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1. Research methodology

(1) For the “general public” group, telephone interviews were carried out with 1,500 people

(2) For the “opinion leaders” group, telephone interviews were carried out with 253 people

The margin of sampling error is $\pm 3\%$ for the “general public” group and $\pm 6\%$ for the “opinion leaders” group, at the 95% level of confidence.

2. Period conducted: “General public” group: February 11 – March 13, 2009

“Opinion leaders” group: February 11 – March 26, 2009

3. Implementing agency: The Gallup Organization

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(General Public)

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Results Overview (As a principle, includes data from the previous six years)

Question 1-a: Thinking of all Asian countries, which one country in this region do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Japan	46	43	48	45	48	48	47
China	39	34	34	33	26	26	20
Russia	8	10	8	13	13	9	13
Korea	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
India	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Taiwan	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Other	2	1	2	1	4	4	6
None	1	2	1	2	1	3	3
No Opinion	2	8	4	4	6	7	8

Question 1-b: Please tell why you think this country is the most important partner of the United States? (Open-ended question: top 5 results)

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
(1) Economic ties / investments in the U.S.	24	13	17	10	16	15	18
(2) Good trade relations	19	12	15	10	12	20	15
(3) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	13	17	15	11	11	10	8
(4) Size/ large nation / large population	11	6	13	8	7	10	7
(5) Strong/ powerful country/ a leader	10	4	11	5	10	9	7
(5) Technologically advanced	10	9	12	12	12	8	7

Note: This question has been asked since 1995.

Question 2-a: Do you think Japan is or is not a dependable ally or friend of the United States?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Yes, Japan is dependable	80	67	74	69	72	68	67	
No, Japan is not dependable	15	18	21	22	21	21	22	
No opinion	5	15	5	9	7	11	11	

Question 2-b: Why do you feel so?

Response:

(I) Reasons given by those who responded "yes" (Open-ended question : top 5 results)	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
(1) Economic ties / investments in the U.S.	16	10	16	9	15	10	13	
(2) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	14	17	14	13	10	10	6	
(3) Good trade relations between Japan and the U.S.	12	8	11	8	10	9	8	
(3) They are not our enemy/ no threat to us	12	5	7	5	5	10	6	
(5) Past experiences/ history	11	5	7	4	7	6	5	
(II) Reasons given by those who responded "no" (Open-ended question: top 5 results)	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
(1) Japan is not trustworthy (unspecified)	18	15	21	8	24	13	18	
(2) Past events (other than Pearl Harbor)	15	4	16	11	5			
(3) Self interest / only concerned with own country	13	7	11	4	9	10	8	
(4) They are not cooperative	7	3	5	5	7	12	8	
(5) Recent submarine accident	6	1	3					

Question 3-a: Taking its economic power into account, do you think Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Yes	68	62	69	68	60	60	56	
No	24	24	25	25	29	29	33	
I don't know	8	14	6	7	11	11	11	

Question 3-b: In which of the following areas, if any, would you say Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs?

Note: This question has been asked since 1994. The category “economic aid” was added in 1995.

Response:

(I) Science and technology	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Yes	66	60	67	65	57	58	53	
No	33	39	32	34	42	42	46	
I don't know	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	

(II) Global economy	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Yes	62	53	62	58	53	53	50	
No	36	42	35	38	45	45	47	
I don't know	2	5	3	4	2	2	3	

(III) Cultural exchange	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Yes	57	48	58	54	49	48	44	
No	41	47	40	43	49	49	54	

I don't know	2	5	2	3	2	3	2
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(IV) World politics							(%)
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Yes	46	38	48	44	38	38	37
No	50	53	48	51	57	58	59
I don't know	4	9	4	5	5	4	4

(V) Global issues such as the environment, population growth and AIDS							(%)
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Yes	41	37	40	41	37	36	30
No	54	53	53	51	57	58	63
I don't know	5	10	7	8	6	6	7

Note: This category was named "Environmental issues" until 1998.

(VI) Economic aid							(%)
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Yes	34	29	34	36	34	30	22
No	55	56	54	52	59	60	68
I don't know	11	15	12	12	7	10	10

(VII) Security, including PKO							(%)
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Yes	29	29	33	35	31	31	25
No	64	60	61	56	64	64	70
I don't know	7	11	6	9	5	5	5

Question 4: Do you think the American and Japanese people have a good, fair or poor understanding of each other?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Good	42	38	36	38	36	30	28
Fair	48	43	49	45	47	50	53
Poor	9	13	14	15	16	18	17
No opinion	1	6	1	2	1	2	2

Question 5: How would you describe the present level of cooperation between Japan and the United States?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Excellent	16	14	13	12	9	8	7
Good	57	49	54	51	52	52	49
Fair	23	27	27	29	33	33	35
Poor	2	4	4	4	3	4	6
No opinion	2	6	2	4	3	3	3

Question 6: How do you see future relations between the U.S. and Japan?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Will improve	45	46	47	42	46	44	40
Will not change	47	38	43	44	42	43	45
Will get worse	6	8	8	10	9	8	12
No opinion	2	8	2	4	3	5	3

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

Question 7: I am going to read you four possible ways in which relations might be improved between the U.S. and Japan. Please tell which one of these you think would help most to improve relations between Japan and the United States?

Response:

	(%)						
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
(1) Improve economic / trade relations	45	36	36	36	38	42	35
(2) Increase cooperation on global issues such as the environment, AIDS, and population	27	27	30	28	26	23	22
(3) Strengthen political / security relations	20	20	25	21	25	25	32
(4) Promote cultural exchanges	7	8	8	12	9	7	8
(5) Don't know/ Refused	1	9	1	3	2	3	3

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

Question 8: Do you think that the U.S. and Japan should or should not sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

Response:

	(%)
	2009
(1) Yes, should sign.	62
(2) No, should not sign	27
(3) Don't know/ Refused	11

Note: This question was added in 2009.

Question 9: To what extent do you think the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, which grants the U.S. the use of facilities and areas in Japan for the security of Japan, contributes to stability and peace in the area?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
A great deal	34	29	30	25	27	28	31
A moderate amount	46	36	47	46	45	44	43
Only a little	14	18	16	18	18	17	17
Not at all	3	6	4	5	5	6	5
No opinion	3	11	3	6	5	5	4

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 10: In your opinion, how important is the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty to the United States in terms of its own security?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Very important	49	51	52	55	50	51	55
Somewhat important	41	33	37	32	36	35	34
Not too important	7	7	7	7	8	9	6
Not at all important	1	4	3	3	3	3	3
No opinion	2	5	1	3	3	2	2

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 11: Do you think the United States should or should not maintain the current U.S.-Japan Security Treaty?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Yes, should maintain	87	78	87	85	86	85	87
No, should not maintain	6	7	6	7	6	7	6
No opinion	7	15	7	8	8	8	7

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 12: Do you feel Japan should further increase its defense forces for its own defense, or not?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Yes, should increase	54	46	54	51	52	54	58
No, should not increase	38	39	40	39	41	38	34
Don't know/ Refused	8	15	6	10	7	8	8

Question 13: Please tell which of the following provide you, or have provided you, with information about Japan.

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	(%) 2003
(1) Television	79	74	80	78	78	77	80
(2) Magazines / Books	71	64	72	67	62	68	70
(3) Newspapers	67	63	71	71	70	71	75
(4) School studies	56	52	51	53	47	58	59
(5) Internet	52	39	43	38	33	33	27
(6) Movies	39	37	40	39	31	41	39
(7) Japanese friends	33	29	29	32	30	33	36
(8) Friends / Neighbors	31	30	29	30	29	33	35
(9) Radio	30	26	34	33	35	35	37
(10) Experience in Japan	12	12	12	11	12	12	12

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

Question 14: To what extent do the following countries/regions share generally common values with the U.S.?

Response:

							(%)
		Shares common values	(to a great extent	/ to some extent)	Little extent	None	No opinion
UK	2009	89	(63	26)	7	3	1
	2008	76	(53	23)	9	5	10
	2007	85	(58	27)	9	4	2
	2006	77	(53	24)	11	5	7
	2005	83	(53	30)	9	4	4
Japan	2009	87	(36	51)	11	1	1
	2008	73	(28	45)	14	5	8
	2007	83	(30	53)	12	3	2
	2006	78	(31	47)	14	5	3
	2005	79	(24	55)	15	4	2
Germany	2009	84	(34	50)	12	3	1
	2008	73	(26	47)	12	6	9
	2007	79	(25	54)	14	5	2
	2006	72	(28	44)	17	6	5
	2005	74	(23	51)	17	5	4
France	2009	72	(23	49)	20	7	1
	2008	58	(18	40)	21	11	10
	2007	62	(13	49)	26	10	2
	2006	59	(17	42)	24	13	4

	2005	57	(13	44)	27	12	4
Taiwan	2009	58	(15	43)	29	7	6
	2008	51	(15	36)	22	9	18
	2007	58	(16	42)	27	7	8
	2006	57	(19	38)	22	12	9
	2005	56	(15	41)	27	9	8
India	2009	58	(11	47)	30	9	3
	2008	45	(10	35)	27	14	14
Russia	2009	50	(7	43)	37	11	2
	2008	44	(9	35)	30	16	10
	2007	52	(7	45)	34	12	2
	2006	57	(11	46)	27	11	5
	2005	59	(11	48)	29	9	3
China	2009	50	(11	39)	34	14	2
	2008	42	(13	29)	31	16	11
	2007	45	(8	37)	38	14	3
	2006	48	(12	36)	32	15	5
	2005	47	(11	36)	35	15	3
North Korea	2009	15	(3	12)	34	49	2
	2008	18	(4	14)	28	42	12
	2007	14	(3	11)	32	51	3
	2006	20	(6	14)	32	42	6
	2005	19	(5	14)	34	42	5

Note: This question has been asked since 2004.

India was added in 2008.

Question 15: I am going to read some phrases that may or may not describe Japan. From what you've heard or read, please tell if it does or does not describe Japan. How about (read and rotate (1)-(12))?

(The percentage who responded positively as the following choices were read)

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	(%) 2006
(1) a country that has great tradition and culture	96	92	95	94
(2) a country with a strong economy and high-technology	88	91	94	93
(3) a country with beautiful nature	85	80	78	81
(4) a peaceful country	84	77	81	78
(5) a country that disseminates new culture to the world such as animation, fashion, and cuisine (Note 2)	80	73	78	--
(6) a country that has potential for growth (Note 2)	78	76	78	--
(7) a western-oriented country	68	62	63	62
(8) a country that has shown leadership in global society (Note 2)	65	59	64	--
(9) a democratic country	55	47	51	47
(10) a country that is difficult to understand	45	47	48	49
(11) a militant country	26	31	29	34
(12) a country Americans should be wary of	22	31	29	30

Note: This question has been asked since 2006 (with the exception noted in Note 2)

Note 2: This choice was added in 2007

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Results Overview (As a principle, includes data from the previous six years)

Question 1-a: Thinking of all Asian countries, which one country in this region do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Japan	44	54	53	47	48	65	63	
China	42	38	38	43	38	24	25	
Russia	8	5	5	4	9	7	6	
India	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	
ROK	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	
Other	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
None	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
No Opinion	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	

Question 1-b: Please tell me why you think this country is the most important partner of the United States? (Open-ended question: top 5 results)

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
(1) Economic ties / investments in the U.S.	27	28	25	35	31	34	19	
(2) Country's size / population	23	20	21	20	20	13	15	
(3) Economically strong	20	21	23	20	17	22	33	
(4) Good trade relations	19	13	11	15	14	14	21	
(5) Strong/ Powerful country/ leader	17	8	12	9	11	6	13	

Question 2-a: Do you think Japan is or is not a dependable ally or friend of the United States?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Yes, Japan is dependable	91	92	91	91	90	89	91	
No, Japan is not dependable	7	6	5	4	6	6	5	
No opinion	2	2	4	5	4	5	4	

Question 2-b: Why do you feel so?

Response:

(I) Reasons given by those who responded "yes" (Open-ended question: top 5 results)

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
(1) Economic ties / Investments in the U.S.	26	26	37	38	34	23	17	
(2) Past experiences / history	24	21	16	16	16	10	17	
(3) Common interests and values	15	16	13	12	16	13	11	
(4) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	11	15	13	13	14	19	13	
(4) Japan's self-defense force is weak	11	6	9	7	7	7	9	

(II) Reasons given by those who responded "no" (Open-ended question: top 3 results)

	2009	2008	2007	2006*	2005	2004*	2003*	(%)
(1) Self interest/ only concerned with own country	22	6	29	70	14	31	38	
(1) Past events	22	6	7	10	21	0	8	
(3) Japan not trustworthy (unspecified)	17	19	14	20	29	25	8	

* As the years 2003, 2004, and 2006 had fewer numbers of people responding, the numbers are noted merely for reference

Question 3-a: How would you describe the role that Japan plays in international society compared with its economic strength? Would you say it is commensurate, somewhat commensurate or not commensurate?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Commensurate	25	18	19	21	19	17	22
Somewhat commensurate	48	48	51	53	50	48	40
Not commensurate	24	31	27	23	29	35	36
No opinion	3	3	3	3	2	0	2

Question 3-b: In which of the following areas, if any, would you say Japan currently plays an important international role? (Percentages of those who agreed with the choice)

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
(1) Science and technology	97	96	96	97	96	96	96
(2) Global economy	96	96	96	97	97	91	93
(3) Cultural exchange	79	71	68	76	65	60	60
(4) Global issues	71	66	64	73	69	57	59
(5) Economic aid	69	57	61	70	70	61	54
(6) World politics	67	63	61	71	67	62	60
(7) Security	45	41	43	45	39	39	24

Note: This question has been asked since 1994. "Global issues" was named "environmental issues" until 1998.

Question 4: Do you think the American and Japanese people have a good, fair or poor understanding of each other?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Good	39	27	23	25	23	22	19
Fair	52	57	60	58	60	61	61
Poor	9	15	16	16	17	17	18
No opinion	0	1	1	1	0	0	2

Question 5: In general terms, how would you describe the present level of cooperation between Japan and the United States?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Excellent	20	17	26	23	19	17	16
Good	61	68	60	62	64	65	62
Fair	15	12	11	12	14	15	18
Poor	1	2	0	0	1	1	1
No opinion	3	1	3	3	2	2	3

Question 6-a: How do you see future relations between the U.S. and Japan?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Improve	46	36	30	42	29	30	34	
Not change	48	56	58	51	62	59	50	
Get worse	5	5	8	5	5	7	11	
No opinion	1	3	4	2	4	4	5	

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

Question 6-b: How do you see future relations between the U.S. and Japan in the field of high-technology? In general, do you think both countries will cooperate, or do you think competition will be fierce and frictions will arise?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%)
Will cooperate	66	51	52	60	49	47	50	
Friction / Competition	31	44	42	38	47	48	46	
No opinion	3	5	6	2	4	5	4	

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

Question 7: I am going to read you four possible ways in which relations might be improved between the U.S. and Japan. Please tell which one of these you think would help most to improve relations between the U.S. and Japan?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
(1) Improve economic / trade relations	47	40	36	44	50	53	47
(2) Increase cooperation on global issues such as the environment, AIDS, and population control	29	31	29	27	28	26	22
(3) Strengthen political and security relations	19	24	26	20	16	15	26
(4) Promote cultural exchanges	4	4	8	8	6	5	4
(5) No opinion	1	1	1	1	0	1	1

Note: This question has been asked since 1995.

Question 8: Do you think that the U.S. and Japan should or should not sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

Response:

	2009
(1) Yes, should sign	67
(2) No, should not sign	23
(3) Don't know/ Refused	10

Note: This question was added in 2009.

Question 9: To what extent do you think the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, which grants the U.S. the use of facilities and areas in Japan for the security of Japan, contributes to stability and peace in the area?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
A great deal	44	42	47	42	40	43	55
A moderate amount	39	40	41	40	40	37	28
Only a little	10	13	6	14	14	15	11
Not at all	2	4	4	3	4	4	3
No opinion	5	1	2	1	2	1	3

Question 10: In your opinion, how important is the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty to the United States in terms of our own security?

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Very important	53	47	57	51	48	46	48
Somewhat important	36	40	31	37	34	37	36
Not too important	9	12	8	8	14	13	9
Not important at all	1	1	2	1	2	3	5
No opinion	1	0	2	3	2	1	2

Question 11: Overall, do you think the United States should or should not maintain the current U.S.-Japan Security Treaty?
Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Yes, should maintain	89	87	88	90	83	83	87
No, should not maintain	5	7	6	4	6	9	5
No opinion	6	6	6	6	11	8	8

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 12-a: Do you think Japan should increase its self-defense capabilities?
Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Yes, should increase	69	74	67	61	69	66	65
No, should not increase	24	22	25	33	25	27	27
No opinion	7	4	8	6	6	7	8

Question 12-b: If you think Japan should increase defense capabilities, please tell me whether or not each of the following is a reason you think Japan should increase its self-defense capabilities. (Percentages of those who agreed with the choice)
Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
							(%)
Japan should make contributions to peace and stability in Asia	98	98	97	97	97	97	96
Japan should share the defense burden with the U.S.	93	93	94	93	94	93	96
Japan should defend itself	91	96	92	94	91	92	89

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

Question 13: Please tell which of the following provide you, or have provided you, with information about Japan.

Response:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	(%) 2003
(1) Newspapers	85	86	89	90	89	93	95
(1) Magazines / Books	81	86	83	89	85	88	93
(3) Television	73	75	72	80	71	76	72
(4) Internet	65	58	60	56	50	52	47
(5) School studies	59	61	61	62	51	56	57
(6) Radio	49	46	48	48	46	47	43
(7) Japanese friends	45	44	46	52	53	51	54
(8) Friends / Neighbors	34	39	38	41	41	44	44
(9) Movies	34	30	32	40	30	42	39
(10) Experience in Japan	22	28	24	31	30	26	39

Note: This question has been asked since 1992.

Question 14: To what extent do the following countries/regions share generally common values with the U.S.?

Response:

		(%)					
		Shares common values	(to a great extent	/ to some extent)	Little extent	None	No opinion
UK	2009	95	(83	12)	3	2	0
	2008	96	(81	15)	4	0	0
	2007	96	(84	12)	2	1	1
	2006	96	(83	13)	2	1	1
	2005	96	(78	18)	2	2	0
Japan	2009	94	(46	48)	5	1	0
	2008	93	(45	48)	6	1	0
	2007	94	(42	52)	5	0	1
	2006	96	(42	54)	3	0	0
	2005	91	(39	52)	8	1	0
Germany	2009	92	(49	43)	6	1	1
	2008	96	(50	46)	2	1	1
	2007	92	(47	45)	5	1	2
	2006	94	(45	49)	5	1	0
	2005	92	(40	52)	6	2	0
France	2009	84	(31	53)	12	4	0
	2008	81	(36	45)	17	1	1
	2007	74	(27	47)	19	6	1
	2006	81	(24	57)	15	3	1

	2005	76	(24	52)	19	4	1
Taiwan	2009	74	(25	49)	21	3	2
	2008	85	(28	57)	11	3	1
	2007	83	(30	53)	10	3	4
	2006	83	(32	51)	13	2	2
	2005	84	(32	52)	12	2	2
India	2009	69	(14	55)	28	2	1
	2008	77	(10	67)	19	2	2
Russia	2009	50	(4	46)	45	5	0
	2008	58	(3	55)	36	4	2
	2007	58	(3	55)	36	4	2
	2006	69	(7	62)	28	3	0
	2005	69	(4	65)	27	4	0
China	2009	47	(9	38)	46	6	1
	2008	52	(6	46)	41	6	1
	2007	45	(4	41)	45	8	2
	2006	55	(8	47)	38	7	0
	2005	50	(6	44)	39	10	1
DPRK	2009	8	(2	6)	30	61	1
	2008	7	(2	5)	34	56	3
	2007	6	(1	5)	27	66	1
	2006	14	(2	12)	29	55	2
	2005	9	(1	8)	23	66	2

Note: This question has been asked since 2004.
 India was added in 2008.

Question 15: In your opinion, should Japan become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, or not?
 Response:

	2009	2008	(%) 2007
Yes	57	49	52
No	39	47	42
Don't know / Refused	4	4	6

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

Question 15-a: (If you answered “yes” in Question 15,) please tell me for each of the following reasons, whether it is or is not a reason you think Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council. (Based on those who support permanent membership. Percentages are of those who agreed with the choice.)

Response:

	2009	2008	(%) 2007
(1) You expect Japan will play a more positive role in world peace and security after becoming a permanent member	93	95	96
(2) Japan has a big economy, and this will strengthen the effectiveness of the UN Security Council	92	92	87
(2) Japan is a dependable ally	92	88	87
(4) Japan is a country that shares common values, such as democracy and human rights	89	84	87
(5) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security	74	71	75

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

Question 15-b: (If you answered “no” in Question 15,) please tell me for each of the following reasons if it is or is not a reason why you think Japan should not become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. (Percentages are of those who agreed with the choice.)

Response	2009		2008	
	(%)			
(1) Japan does not provide enough personnel to Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) and multinational forces	67		64	
(1) Some countries are better qualified than Japan to become a permanent member of the Security Council*	67			
(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	62		60	
(4) Japan will not make sufficient contributions to international peace and security in the UN Security Council	59		52	
(5) No increase should be made to the number of UN Security Council permanent members	52		53	

Note: This question was added to the survey in 2008.

*Added to the survey in 2009.

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