

Public Opinion Poll on Japan in the U.S.A

2009



Research Agency: Gallup (Commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

Target: General Public (1500 respondents), Opinion Leaders (253 respondents)

Methodology: Telephone Interview

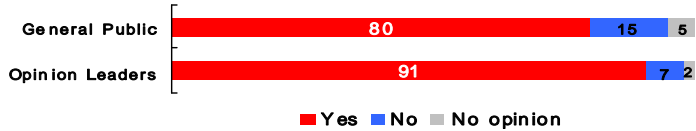
Period: General Public: Feb 11 to March 13

Opinion Leaders: Feb 11 to March 26

1. Relations with Japan

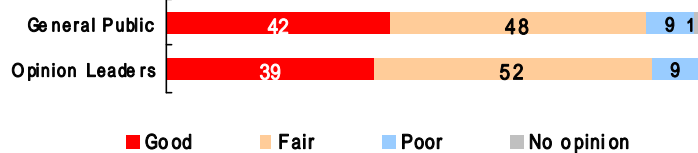
Eight in ten Americans (80%) regard Japan as a dependable ally or friend of the U.S.

Q. Do you think Japan is or is not a dependable ally or friend of the U.S.?



About 40% of Americans considers the American and Japanese people have a good understanding of each other.

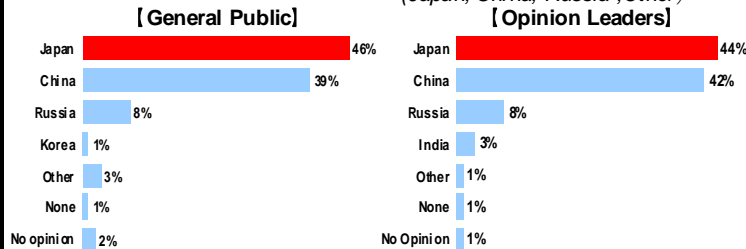
Q. Do you think the American and Japanese people have a good, fair or poor understanding of each other?



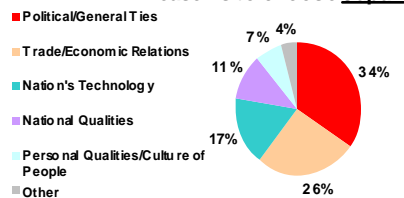
2. Most Important Asian partner of the U.S.

Japan as Most Important U.S. partner in Asia.

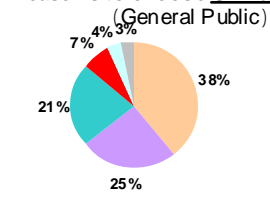
Q. Thinking of all Asian countries, which one country in this region do you think is the most important partner of the United States? (Japan, China, Russia, Other)



Reasons to choose Japan



Reasons to choose China



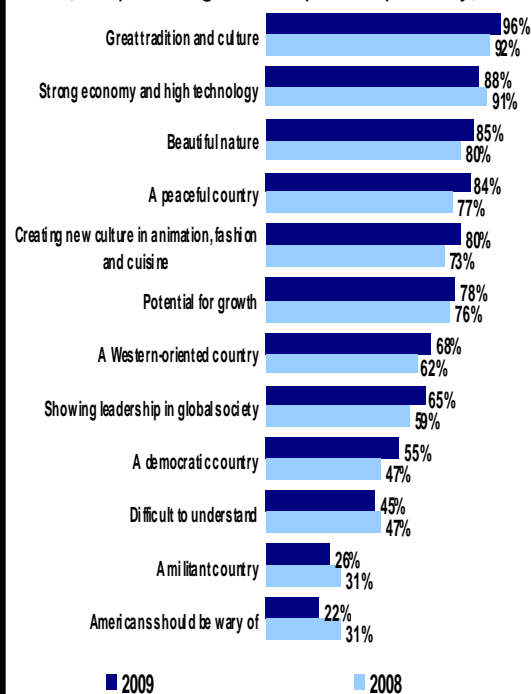
3. Image of Japan

Images Associated with Japan

(General Public)

Q. Please tell if the following does or does not describe Japan.

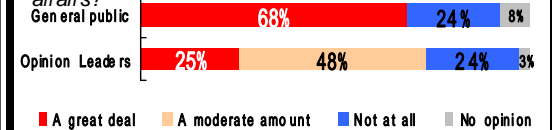
(The percentage who responded positively)



4. Japan's International Role

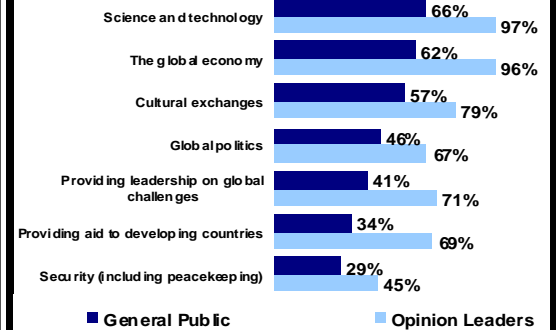
Taking into account Japan's economic power, about 70% of Americans think Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs.

Q. Taking its economic power into account, do you think Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs?



Americans believe Japan plays an important role in the areas of science and technology as well as the global economy.

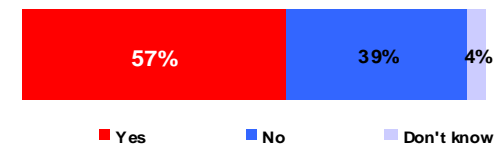
Q. In which of the following areas, would you say Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs? (The percentage who responded positively)

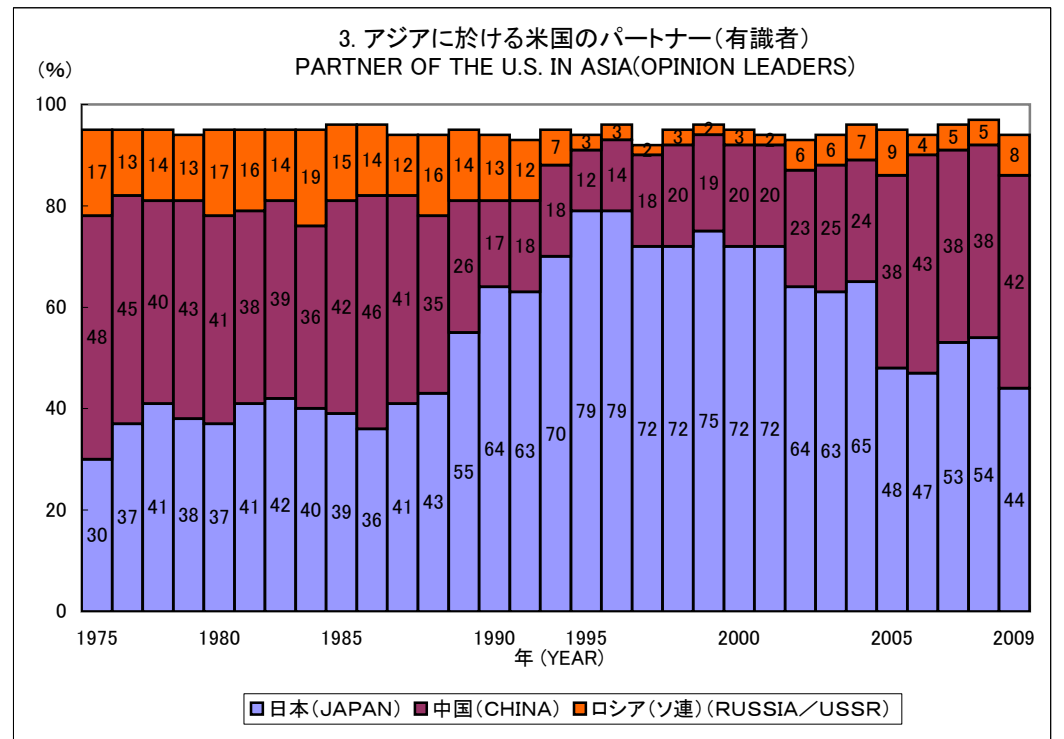
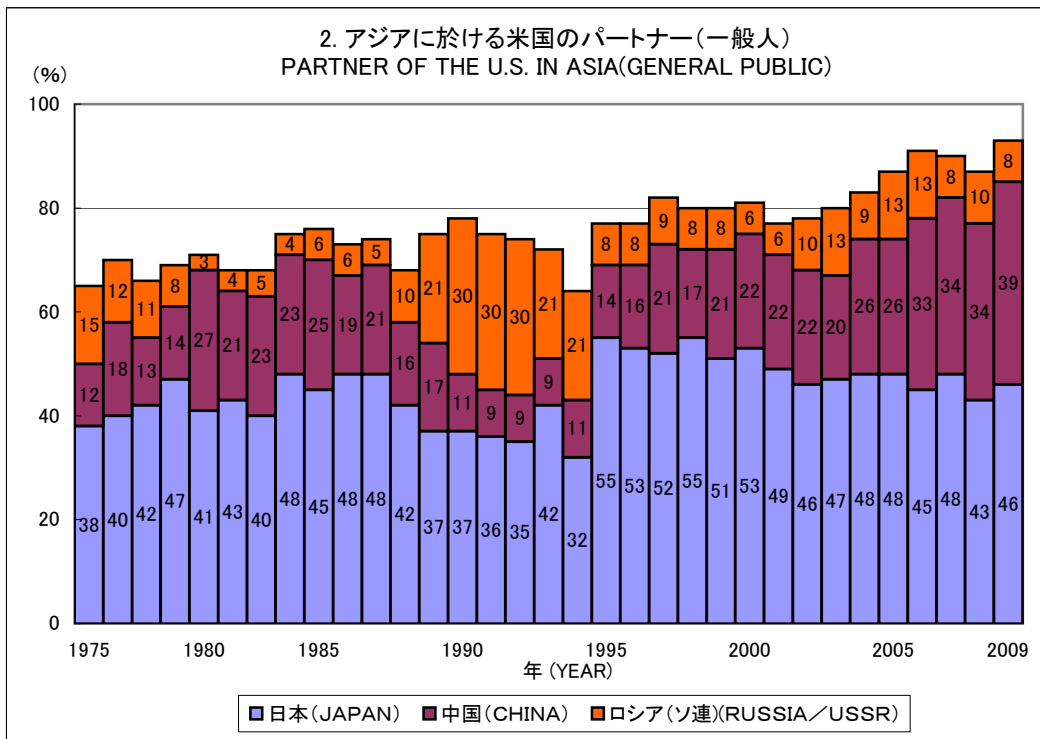
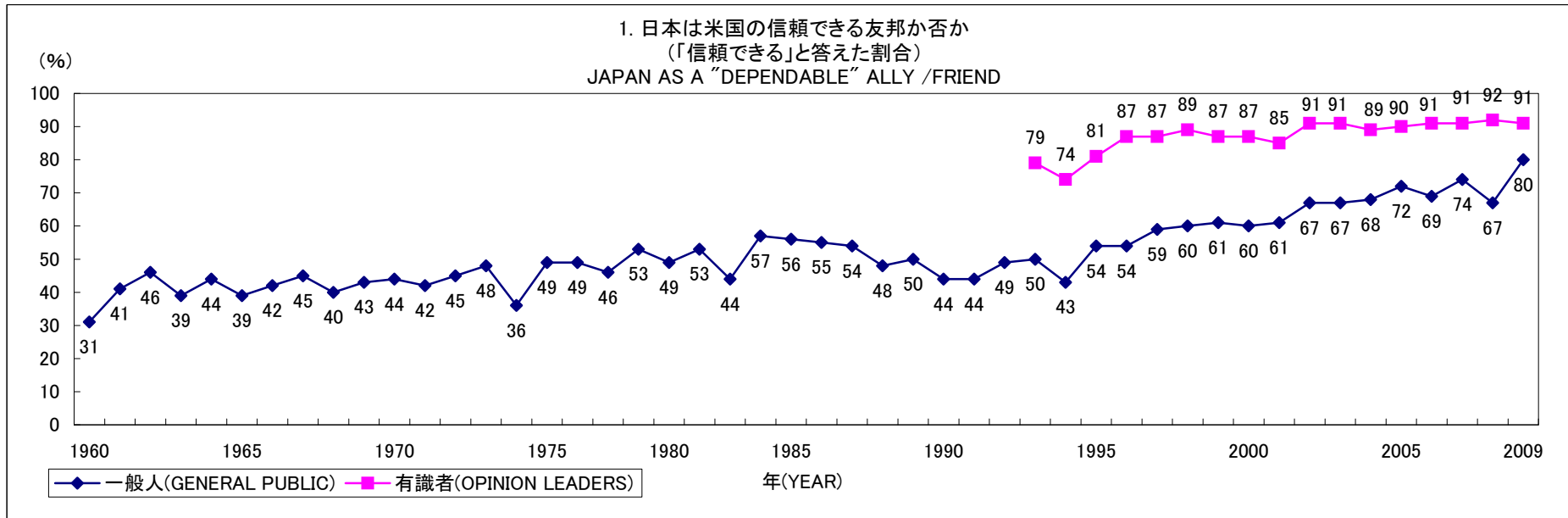


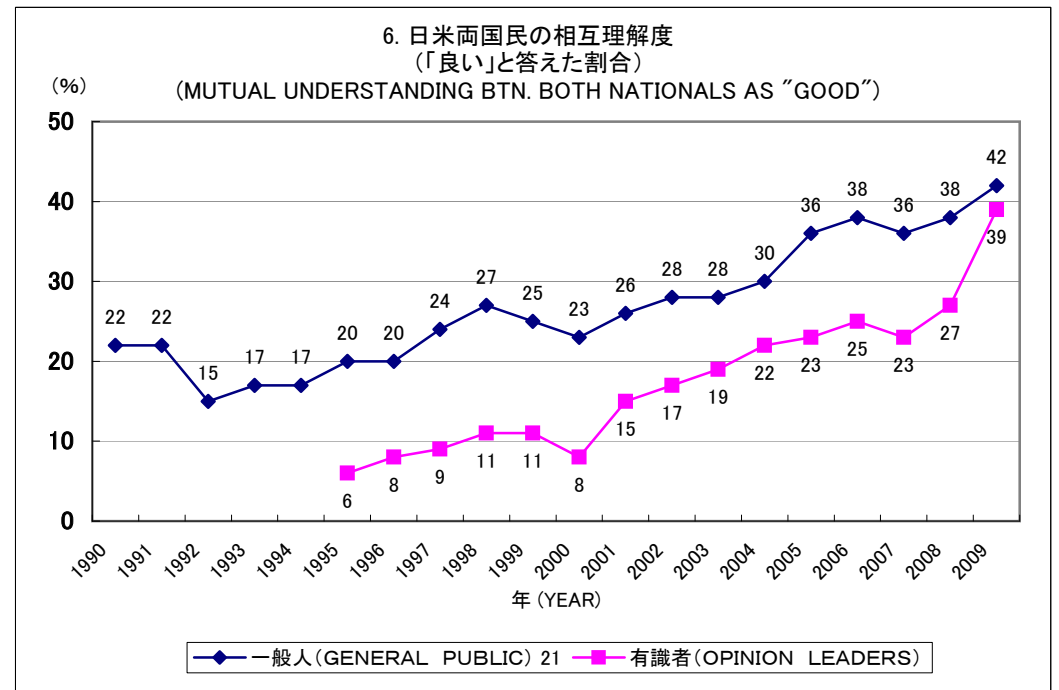
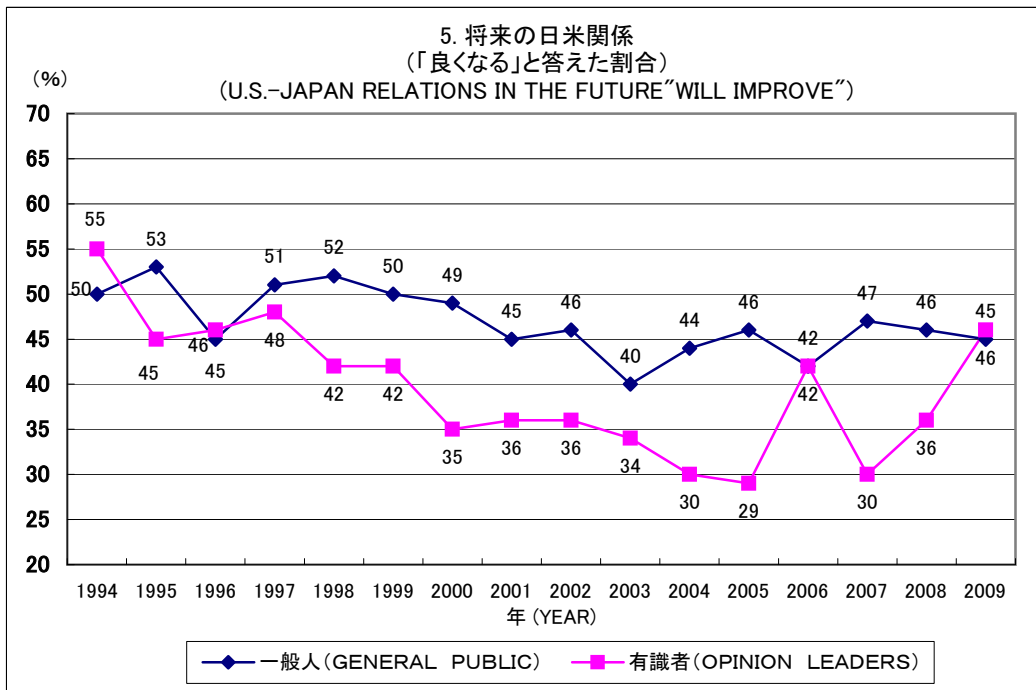
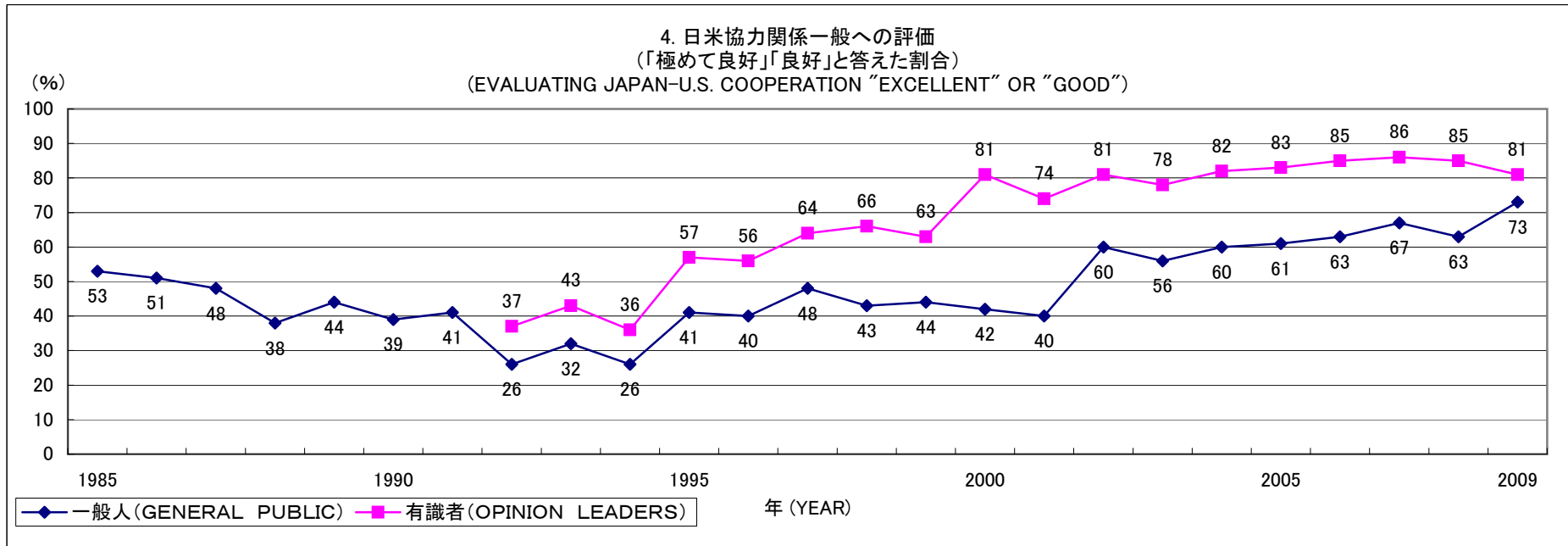
5. Support for Permanent Member Status on UN Security Council

Q. Should Japan become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, or not? (Opinion Leaders)

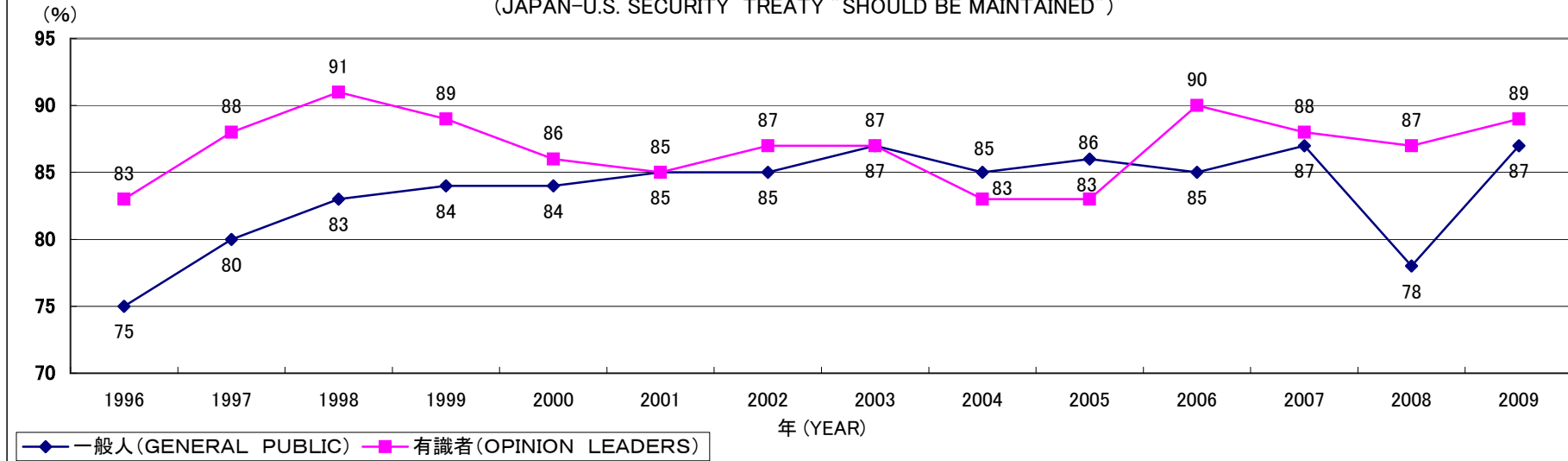
More than half of U.S. Opinion Leaders support Japan becoming a permanent member of the UN Security Council.





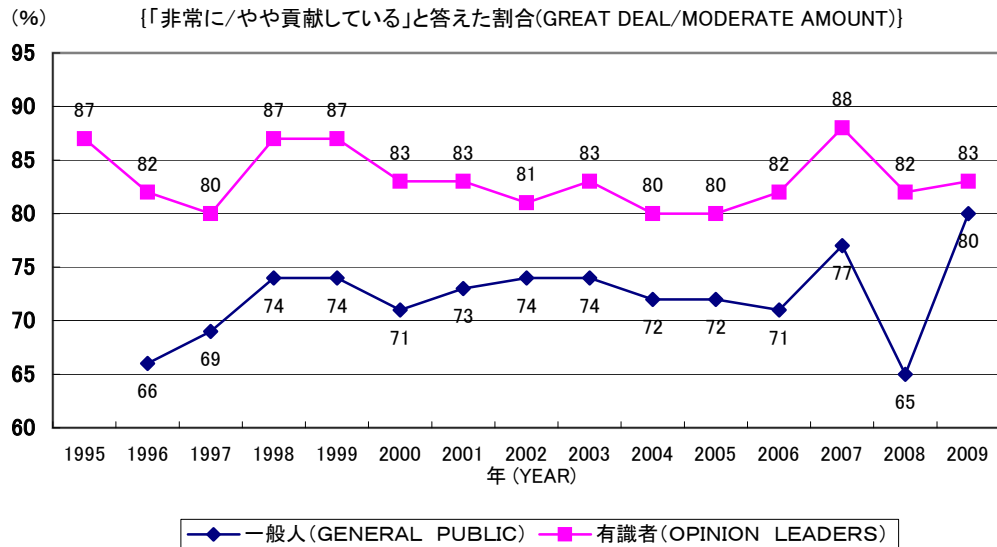


7. 日米安保条約の維持
 (「維持すべき」と答えた割合)
 (JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY "SHOULD BE MAINTAINED")



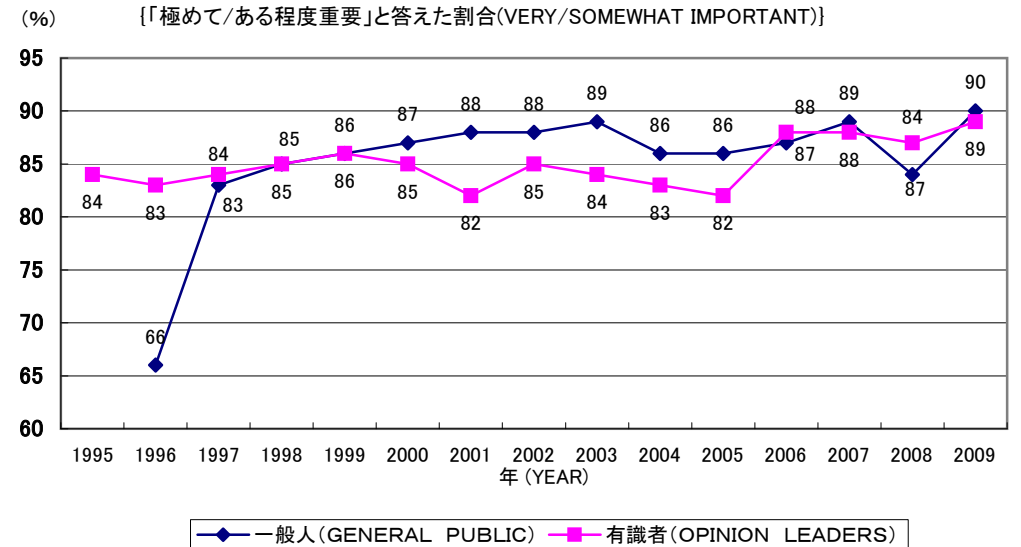
8. 日米安保条約: 日本及び極東の平和と安定への貢献
 (JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY CONTRIBUTES TO
 PEACE & STABILITY IN JAPAN & FAR EAST)

{「非常に/やや貢献している」と答えた割合(GREAT DEAL/MODERATE AMOUNT)}



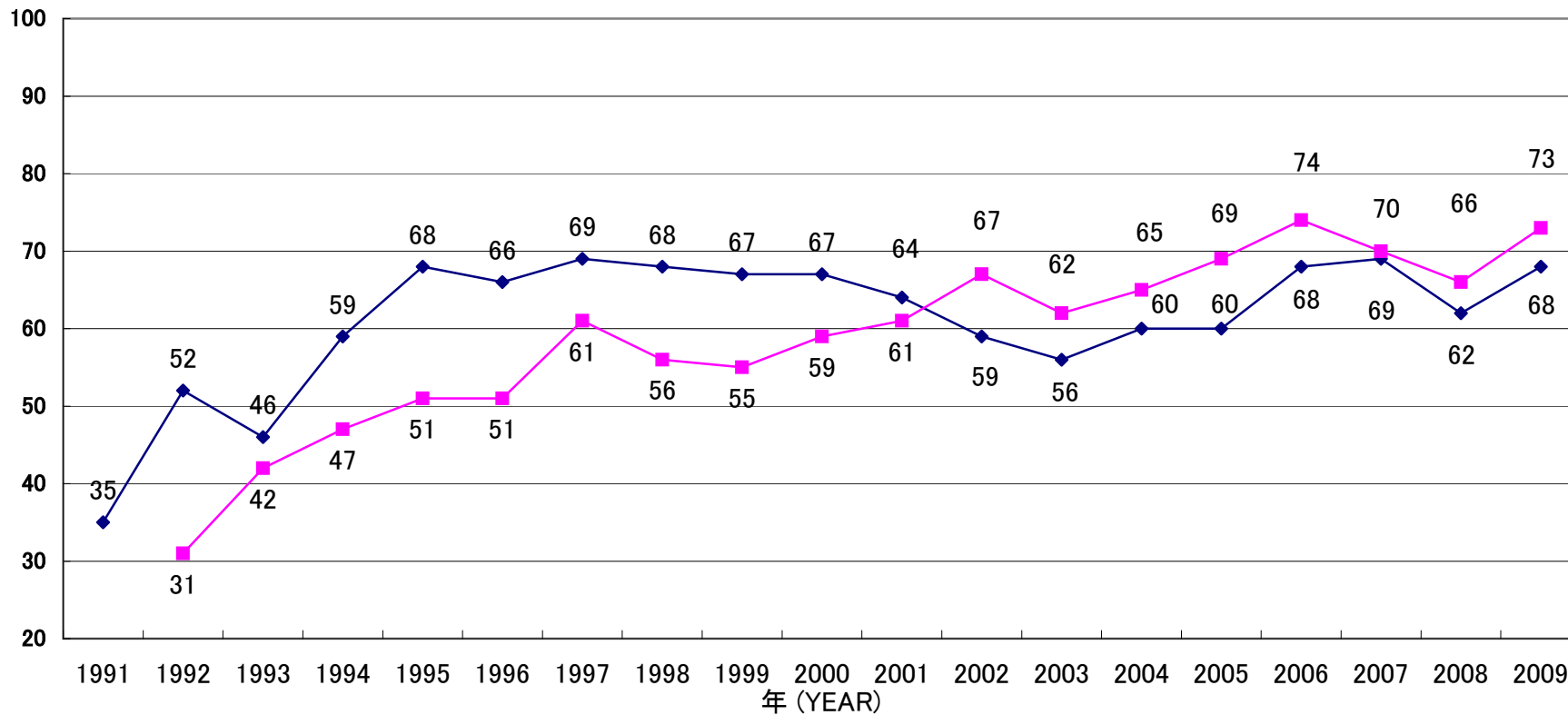
9. 日米安保条約: 米国自身の安全保障にとっての重要性
 (THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY
 FOR U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS)

{「極めて/ある程度重要」と答えた割合(VERY/SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT)}



10. 日本は経済力に見合った重要な国際的役割を果たしているか？
(DOES JAPAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ROLE
COMMENSURATE WITH ITS ECONOMIC STRENGTH?)
[「果たしている」と答えた割合 (ANSWERING "YES")]

(%)



◆ 一般人 (GENERAL PUBLIC) ■ 有識者 (OPINION LEADERS)