with whom you talk about the Japanese prime minister, politicians or elections. This also applies to someone that you sometimes happen to talk to about those topics. We will ask you about those individuals.

【The surveyor asks SQ 1 to 9 regarding (1) and then goes back to (2). The same pattern applies to (3) and (4).】

- (1) Do you have anyone to talk with about the prime minister, politicians or elections. (2) Anyone else? (Second)
 (3) Anyone else? (Third) (4) Anyone else? (Fourth)

Yes..... 1→To (1)SQ1..... 1→To (2)SQ1..... 1→To (3)SQ1..... 1→To (4)SQ1



SQ1: What relationship do you have with the person? Please choose only one item. (One choice per person)

	(1) First	(2) Second	(3) Third	(4) Fourth
Spouse.....	1	1	1	1
Family except for spouse	2	2	2	2
Relatives	3	3	3	3
Coworker	4	4	4	4

Person of the same interest group	5	5	5	5
Person in the same organization or group	6	6	6	6
Neighbor	7	7	7	7
Friend and acquaintance	8	8	8	8
Other ()	9	9	9	9
DK	10	10	10	10
NA	11	11	11	11

SQ2: Is the person male or female?

Male	1	1	1	1
Female	2	2	2	2
DK	3	3	3	3
NA	4	4	4	4

SQ3: How often have you recently talked about politicians, elections or politics with the person? Pretty often, sometimes or seldom? (One choice per person)

Pretty often	1	1	1	1
Sometimes	2	2	2	2
Seldom	3	3	3	3
DK	4	4	4	4
NA	5	5	5	5

SQ4: Did you talk about the following topics with the person? (Multiple answers are okay.)

I talked about how to interpret elections and political events.	1	1	1	1
I expressed my opinions.	2	2	2	2
I mentioned the elections or politicians in the conversation.	3	3	3	3
DK	4	4	4	4
NA	5	5	5	5

SQ5: How much does the person know about politics? Pretty much, knows to some extent or not so much? (One choice per person)

	(1) First	(2) Second	(3) Third	(4) Fourth
Knows pretty much	1	1	1	1
Knows to some extent	2	2	2	2
Not so much	3	3	3	3
DK	4	4	4	4
NA	5	5	5	5

SQ6: Which party's candidate do you suppose the person will vote for in the upcoming lower election? (One choice per person)

LDP	1	1	1	1
DPJ	2	2	2	2
NCGP	3	3	3	3
SDP	4	4	4	4
JCP	5	5	5	5
PNP	6	6	6	6
Other ()	7	7	7	7
DK	8	8	8	8
NA	9	9	9	9

SQ7: Do you think the person is in favor of the Aso Cabinet? (One choice per person)

In favor	1	1	1	1
Not in favor	2	2	2	2
DK	3	3	3	3
NA	4	4	4	4

SQ8: Do you think you are similar to the person in thinking or behavior? (One choice per person)

Similar	1	1	1	1
Not similar	2	2	2	2
DK	3	3	3	3
NA	4	4	4	4

SQ9: Is the person older, younger or the same age as you? (One choice per person)

Older	1	1	1	1
Younger	2	2	2	2
Same age	3	3	3	3
No comment	4	4	4	4
DK	5	5	5	5
NA	6	6	6	6

(To Q46(2)) (To Q46(3)) (To Q46(4)) (To SQ10)

[For those who answered "More than one," including spouse, the surveyor goes to SQ 10 and 11. If the respondent answers spouse, the last numbered person means the spouse.]

[SQ10 for those who answered after (2) in SQ1, that is, those who answered about the second and subsequent persons.]

SQ10: What numbered person is the first person acquainted with? (Multiple answers are okay)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Second person	Third person	Fourth person	No acquaintance	DK	NA

[SQ11 for those who answered after (3) in SQ1, that is, those who answered about the third and the subsequent persons.]

SQ11: Does anyone else know each other? Please choose all items that apply. (Multiple answers are okay)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Second and third persons	Second and fourth persons	Third and fourth persons	No acquaintance	DK	NA

[To all]

Q47: Which newspaper do you usually refer to as a major source to gain political information? Which of the following newspapers do you usually read?Anything else? (Multiple answers are okay.)

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|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Yomiuri | 8 Kahoku Shimpo | 14 I do not read any newspaper. |
| 2 Asahi | 9 Chunichi | 15 DK |
| 3 Mainichi | 10 Kobe | 16 NA |
| 4 Sankei | 11 Chugoku | |
| 5 Nikkei | 12 Nishi Nippon | |
| 6 Tokyo | 13 Other | |
| 7 Hokkaido | (Specifically) | |

Q48: Do you use a mobile phone and PC? In this context, uses at home, office and school are included. The first question is

whether or not you communicate by mobile phone.

(One choice each for the first through the fifth question) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the fifth question.】

	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Do not use	DK	NA
(1) I use a mobile phone as a means of communication.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) I text by mobile phone	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) I check websites by mobile phone. (including online searches)	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) I email by PC.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) I check websites by PC.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6



【To those who chose between 1 and 3 in the second through the fifth question in Q48.】

SQ: How often do you usually do the following things? The first question is whether you check online political news.

(One choice each for the first to tenth question) 【Note: The same pattern applies to the second through the tenth question.】

	Almost everyday	Sometimes	Occasionally	Seldom	DK	NA
(1) I check online political news. (including Yahoo! topics and mixi news)	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) I check the official websites of local governments.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) I check political websites managed by individuals and private organizations. (excluding support websites for your favorite candidates)	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) I check political blogs and SNS sites managed by individuals and private organizations. (excluding support websites for your favorite candidates)	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) I check online political newsletters. (excluding support websites for your favorite candidates)	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(6) I check the websites of candidates, their supporters and parties.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(7) I check the blogs and SNS sites of candidates and their supporters.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(8) I check support newsletters for candidates and parties.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6
(9) I check online political BBS, forums and newsletters. → 1	2	3	4	5	6	
(10) I express my political opinions on the Internet.	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6

【To all】

Q49: How many New Year's cards did you personally send this year, including email by PC and mobile phone?

About () 0 1 2
Not sent DK NA

[Face sheet]

All our inquiries into your views have been done. Now, please answer the following questions for our statistical

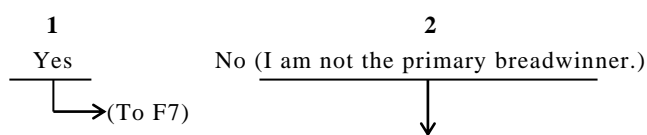
worker, sales operator, electric product manufacturing operator, pensioner, full-time homemaker) (Simply answering "employed, company employee or self-employed" is not sufficient.)

Specifically

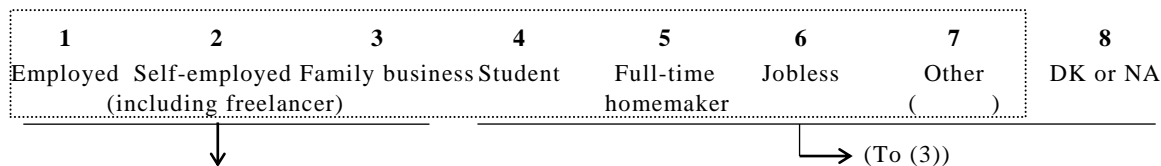
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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Agriculture, forestry and fisheries | 5 Specialist | 9 Student | 13 DK |
| 2 Commercial and industrial service | 6 Clerical work | 10 Full-time homemaker | 14 NA |
| 3 Freelance | 7 Sales, service and laborers | 11 Jobless | |
| 4 Managerial | 8 Other expert | 12 Impossible to classify | |

F6 Primary breadwinner's job: Are you the primary breadwinner at home? (One choice per person)



(1) What is the occupation of the primary breadwinner in the home? Is the primary breadwinner a company employee or self-employed worker? (One choice per person)



【To those who chose between 1. Employed and 3. Family business in F6 (1). First ask (2) and then, go on to (3).】

(2) Employee number: What is the total number of employees at the primary breadwinner's company, including branch offices and satellite stations? If the person is a public employee, please choose 6. (One choice per person)

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|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1 1 to 4 | 4 300 to 999 | 7 DK |
| 2 5 to 29 | 5 1000 or more | 8 NA |
| 3 30 to 299 | 6 Public employee | |

(3) Job classification:

More specifically, what kind of job does the primary breadwinner do? (For example, elementary school teacher, agricultural worker, bus driver, car mechanic, supermarket personnel, bank accountant, cram school teacher, computer programmer, clerical worker, sales operator, electric product manufacturing operator, pensioner, full-time homemaker) (Simply answering "employed, company employee or self-employed" is not sufficient.)

Specifically

(After a survey, circle one of the numbers.)

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Agriculture, forestry and fisheries | 5 Specialist | 9 Student | 13 DK |
| 2 Commercial and industrial service | 6 Clerical work | 10 Full-time homemaker | 14 NA |
| 3 Freelance | 7 Sales, service and laborers | 11 Jobless | |
| 4 Managerial | 8 Other expert | 12 Impossible to classify | |

【To all】

F7 House type: Which type is your housing? (One choice per person)

- 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 housing or public employee's apartment)
- 7 Sleep-in or live-in, dormitory or boarding house
- 8 Other ()

9 DK or NA

F8 Household income: What was the total annual income of your household last year (from January to December 2008)? Please include bonuses and other extraordinary income before taxes. (One choice per person)

- 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 10 million yen

- 9 10 million to less than 12 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

13 DK

14 NA

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

【Note: Don't pressure the respondent to give his or her telephone number.】

1 ()-()-()

2 No number 3 NA

[The surveyor must write here.]

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