



Question 3: Thinking about international relations, how significant of a role do you think Japan plays in each of the following areas? Do you think Japan play a role that is very significant, somewhat significant, not very significant, or not at all significant?

( I ) Security, including anti-terrorism efforts, anti-piracy efforts on the high seas, and peace-keeping operations

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				32	29	29	33	35	31	31
Very significant	24	16	19							
Somewhat significant	38	41	39							
Not very significant	21	31	30							
Not at all significant	5	7	6	61	64	60	61	56	64	64
Don't know/Refused	11	5	6	7	7	11	6	9	5	5

( II ) The United Nations

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Very significant	29	21	22							
Somewhat significant	42	56	55							
Not very significant	13	14	13							
Not at all significant	7	3	5							
Don't know/Refused	10	6	5							

( III ) Global economy

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				65	62	53	62	58	53	53
Very significant	53	50	52							
Somewhat significant	37	42	40							
Not very significant	4	6	4							
Not at all significant	2	1	2	33	36	42	35	38	45	45
Don't know/Refused	3	1	2	2	2	5	3	4	2	2

( IV ) Official development aid, including assistance to countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				36	34	29	34	36	34	30
Very significant	6	7	8							
Somewhat significant	26	32	34							
Not very significant	32	39	36							
Not at all significant	14	11	11	55	55	56	54	52	59	60
Don't know/Refused	21	11	11	9	11	15	12	12	7	10

( V ) Cultural exchange

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				60	57	48	58	54	49	48
Very significant	40	36	39							
Somewhat significant	41	54	49							
Not very significant	9	7	8							
Not at all Significant	4	1	2	38	41	47	40	43	49	49
Don't know/Refused	6	2	2	2	2	5	2	3	2	3

( VI ) Science and technology

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				70	66	60	67	65	57	58
Very significant	74	75	78							
Somewhat significant	19	22	20							
Not very significant	2	1	1							
Not at all significant	3	1	1	30	33	39	32	34	42	42
Don't know/Refused	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0

( VII ) Environment and climate change

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				45	41	37	40	41	37	36
Very significant	32	30	25							
Somewhat significant	36	39	44							
Not very significant	13	18	20							
Not at all significant	9	6	6	50	54	53	53	51	57	58
Don't know/Refused	10	7	5	5	5	10	7	8	6	6

( VIII ) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes				35						
Very significant	28	23	25							
Somewhat significant	31	41	40							
Not very significant	16	22	23							
Not at all significant	10	6	6	27						
Don't know/Refused	15	8	6	38						

Question 4: Thinking about how much the Japanese people and the American people understand each other, do you think they have a good, fair, or poor understanding of each other?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Good	37	43	42	43	42	38	36	38	36	30
Fair	44	47	50	45	48	43	49	45	47	50
Poor	18	9	8	11	9	13	14	15	16	18
Don't know/Refused	1	1	0	1	1	6	1	2	1	2

Question 5: In general, how do you view the current level of cooperation between Japan and the United States? Do you think that the current level of cooperation is excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Excellent	16	29	26	14	16	14	13	12	9	8
Good	42	51	51	58	57	49	54	51	52	52
Fair	34	17	20	24	23	27	27	29	33	33
Poor	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	3	4
Don't know/Refused	3	1	1	2	2	6	2	4	3	3

Question 6: Now we would like to ask about your view of future Japan-U.S. relations. Thinking of the future, do you think that the United States should be working more closely with Japan, working less closely with Japan, or that their relationship should stay the same?

	2013	2012	2011
More Closely	59	44	49
Less Closely	3	3	3
Stay the Same	34	52	48
Don't know/Refused [NEW IN 2013]	3		

Question 7: Thinking about ways Japan and the US may improve their relations, which one of the following do you think would be most helpful in improving Japan-U.S. relations?

Note: This question has been asked since 1995. The choice "promote cultural exchanges" was added in 1997.

2010 wording change in (2)- "climate change" added and "population control" changed from "populating growth".

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) Improve economic/trade relations	32	41	42	43	45	36	36	36	38	42
(2) Encourage cooperation on global issues such as the environment, climate change, AIDS and population control	29	25	25	25	27	27	30	28	26	23
(3) Strengthen political/security relations	17	21	19	19	20	20	25	21	25	25
(4) Promote cultural exchanges	18	10	12	7	7	8	8	12	9	7
(5) Don't know/Refused	3	3	2	6	1	9	1	3	2	3

Question 8: How much do you think the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, which allows for the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan for the security of Japan and for maintaining international peace and security in the Far East, contributes to peace and stability in the region? Do you think it contributes a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
A great deal	41	42	43	37	34	29	30	25	27	28
A moderate amount	40	41	42	44	46	36	47	46	45	44
Only a little	10	11	11	13	14	18	16	18	18	17
Not at all	6	4	2	3	3	6	4	5	5	6
Don't know/Refused	4	2	2	3	3	11	3	6	5	5

Question 9-a: How important do you think the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is for the security of the United States? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Very important	59	54	55	49	49	51	52	55	50	51
Somewhat important	29	36	34	39	41	33	37	32	36	35
Not too important	6	7	8	9	7	7	7	7	8	9
Not important at all	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	3	3	3
Don't know/Refused	4	0	1	1	2	5	1	3	3	2

Question 9-b: How important do you think it is to have U.S. Forces in Japan for the security of the United States? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Note: This question was added in 2012.

	2013	2012
Very important	42	42
Somewhat important	36	39
Not too important	13	14
Not important at all	6	5
Don't know/Refused	3	0

Question 10: Do you think that the U.S. and Japan should or should not continue to operate under the current Japan-U.S. Security Treaty?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes, should continue to operate	67	89	92	90	87	78	87	85	86	85
No, should not continue to operate	9	7	4	5	6	7	6	7	6	7
Don't know/Refused	24	4	4	5	7	15	7	8	8	8

Question 11: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-defense capability?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes, should increase	64	59	61	56	54	46	54	51	52	54
No, should not increase	24	37	35	37	38	39	40	39	41	38
Don't know/Refused	12	4	4	7	8	15	6	10	7	8

Question 12: Which of the following sources do you use or have you used to get information about Japan? (%Yes)

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) Television	77	79	82	81	79	74	80	78	78	77
(2) Magazines/Books	58	58	59	69	71	64	72	67	62	68
(3) Newspapers	65	63	65	66	67	63	71	71	70	71
(4) Internet	69	67	66	57	52	39	43	38	33	33
(5) School studies	47	34	35	54	56	52	51	53	47	58
(6) Movies	27	24	23	40	39	37	40	39	31	41
(7) Japanese friends	32	26	25	35	33	29	29	32	30	33
(8) Friends/Neighbors	30	24	25	34	31	30	29	30	29	33
(9) Radio	35	42	43	30	30	26	34	33	35	35
(10) Experience in Japan	13	10	10	11	12	12	12	11	12	12

Question 13: For each of the following statements, please tell me if it describes or does not describe your image of Japan. (%Yes)

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
(1) a country that has great tradition and culture	97	97	97	97	96	92	95	94
(2) a country with a strong economy and high-technology	92	91	91	90	88	91	94	93
(3) a country with beautiful nature	90	88	85	85	85	80	78	81
(4) a country that disseminates new culture to the world such as animation, fashion, and cuisine	82	90	88	82	80	73	78	
(5) a country that has shown leadership in global society	66	65	66	62	65	59	64	
(6) a country that currently shares the same values with the United States, such as democracy and liberalism	59	64	59	55				
(7) a country that is conservative and closed	55	46	47	49				
(8) a country that is difficult to understand	38	39	42	45	45	47	48	49
(9) a country that Americans should be wary of	27	21	26	26	22	31	29	30

Question 14-a: Thinking about Japanese culture, are you interested in Japanese traditional culture, Japanese pop culture, both, or neither?

	2013	2012	2011
(1) Traditional Japanese culture	28	32	29
(2) Japanese pop culture	2	3	2
(3) Both	28	30	30
(4) Neither	42	35	39
(5) Don't know/Refused	1	0	0

Question 14-b: For each of the following areas of Japanese culture, please tell me if you are interested or not interested in the topic.

	2013	2012	2011
(1) Flower arrangement	52	51	55
(2) Tea ceremony	40	53	52
(3) Traditional Japanese theater (Kabuki, Noh, Kyogen)	31	37	50
(4) Calligraphy (Shodo)	41	57	63
(5) Traditional Japanese music (Gagaku, Koto)	33	48	47
(6) Japanese literature or Haiku	41	49	52
(7) Sumo or Japanese martial arts (such as Karate, Judo or Jiu Jitsu)	53	62	61
(8) Bonsai	49	60	62
(9) Japanese Animation	41	60	58
(10) Japanese comics (also known as Manga)	21	17	15
(11) Video games	38	35	37
(12) Japanese pop music	16	25	22
(13) Japanese fashion	34	40	39
(14) Japanese movies and dramas	39	59	56
(15) Japanese food	73	86	84

Question 15-a: Are you studying Japanese or interested in studying the Japanese language?

	2013	2012	2011
(1) Yes	19	26	23
(2) No	81	74	77

Question 15-b: I'm going to read you a list of languages. For each one are you interested in learning it or not? Are you interested in learning...?

Note: This question was added in 2012.

	2013	2012
(1) Chinese	13	12
(2) Korean	7	3
(3) Arabic	13	8
(4) French	30	27
(5) German	23	24
(6) Spanish	53	57

## Opinion Leaders Survey

Question1-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) China	43	54	46	56	42	38	38	43	38	24
(2) Japan	39	40	28	36	44	54	53	47	48	65
(3) Australia		0	10							
(4) South Korea	14	1	8							
(5) India		1	7							
(6) Russia	1	1	0	1	8	5	5	4	9	7
Other		1	1	6	3	2	3	4	5	3
None	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know/Refused	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1

Note: Choices for each year

2013: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Other, None, Don't know/Refused

2012: Japan, China, Russia, Some other country, Don't know/Refused

2011: Japan, China, Australia, Korea, India, Russia, Some other country, None, Don't know/Refused

2010 and before: Japan, China, Russia, Some other country, Don't know/Refused

Question1-b: Why do you regard this country as the most important partner of the United States? (OPEN END - top 5 results)

Note: This question has been asked since 1995.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
- Reasons for Japan										
(1) Political/General ties with U.S.	61	55	34	52	37	49	43	38	39	45
(2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	56	19	36	20	27	23	24	31	30	30
(3) Nation's technology	8	9	14	10	14	14	17	15	14	14
(4) National qualities (ex. population)	6	13	13	9	15	9	11	12	14	9
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	19	1	-	2	2	3	2	4	2	2
(6) Other		2	2	6	5	2	3	0	1	0
- Reasons for China										
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	78	37	43	34	31	32	27	32	33	21
(2) Nation's technology	1	26	16	23	20	21	17	18	14	21
(3) National qualities (ex. population)	35	24	26	25	33	34	42	29	39	34
(4) Political/General ties with U.S.	26	9	12	9	11	8	9	14	12	19
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	3	1	3	4	3	2	2	5	1	1
(6) Other		2	-	5	2	3	2	2	1	4

Question 2-a: Please tell me whether or not you think Japan is a dependable partner of the United States?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes, Japan is dependable	93	90	90	90	91	92	91	91	90	89
No, Japan is not dependable	5	8	8	9	7	6	5	4	6	6
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	5	4	5

Question 2-b: Why do you think Japan is a dependable partner of the United States? (OPEN END - top 5 results)

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) Economic ties/investments in the U.S.	33	14	24	24	26	26	37	38	34	23
(2) Past experiences/history	20	18	16	22	24	21	16	16	16	10
(3) Good trade relations between Japan and the US	19	11	16	17	10	10	6	11	10	8
(4) Allies/good relations/peaceful relations	23	16	20	16	11	15	13	13	14	19
(5) Japan's self-defense force is weak		9	17	14	11	6	9	7	7	7
(6) Personal qualities/culture of people [NEW IN 2013]	17									

Question 2-b: Why do you think Japan is not a dependable partner of the United States? (OPEN END - top 3 results)

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) Japan is not trustworthy (unspecified)	20	13	25	22	17	19	14	20	29	25
(2) Trade policy/economic friction and competition with the US	40	0	13	22	6	0	14	10	7	0
(3) Unfair trade practice/trade imbalance		0	6	17	0	0	14	0	7	0
(4) Self-interested/only concerned with own country [NEW IN 2013]	10									

Question 3: Thinking about international relations, how significant of a role do you think Japan plays in each of the following areas? Do you think Japan plays a role that is very significant, somewhat significant, not very significant, or not at all significant?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(I) Security, including anti-terrorism efforts, anti-piracy efforts on the high seas, and peace-keeping operations										
Yes				56	45	41	43	45	39	39
Very significant	19	12	14							
Somewhat significant	41	49	45							
Not very significant	31	31	36							
Not at all significant	2	3	3							
Don't know/Refused	7	5	2							
(II) The United Nations										
Very significant	23	25	20							
Somewhat significant	54	55	56							

Not very significant

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Not at all significant	2	3	2							
Don't know/Refused	8	3	4							
(III) Global economy										
Yes				96	96	96	96	97	97	91
Very significant	64	58	65							
Somewhat significant	32	38	33							
Not very significant	1	3	2							
Not at all significant		1	0							
Don't know/Refused	2	0	0							
(IV) Official development aid, including assistance to countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq										
Yes				60	69	57	61	70	70	61
Very significant	7	7	5							
Somewhat significant	29	46	40							
Not very significant	36	34	40							
Not at all significant	9	6	7							
Don't know/Refused	18	7	8							
(V) Cultural exchange										
Yes				78	79	71	68	76	65	60
Very significant	34	34	36							
Somewhat significant	52	52	48							
Not very significant	9	10	13							
Not at all significant	3	2	1							
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2							
(VI) Science and technology										
Yes				98	97	96	96	97	96	96
Very significant	74	72	71							
Somewhat significant	24	26	27							
Not very significant		2	1							
Not at all significant		0	0							
Don't know/Refused	1	0	1							
(VII) Environment and climate change										
Yes				63	71	66	64	73	69	57
Very significant	32	33	21							
Somewhat significant	44	46	51							
Not very significant	16	15	20							
Not at all significant	3	3	4							
Don't know/Refused	4	3	4							
(VIII) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation										
Yes				54						
Very significant	27	29	28							
Somewhat significant	43	40	39							
Not very significant	20	24	26							
Not at all significant	2	3	5							
Don't know/Refused	7	4	2							
Question 4: Thinking about how much the Japanese people and the American people understand each other, do you think they have a good, fair, or poor understanding of each other?										
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Good	39	44	35	32	39	27	23	25	23	22
Fair	53	48	51	56	52	57	60	58	60	61
Poor	7	8	14	11	9	15	16	16	17	17
Don't know/Refused		0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Question 5: Which country in Asia do you think shares values most closely with the United States?										
	2013	2012	2011							
Japan	52	76	9							
China	1	3	1							
Russia	3	2	0							
Australia		2	78							
India		0	2							
South Korea	36	6	10							
Other	1									
Don't know/Refused	6									
Note: Choices for each year										
2013: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Other, Don't know/Refused										
2012: Japan, China, Russia, Other, Don't know/Refused										
2011: Japan, China, Russia, Australia, India, Korea, Other, Don't know/Refused										

Question 6: In general, how do you view the current level of cooperation between Japan and the United States? Do you think that the current level of cooperation is excellent, good, fair, or poor?



	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Excellent	21	31	31	16	20	17	26	23	19	17
Good	65	58	56	70	61	68	60	62	64	65
Fair	12	9	12	10	15	12	11	12	14	15
Poor	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	1
Don't know/Refused		1	1	1	3	1	3	3	2	2

Question 7: Now we would like to ask about your view of future Japan-U.S. relations. Thinking of the future, do you think that the United States should be working more closely with Japan, working less closely with Japan, or that their relationship should stay the same?

	2013	2012	2011
More closely	52	43	46
Less closely	1	1	3
Stay the same	45	55	50
Don't know/Refused	2	1	1

Question 8: Thinking about Japan and the U.S. relations in the field of high technology, do you feel that in the future, Japan and the U.S. will COOPERATE with each other more, that they will COMPETE more, or that there will be no change?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Cooperate more	33	29	29	57	66	51	52	60	49	47
Compete more	31	27	34	39	31	44	42	38	47	48
Don't know/Refused	1	2	37	4	3	5	6	2	4	5
Stay the same	34	42								

Question 9: Thinking about ways Japan and the US may improve their relations, which one of the following do you think would be most helpful in improving Japan-U.S. relations?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) Improve economic/trade relations	44	49	46	55	47	40	36	44	50	53
(2) Encourage cooperation on global issues such as the environment, climate change, population control and AIDS	27	22	22	18	29	31	29	27	28	26
(3) Strengthen political/security relations	16	20	16	18	19	24	26	20	16	15
(4) Promote cultural exchanges	11	8	16	8	4	4	8	8	6	5
(5) Don't know/Refused	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1

Question 10: How much do you think the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, which allows for the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan and for maintaining international peace and security in the Far East, contributes to peace and stability in the region? Do you think it contributes a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
A great deal	54	58	58	51	44	42	47	42	40	43
A moderate amount	33	31	32	34	39	40	41	40	40	37
Only a little	8	8	6	8	10	13	6	14	14	15
Not at all	2	1	2	2	2	4	4	3	4	4
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	5	5	1	2	1	2	1

Question 11-a: How important do you think the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is for the security of the United States? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Very important	53	53	56	55	53	47	57	51	48	46
Somewhat important	35	33	34	34	36	40	31	37	34	37
Not too important	8	11	7	7	9	12	8	8	14	13
Not important at all	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	2	1

Question 11-b: How important do you think it is to have U.S. Forces in Japan for the security of the United States? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Note: This question was added in 2012.

	2013	2012
Very important	42	45
Somewhat important	37	36
Not too important	13	16
Not important at all	7	2
Don't know/Refused		1

Question 12: Do you think that the U.S. and Japan should or should not continue to operate under the current Japan-U.S. Security Treaty?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes, should continue	77	93	91	86	89	87	88	90	83	83
No, should not continue	6	3	4	6	5	7	6	4	6	9
Don't know/Refused	17	4	5	8	6	6	6	6	11	8

Question 13-a: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-defense capability?

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Yes, should increase	72	71	64	70	69	74	67	61	69	66
No, should not increase	18	27	32	25	24	22	25	33	25	27
Don't know/Refused	9	2	4	5	7	4	8	6	6	7

Question 13-b: You said that Japan should increase its self-defense capability. For each of the following statements that I am about to read, please tell me if you agree or disagree that it is a reason why you think Japan should make contributions to peace and security in Asia. (% Agree)

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Japan should make contributions to peace and stability in Asia	99	94	97	99	98	98	97	97	97	97
Japan should share the defense burden with the U.S.	92	93	93	93	93	93	94	93	94	93
Japan should defend itself	90	97	90	91	91	96	92	94	91	92

Question 14: Which of the following sources do you use or have you used to get information about Japan? (% Yes)

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(1) Newspapers	85	80	81	83	85	86	89	90	89	93
(2) Magazines/Books	82	77	76	83	81	86	83	89	85	88
(3) Television	76	75	72	76	73	75	72	80	71	76
(4) Internet	80	83	82	61	65	58	60	56	50	52
(5) School studies	38	35	36	60	59	61	61	62	51	56
(6) Radio	52	52	51	53	49	46	48	48	46	47
(7) Japanese friends	33	38	43	49	45	44	46	52	53	51
(8) Friends/Neighbors	27	24	31	41	34	39	38	41	41	44
(9) Movies	21	18	19	33	34	30	32	40	30	42
(10) Experience in Japan	18	23	23	27	22	28	24	31	30	26

Question 15-a: Do you think Japan should or should not become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council?

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Yes	76	58	50	56	57	49	52
No	16	40	46	41	39	47	42
Don't know/Refused	7	2	4	3	4	4	6

Question 15-b: For each of the statements that I'm about to read, please tell me if it is or is not a reason why you think Japan should become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. (% Yes)

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
(1) Japan can be expected to make a larger contribution to world peace and security after becoming a permanent member of the United Nations	91	90	95	93	93	95	96
(2) Japan shares common values with the United States, such as democracy and human rights	86	91	95	93	89	84	87
(3) Japan has a big economy, and this will strengthen the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council	87	86	90	88	92	92	87
(4) Japan is a dependable ally	92	89	87	88	92	88	87
(5) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security	82	73	82	78	74	71	75

Question 15-c: For each of the following statements that I am about to read, please tell me if it is or is not a reason why you do not think Japan should become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. (% Yes)

Note: This question was added to the survey in 2008. Choice (5) was added to the survey in 2009.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
(1) Japan does not provide enough personnel to Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) and multinational forces	45	57	65	69	67	64
(2) Japan will not make sufficient contributions to world peace and security through the United Nations Security Council	33	40	46	59	59	52
(3) Japan's permanent membership may involve other countries' attainment of permanent membership although they may not be fully qualified to bear major responsibility for maintaining international peace and security	58	59	61	57	62	60
(4) No increase should be made to the number of UN Security Council permanent members	76	51	49	54	52	53
(5) Some countries are better qualified than Japan to become a permanent member of the Security Council [NOT ASKED IN 2013]		40	47	52	67	-

Question 16: What kind of initiatives should Japan take in order to address global issues such as environmental and climate changes? Should Japan take on [RANDOMLY INSERT EACH ITEM] as an initiative? (% Yes)

Note: This question was added in 2010.

	2013	2012	2011	2010
(1) Cooperation in science/technology	96	98	97	98
(2) Leadership in international negotiation	81	84	86	89
(3) Economic aid for developing countries	84	87	89	89
(4) Don't know/Refused		-	-	25

Question 17: Which of the following policies should Japan particularly address in order to deepen the economic relationship between Japan and the United States? Do you think Japan should... (% Yes)

	2013	2012	2011
(1) Participate in a Trans-Pacific Partnership	92	86	81
(2) Sign and ratify a free-trade agreement with the U.S. [NOT ASKED IN 2013]		86	83
(3) Promote technological cooperation, such as clean energy and a high-speed railway systems	95	88	89
(4) Some other area	49	30	30
(5) Develop natural resources such as shale gas [NEW IN 2013]	57		

Question 18: Thinking about the high-speed railway system in the United States, do you think the U.S. should adopt Japan's high-speed railway system, adopt another country's high-speed railway system, or that it should not adopt any high-speed railway system at all?

Note: This question was added in 2010.

	2013	2012	2011	2010
(1) U.S. should adopt the Japanese system	41	41	34	49
(2) U.S. should not adopt any high-speed railway system	14	28	28	23
(3) U.S. should adopt another country's railway system	11	13	14	12
(4) Other/Don't know/Refused	33	18	24	16