# Overview of the Public Opinion Survey on Social Awareness 

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| Survey target: | 10,000 Japanese nationals of age 18 years or above nationwide Valid responses: 5,742 people (Response rate: 57.4\%) |
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| Survey period: | 25 January - 11 February 2018 (In some areas until 18 February) |
| Survey method: | Face-to-face interviews conducted by survey officers |
| Objectives: | To survey the trends for the fundamental awareness of people toward society and the country, and to use the data as basic material for general administrative purposes. |
| Survey items: | 1. Relationship with the country and society <br> 2. Awareness of the current state of society <br> 3. Evaluation of the government's policies |
| Track record: | In principle, the survey has been conducted every fiscal year since FY1968, this being the 47 th survey. <br> (Since the survey for FY2006, the respondents are informed that the survey is conducted by the Cabinet Office.) |
| Note: | This document indicates " $\uparrow$ " or " $\downarrow$ " for responses with a statistically significant difference ( $95 \%$ confidence interval), in comparison with past survey results. |

## 1. Relationship with the Country and Society

## (1) Feelings of love for the country

Q1 This question concerns your feelings of "love for the country." Compared to other people, do you think that you have strong feelings of "love for the country", or weak feelings of "love for the country?" Please select one answer from the following.

|  | January 2017 |  | February 2018 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| - Strong (subtotal) | $\underline{\mathbf{5 5 . 9 \%}}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{5 2 . 8 \%}}$ | $\downarrow$ |
| - Very strong | $16.1 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $15.1 \%$ |  |
| - Somewhat strong | $39.8 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $37.7 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| - Neutral (I do not know) | $\mathbf{3 8 . 1 \%}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{4 0 . 4 \%}}$ | $\uparrow$ |
| - Weak (subtotal) | $\underline{\mathbf{6 . 0 \%}}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 . 8} \mathbf{0}}$ |  |
| - Somewhat weak | $5.3 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $5.9 \%$ |  |
| - Very weak (Not at all) | $0.7 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $0.9 \%$ |  |



Reference: Feelings of love for the country (Time Series)

(2) Need for fostering the feelings of "love for the country"

Q2 Do you think that there is a need down the road to foster greater feelings of "love for the country" among the people?


Reference: Need for fostering the feelings of "love for the country" (Time Series)


## (3) Society or individual lives

Q3 There are two different views that suggest, as citizens, "We should shift our attention more to the country and society", or that "We should place a greater focus on enriching individual lives."
Which of the two views is your personal stance closer to?

- We should shift our attention more to the country and society
- We should place a greater focus on enriching individual lives
- I cannot make a distinction


Reference: Society or individual lives (Time Series)


[^0] or that "We should still continue to concentrate on enriching individual lives". Which of the two views is your personal stance closer to?
(4) Wish to serve society

Q4 Do you normally think about wanting to serve society in some way as a member of society?

|  | January 2017 |  | February 2018 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| - Yes, I do | $65.4 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $63.3 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| - No, I don't | $32.1 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $34.5 \%$ | $\uparrow$ |




## A. Ways to serve society

(For 3,633 people who responded "Yes, I do." to Q4.)
SQ In what ways do you wish to serve society? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(Top 5 Items)
January 2017 February 2018

- Activities related to social welfare
- Local community activities under the town council, etc.
- Activities related to the protection of nature and the environment
- Through my own work
- Voluntary disaster prevention activities, disaster relief activities
$38.8 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 39.3 \%$
$30.1 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 31.4 \%$
29.2\% $\rightarrow \quad 28.8 \%$
$24.8 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 25.4 \%$
$24.2 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 25.0 \%$



## (5) Interests of the entire nation or interests of individuals?

Q5 Do you think that the Japanese people should from now on value the interests of the entire nation over the interests of individuals? Conversely, do you think that they should value the interests of individuals over the interests of the entire nation?

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- They should value the interests of the entire nation over the interests $49.3 \%$
$\rightarrow \quad 46.0 \% \quad \downarrow$ of individuals
- They should value the interests of individuals over the interests of the entire nation
- I cannot make a distinction

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16.1 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 16.1 \%
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Reference: Interests of the entire nation or interests of individuals? (Time Series)

(6) Current degree of socializing with the local community

Q6 To what degree do you socialize with the local community? Please select one answer from the following.


Reference: Current degree of socializing with the local community (Time Series)


## (7) Desirable degree of socializing in the local community

Q7 What do you think is the desirable degree of socializing in the local community?
Please select one answer from the following.

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- For all residents to help one another when there is trouble

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41.4 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 41.5 \%
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- For residents who get along well to help one another when there is trouble
- For all residents to participate in events and gatherings, without going to the extent of helping one another when there is trouble
$26.0 \% \rightarrow 26.1 \%$
- For residents to engage in small talk and casual conversation, without going to the extent of helping one another when there is trouble
$6.4 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 7.2 \%$
- For residents to exchange greetings, without going to the extent of helping one another when there is trouble
$7.4 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 6.9 \%$
- There is no need for socializing in the local community
$0.9 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 1.0 \%$


Reference: Desirable degree of socializing in the local community (Time Series)


## 2. Awareness of the Current State of Society

## (1) Current social condition (positive image)

Q8 If you were to sum up the positive image of the current social condition in a few words, which expression do you think would be suitable? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)


Reference: Current social condition (positive image, None in particular) (Top 3 Items, Time Series)

(2) Current social condition (negative image)

Q9 If you were to sum up the negative image of the current social condition in a few words, which expression do you think would be suitable? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(Top 4 Items)
January 2017 February 2018

- Strong trend of irresponsibility
- Self-centered
- Not affluent
- Weak sense of solidarity
$39.5 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 39.8 \%$
$36.6 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 36.8 \%$
$31.7 \% \rightarrow \quad \rightarrow \quad 32.5 \%$
$28.6 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 27.6 \%$


Reference: Current social condition (negative image) (Top 4 Items, Time Series)


## (3) Pride in Japan

Q10 What do you take pride in with respect to Japan and the people of Japan?
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

- Good public safety
- Beautiful nature
- Long history and traditions
- Excellent culture and arts
(Top 4 Items)
January 2017 February 2018

| $58.7 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $57.7 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $56.1 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $55.3 \%$ |
| $47.2 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $47.6 \%$ |
| $51.1 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $47.1 \%$ |

(Multiple Answers)


Pride in Japan by Sex, Age Group (Top 4 Items)

|  | Good public <br> safety | Beautiful <br> nature | Long history <br> and traditions | Excellent <br> culture and arts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 59.5 | 51.8 | 49.2 | 44.8 |
| Female | 56.2 | 58.4 | 46.1 | 49.1 |
| $18-29$ | 56.7 | 44.2 | 45.4 | 52.1 |
| $30-39$ | 63.0 | 51.9 | 44.3 | 52.4 |
| $40-49$ | 61.5 | 52.6 | 47.2 | 48.0 |
| $50-59$ | 64.3 | 55.5 | 50.4 | 53.8 |
| $60-69$ | 62.5 | 62.6 | 50.7 | 49.5 |
| 70 or above | 46.2 | 55.8 | 45.8 | 37.1 |

Q11 In which aspects are you satisfied with the current society?
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(Top 5 Items)

- A high-quality living environment has been developed
- It allows us to maintain a healthy mind and body
- It is easy for people to strengthen their ambition and motivation to learn
- A good working environment is provided
- It is easy for people to accept and interact with one another
- None in particular


Aspects of satisfaction in current society (Satisfied) by Sex, Age Group (Top 5 Items)

|  | A high-quality living environment has been developed | It allows us to maintain a healthy mind and body | It is easy for people to strengthen their ambition and motivation to learn | A good working environment is provided | It is easy for people to accept and interact with one another |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 43.2 | 27.2 | 19.1 | 20.0 | 13.7 |
| Female | 39.5 | 27.5 | 16.0 | 13.9 | 17.9 |
| 18-29 | 53.5 | 33.4 | 15.8 | 20.3 | 12.2 |
| 30-39 | 44.3 | 30.3 | 16.0 | 18.5 | 13.0 |
| 40-49 | 47.2 | 25.7 | 18.1 | 17.6 | 13.2 |
| 50-59 | 45.0 | 25.4 | 18.6 | 19.4 | 15.0 |
| 60-69 | 40.6 | 28.2 | 21.1 | 18.3 | 17.1 |
| 70 or above | 31.1 | 25.9 | 14.8 | 11.8 | 19.6 |

## (5) Aspects of satisfaction in current society (Dissatisfied)

Q12 In which aspects are you not satisfied with the current society?
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(Top 6 Items)

- There is no economic affluence or prospects for the people
- It is difficult for young people to aim to gain independence in society
- It is difficult for families to raise children
- It is difficult for the middle-aged and elderly to be involved in society
- A good working environment is not provided

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- It is difficult for women to aspire toward success in society

| $43.0 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $41.7 \%$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $35.5 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $31.5 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| $28.7 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $26.9 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| $23.3 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $25.6 \%$ | $\uparrow$ |
| $25.2 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $24.4 \%$ |  |
| $24.5 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $23.0 \%$ |  |

- None in particular
$9.3 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 10.0 \%$


Aspects of satisfaction in current society (Dissatisfied) by Sex, Age Group (Top 6 Items)

|  | There is no economic affluence or prospects for the people | It is difficult for young people to aim to gain independence in society | It is difficult for families to raise children | It is difficult for the middle-aged and elderly to be involved in society | A good working environment is not provided | It is difficult for women to aspire toward success in society |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 41.8 | 31.2 | 28.2 | 25.8 | 23.5 | 20.2 |
| Female | 41.7 | 31.7 | 25.8 | 25.4 | 25.3 | 25.5 |
| 18-29 | 41.8 | 28.2 | 35.2 | 15.8 | 26.2 | 23.3 |
| 30-39 | 46.7 | 32.5 | 38.2 | 21.5 | 34.0 | 31.2 |
| 40-49 | 46.9 | 34.7 | 31.9 | 24.7 | 27.3 | 28.5 |
| 50-59 | 48.5 | 37.3 | 29.6 | 32.4 | 27.3 | 28.6 |
| 60-69 | 42.5 | 38.2 | 24.9 | 29.1 | 26.4 | 24.2 |
| 70 or above | 32.0 | 21.5 | 16.6 | 24.0 | 15.0 | 12.0 |

(6) Satisfaction of current society on the whole

Q13 Are you satisfied with the current society on the whole?
Please select one answer from the following.

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## - Satisfied (subtotal)

- Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Dissatisfied (subtotal)
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied

February 2018

| $\mathbf{6 5 . 9 \%}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 4 . 2 \%}}$ |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $8.2 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $7.5 \%$ |
| $57.8 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $56.8 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 3 . 3 \%}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{3 5 . 2 \%}}$ |
| $27.4 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $28.9 \%$ |
| $6.0 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $6.3 \%$ |





Reference: Satisfaction of current society on the whole (Time Series)


## 3. Evaluation of the Government's Policies

(1) Reflection of public opinion in the government's policies

Q14 Overall, to what extent do you think that the ideas and views of the people are reflected in the government's policies? Please select one answer from the following.

| January 2017 |  | February 2018 |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{3 4 . 6 \%}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{3 0 . 3 \%}}$ | $\downarrow$ |  |
| $1.9 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $1.5 \%$ |  |  |
| $32.7 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $28.8 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |  |
| $\underline{\mathbf{6 2 . 1 \%}}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 6 . 4 \%}}$ | $\uparrow$ |  |
| $50.6 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $52.9 \%$ | $\uparrow$ |  |
| $11.6 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $13.5 \%$ | $\uparrow$ |  |



Reference: Reflection of public opinion in the government's policies (Time Series)


## A. Methods of reflecting public opinion in the government's policies

(For 5,466 people who responded "To some extent", "To a small extent" or "Mostly not reflected" to Q14.) SQ What do you think can be done to improve the extent to which the ideas and views of the people are reflected in the government's policies? Please select one answer from the following.

- By having politicians listen carefully to the people
- By having the people hold an interest in the government's policies
- By having the people gain awareness to vote during elections
- By having the government listen carefully to public opinion
- By expanding the spaces of civic participation
- By having the mass media communicate the views of the people adequately

January 2017 February 2018
$24.9 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 25.8 \%$
$24.2 \% \quad \rightarrow \quad 23.4 \%$
$15.4 \% \rightarrow 16.0 \%$
$14.9 \% \rightarrow 15.3 \%$
$13.0 \% \rightarrow \quad \rightarrow \quad 12.2 \%$
$5.1 \% \rightarrow 5.1 \%$


Reference: Methods of reflecting public opinion in the government's policies (Time Series)

(2) The areas which are heading toward a positive direction

Q15 With regard to the current situation in Japan, which are the areas that you think are heading toward a positive direction? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

|  | (Top 5 Items) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | January 2017 | February 2018 |  |  |
| - Medicine/Welfare | $31.4 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $31.5 \%$ |  |
| - Science and technology | $25.8 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $20.5 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| - Public order | $22.0 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $20.5 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| - Education | $17.0 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $18.5 \%$ | $\uparrow$ |
| - Disaster Prevention | $21.2 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $17.9 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| - None / I do not know | $15.9 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $15.2 \%$ |  |

(Multiple Answers)

(3) The areas which are heading toward a negative direction

Q16 With regard to the current situation in Japan, which are the areas that you think are heading toward a negative direction? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(Top 4 Items)

- Government finances

| January 2017 |  | February 2018 |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $37.1 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $35.3 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| $28.2 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $30.3 \%$ | $\uparrow$ |
| $28.5 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $26.7 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |
| $26.7 \%$ | $\rightarrow$ | $24.9 \%$ | $\downarrow$ |



Reference1: The areas which are heading toward a positive direction (Top 5 Items, Time Series)


Reference2: The areas which are heading toward a negative direction (Top 4 Items, Time Series)


## Public Opinion Survey on Social Awareness

February 2018
( $\mathrm{N}=5,742$ )

## 1. Relationship with the country and society

Q1. [Response Sheet 1] This question concerns your feelings of "love for the country." Compared to other people, do you think that you have strong feelings of "love for the country", or weak feelings of "love for the country?" Please select one answer from the following.
(15.1)
(40.4)
(0.9)
(a)

Very strong
(b)

Somewhat strong
(c)

Neutral (I do not know)
(d)

Somewhat weak
(e)

Very weak (Not at all)

Q2. Do you think that there is a need down the road to foster greater feelings of "love for the country" among the people?
(72.8)

Yes, I think so
(14.9)

No, I do not think so
(12.3)

I do not know

Q3. [Response Sheet 2] There are two different views that suggest, as citizens, "We should shift our attention more to the country and society", or that "We should place a greater focus on enriching individual lives." Which of the two views is your personal stance closer to?
(a)

We should shift our attention more to the country and society
(42.2)

## (b)

We should place a greater focus on enriching individual lives

I cannot make a distinction

Q4. Do you normally think about wanting to serve society in some way as a member of society?


## (For all respondents)

Q5. [Response Sheet 4] Do you think that the Japanese people should from now on value the interests of the entire nation over the interests of individuals? Conversely, do you think that they should value the interests of individuals over the interests of the entire nation?
(46.0)(a) They should value the interests of the entire nation over the interests of individuals
(36.2)(b) They should value the interests of individuals over the interests of the entire nation
(16.1) I cannot make a distinction
( 1.7) I do not know

Q6. [Response Sheet 5] To what degree do you socialize with the local community?
Please select one answer from the following.
(18.3)(a) I socialize a lot
(49.4)(b) I socialize to some extent
(25.3)(c) I hardly socialize
( 6.8 )(d) I do not socialize at all
( 0.2 ) I do not know

Q7. [Response Sheet 6] What do you think is the desirable degree of socializing in the local community? Please select one answer from the following.
(41.5)(a) For all residents to help one another when there is trouble
(26.1)(b) For residents who get along well to help one another when there is trouble
(16.0)(c) For all residents to participate in events and gatherings, without going to the extent of helping one another when there is trouble
( 7.2)(d) For residents to engage in small talk and casual conversation, without going to the extent of helping one another when there is trouble
( 6.9)(e) For residents to exchange greetings, without going to the extent of helping one another when there is trouble
( 1.0 )(f) There is no need for socializing in the local community
( 0.1) Other ( )
( 1.1) I do not know
2. Awareness of the current state of society

Q8. [Response Sheet 7] If you were to sum up the positive image of the current social condition in a few words, which expression do you think would be suitable? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(57.5)(a) Peaceful
(10.2)(b) Affluent
(28.5)(c) Stable
( 9.6)(d) Values a sense of responsibility
( 6.5)(e) Has a sense of solidarity
(17.8)(f) Compassionate
(10.7)(g) Cheerful
( 7.2)(h) Has a sense of vitality
( 0.1 ) Other (
( 12.5) None in particular
( 1.4) I do not know
(M.T. $=162.0$ )

Q9. [Response Sheet 8] If you were to sum up the negative image of the current social condition in a few words, which expression do you think would be suitable? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(23.3)(a) There is much to be anxious and frustrated about
(32.5)(b) Not affluent
(12.6)(c) Fickle and superficial
(39.8)(d) Strong trend of irresponsibility
(27.6)(e) Weak sense of solidarity
(36.8)(f) Self-centered
( 6.5 ) (g) Gloomy
(16.4)(h) No sense of vitality
( 0.4 ) Other (
( 5.1) None in particular
( 1.2) I do not know
(M.T. $=202.1$ )

Q10 [Response Sheet 9] What do you take pride in with respect to Japan and the people of Japan?
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(47.6)(a) Long history and traditions
(47.1)(b) Excellent culture and arts
(55.3)(c) Beautiful nature
(31.4)(d) Humanity and loyalty of the people
(38.3)(e) Diligence and talent of the people
(19.2)(f) High educational standards
(21.7)(g) High standards in science and technology
(11.5)(h) Economic prosperity
( 9.1)(i) Unity as a nation
( 18.0)(j) Stability of society
(57.7)(k) Good public safety
(25.5)(1) Free and peaceful society
( 0.2 ) Other ( )
( 2.5 ) None / I do not know
(M.T. $=385.1$ )

Q11. [Response Sheet 10] In which aspects are you satisfied with the current society?
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

> (41.2)(a) A high-quality living environment has been developed
> (16.8)(b) A good working environment is provided
> (7.3)(c) There is economic affluence and prospects for the people
> ( 8.1)(d) It is easy to find opportunities
> (15.9)(e) It is easy for people to accept and interact with one another
> $(17.5)(\mathrm{f})$ It is easy for people to strengthen their ambition and motivation to learn
> (27.4)(g) It allows us to maintain a healthy mind and body
> ( 5.3 )(h) It is easy for young people to aim to gain independence in society
> ( 9.4)(i) It is easy for families to raise children
> (13.2)(j) It is easy for women to aspire toward success in society
> $(12.8)(\mathrm{k})$ It is easy for the middle-aged and elderly to be involved in society
> ( 0.1) Other (
> (19.4) None in particular
> ( 1.9) I do not know
(M.T.=196.3)

Q12. [Response Sheet 11] In which aspects are you not satisfied with the current society?
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
( 8.6)(a) A high-quality living environment has not been developed
(24.4)(b) A good working environment is not provided
(41.7)(c) There is no economic affluence or prospects for the people
(15.4)(d) It is difficult to find opportunities
(15.3)(e) It is difficult for people to accept and interact with one another
( 8.9)(f) It is difficult for people to strengthen their ambition and motivation to learn
(11.9)(g) It does not allow us to maintain a healthy mind and body
(31.5)(h) It is difficult for young people to aim to gain independence in society
(26.9)(i) It is difficult for families to raise children
(23.0)(j) It is difficult for women to aspire toward success in society
$(25.6)(\mathrm{k})$ It is difficult for the middle-aged and elderly to be involved in society
( 0.5 ) Other ( )
(10.0) None in particular
( 1.5 ) I do not know
(M.T.=245.3)

Q13. [Response Sheet 12] Are you satisfied with the current society on the whole?
Please select one answer from the following.
(7.5)
(a)

Satisfied
(d)

Somewhat dissatisfied

## 3. Evaluation of the government's policies

Q14. [Response Sheet 13] Overall, to what extent do you think that the ideas and views of the people are reflected in the government's policies? Please select one answer from the following.
(1.5)
(28.8)
(52.9)
(13.5)
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)

To a large extent
To some extent To a small extent
Mostly not reflected

(For those who responded "(b) To some extent," "(c) To a small extent," and "(d) Mostly not reflected" in Q14.)
SQ [Response Sheet 14] What do you think can be done to improve the extent to which the ideas and views of the people are reflected in the government's policies?
Please select one answer from the following.
( $\mathrm{N}=5,466$ )
(25.8)(a) By having politicians listen carefully to the people
(23.4)(b) By having the people hold an interest in the government's policies
(5.1)(c) By having the mass media communicate the views of the people adequately
(16.0)(d) By having the people gain awareness to vote during elections
(15.3)(e) By having the government listen carefully to public opinion
(12.2)(f) By expanding the spaces of civic participation
( 0.6 ) Other (
)
( 1.6) I do not know
(For all respondents)
Q15. [Response Sheet 15] With regard to the current situation in Japan, which are the areas that you think are heading toward a positive direction? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

| (10.3) | (a) | Diplomacy | $(20.5)$ | (k) | Science and technology ( | (6.4) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | (u) National character

Q16. [Response Sheet 15] With regard to the current situation in Japan, which are the areas that you think are heading toward a negative direction? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)
(24.9)
(a) Diplomacy
(30.3) (b) Defense
(35.3) (c) Government finances
(21.8) (d) Commodity prices
(3.0) (k) Science and technology
(8.2) (u) National character
(17.2) (l) Resources/Energy
(11.0) (m) Food products
(20.5) (e) Business conditions
(15.1) (f) Economic power
(19.6) (g) Employment/ Labor conditions
(12.3) (h) Medicine/Welfare
(16.0) (n) Natural environment
(7.1) (o) Living environment
(4.9) (p) Disaster prevention
(18.9) (v) Social climate
(15.5) (q) Public order
(5.5) (r) Land/Housing
(12.3) (h) Medicine/
(9.9) (i) Education
(2.4) (s) Communications/ Transport
(2.0) (j) Culture
(5.7) (t) Traffic order
(M.T. $=347.0$ )
<<Respondent's Profile>>
Finally, please provide us with the following information about yourself, in order to facilitate the statistical analysis of your responses.

F1 [Sex]

> (47.0) Male
(53.0) Female

F2 [Age] How old are you?

| $(1.4)$ | $18-19$ | $(8.1)$ | $40-44$ | $(12.1)$ | $65-69$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $(2.8)$ | $20-24$ | $(9.0)$ | $45-49$ | $(10.3)$ | $70-74$ |
| $(3.6)$ | $25-29$ | $(7.5)$ | $50-54$ | $(8.2)$ | $75-79$ |
| $(5.3)$ | $30-34$ | $(7.9)$ | $55-59$ | $(8.9)$ | 80 or above |
| $(6.4)$ | $35-39$ | $(8.5)$ | $60-64$ |  |  |

F3 [Response Sheet 16] [Employment status] Which of the following applies to your employment status?

(For those who responded "a. Employed (including executive officer)", "b. Self-employed (including home-based work) ", "c. Family worker" in F3.) SQ-a [Occupation] What is your occupation?
(Write down specific details, and circle the applicable job category below.)

(7.5) Administrative or Managerial Worker
(17.3) Professional or Technical Worker
(18.7) Clerical Worker
(28.7) Sales, Service, or Security Worker
(4.2) Agriculture, Forestry, or Fishery Worker
(23.4) Production, Transportation, Construction or Related Worker
(0.1) No response

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| :---: | :---: |
| (For those who responded "a. Employed (including executive officer)" in F3.) |  |
| SQ-c [Response Sheet 17] [Type of Employment] |  |
| Which $(\mathrm{N}=2,795)$ | the following is applicable to you? |
| (5.7) (a) | Executive officer |
| (61.0) (b) | Regular staff/employee |
| (33.3) (c) | Non-regular staff/employee (including contract staff and staff dispatched from worker |
| (0.0) | No response |

(For those who responded "d. Unemployed (including homemaker, student)" in F3.) SQ-b [Response Sheet 18] [Homemaker, student, other unemployed]
Which of the following is applicable to you?
( $\mathrm{N}=2,363$ )
(46.7)(a) Housewife
( 1.9) (b) Househusband
(5.1) (c) Student
(46.3)(d) Other

## (For all respondents)

F4. [No. of people in the household] What is the number of people who share the family budget in your household, including yourself? (Not including domestic helpers)

| $(10.7)$ | $(30.7)$ | $(24.3)$ | $(20.1)$ | $(8.8)$ | $(3.3)$ | $(1.9)$ | $(0.1)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 person | 2 people | 3 people | 4 people | 5 people | 6 people | 7 people <br> or more | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | response |  |

F5 [Response Sheet 19] [Household] Which of the following categories is applicable to your household?

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(10.8)(a) One-person household
(25.9)(b) One-generation household (married couple only)
(50.4)(c) Two-generation household (parents and child/children)
(11.8)(d) Three-generation household (parents, child/children, and grandchild/grandchildren)
( 1.0)(e) Other household types
( 0.1) No response
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F6 [Response Sheet 20] [Marital status] Are you married? Please select one answer.
(71.6)
(15.1)
(a)
Married (with spouse)
(13.3)
(b)
(divorced/widowed)
(c)

Unmarried

No response

F7 [With/Without child/children] Do you have any children? Please include grown child/children or child/children who do not live with you.

(For those who responded "I have a child/children" in F7.)
SQ [Response Sheet 21][Growth stages of the child/children] Which growth stage is your child/children in? Please choose the answers applicable to all your children. (M.A.)
( $\mathrm{N}=4,451$ )
(12.8)(a) Baby, infant, or preschooler
(13.6)(b) Elementary school student
( 8.6)(c) Middle school student
( 7.9)(d) High school student
( 7.5)(e) College, postgraduate, junior college, or vocational school student
(67.3)(f) Has already completed his/her schooling
( 0.5 ) Other ( )
( 0.4) No response
(For all respondents)
F8. [No. of years of residence] How many years have you lived in this city (ward/town/village)?

| $(3.6)$ | $(5.6)$ | $(8.2)$ | $(14.6)$ | $(68.0)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than | 2 years - Less | 5 years - Less | 10 years - Less | 20 years |
| 2 years | than 5 years | than 10 years | than 20 years | or more |

F9. [Response Sheet 22][Degree of satisfaction with life]
Overall, how satisfied are you with your current life? Please select one answer from the following.
(17.3)
(a)
(64.6)
(b)
Satisfied

## Somewhat satisfied

(12.9)
(c)
(3.8)
(d)
Somewhat
Dissatisfied
(1.3)
(0.1)
dissatisfied

F10. [Response Sheet 23][Troubles and anxiety in everyday life]
Do you feel worried or anxious in your everyday life? Please select one answer from the following.
(14.4)
(a)
(49.1)
(b)
(25.7)
(c)
(10.5)
(d)
(0.2)
Not really
Not at all
I do not know

F11. [Response Sheet 24][Living standards]
Compared to the general public, what do you think is the standard of living for your household?
Please select one answer from the following.
(1.6)
(14.5)
(58.5)
(19.5)
(4.1)
$\stackrel{(a)}{\text { (a) }}$
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
High
Upper-middle
Middle
Lower-middle
Low I do not know

F12. [Response Sheet 25] [Source of information on social trend]
What are the sources you use to obtain information on social trend? Please choose all applicable answers.
(M.A.)
(88.8)(a) Television
(16.7)(b) Radio
(59.2)(c) Newspaper
(14.6)(d) Books and magazines
(51.2)(e) Internet (other than (f))
(11.9)(f) SNS (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
(30.7)(g) Family, friends and acquaintances
( 0.1 ) Other ( )
( 0.0 ) I do not know
(M.T. $=273.1$ )


[^0]:    (te) Until the December 1980 survey, Q3 was asked as follows: There are two different views that suggest, as citizens, "We should shift our attention more to the country and society from now on"

