Opinion Poll: 2014 U.S. Image of Japan Note:2014 and 2013 survey were conducted by Harris Poll.

General Population Survey										
Question 1: For each of the following statements, please tell me if it										
describes or does not describe your image of Japan. (%Yes) (MA)										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
(1) a country that has great tradition and culture	92	97	97	97	97	96	92	95	94	
(2) a country with a strong economy and high-technology	86	92	91	91	90	88	91	94	93	
(3) a country that has consistently followed the path of a peace-loving nation since the end of World War II (NEW: 2014)	81									
(4) a country with beautiful nature	81	90	88	85	85	85	80	78	81	
(5) a country that disseminates new culture to the world such as	78	82	90	88	82	80	73	78		
animation, fashion, and cuisine										
(6) a country that has shown leadership in global society(7) a country that currently shares the same values with the United	48	66	65	66	62	65	59	64		
States, such as democracy and liberalism	58	59	64	59	55					
(8) a country that is conservative and closed	52	55	46	47	49					
(9) a country that is difficult to understand	42 25	38 27	39 21	42 26	45 26	45 22	47 31	48 29	49 30	
(10) a country that Americans should be wary of	25	21	21	20	20	22	31	29	30	
Question 2: For each of the following areas of Japanese culture, please tell me if you are interested or not interested in the topic. (MA)										
. , ,	2014	2013	2012	2011						
(1) Flower arrangement	48	52	51	55						
(2) Tea ceremony	37	40	53	52						
(3) Traditional Japanese theater (Kabuki, Noh, Kyogen)	32	31	37	50						
(4) Calligraphy (Shodo)(5) Traditional Japanese music (Gagaku, Koto)	41 29	41 33	57 48	63 47						
(6) Japanese literature or Haiku	35	41	49	52						
(7) Sumo or Japanese martial arts (such as Karate, Judo or Kendo)	51	53	62	61						
(8) Bonsai	43	49	60	62						
(9) Japanese Animation(10) Japanese comics (also known as Manga)	41 24	41 21	60 17	58 15						
(11) Video games	36	38	35	37						
(12) Japanese pop music	16	16	25	22						
(13) Japanese fashion	28	34	40	39						
(14) Japanese movies and dramas(15) Japanese food	33 68	39 73	59 86	56 84						
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Question 3: 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.										
(4) Talas inias	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Television(2) Magazines/Books	70 59	77 58	79 58	82 59	81 69	79 71	74 64	80 72	78 67	78 62
(3) Newspapers	45	65	63	65	66	67	63	71	71	70
(4) Internet	65 40	69	67	66 25	57 54	52 50	39	43	38	33
(5) School studies(6) Movies	42 51	47 27	34 24	35 23	54 40	56 39	52 37	51 40	53 39	47 31
(7) Japanese friends	36	32	26	25	35	33	29	29	32	30
(8) Friends/Neighbors	37	30	24	25	34	31	30	29	30	29
(9) Radio (10) Experience in Japan	22 13	35 13	42 10	43 10	30 11	30 12	26 12	34 12	33 11	35 12
Question 4-a: Are you studying Japanese or interested in studying the										
Japanese language?										
(A) N = -	2014	2013	2012	2011						
(1) Yes (2) No	15 85	19 81	26 74	23 77						
Question 4-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.										
(1) Chinaga	2014	2013	2012							
(1) Chinese(2) Korean	11 3	13 7	12 3							
(3) Arabic	8	13	8							
(4) French(5) German	29 22	30 23	27 24							
(6) Spanish	45	53	57							

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

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Excellent	16	16	29	26	14	16	14	13	12	9
Good	51	42	51	51	58	57	49	54	51	52
Fair	24	34	17	20	24	23	27	27	29	33
Poor	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	3
Don't know/Refused	3	3	1	1	2	2	6	2	4	3
Question 6-a: Please tell me whether or not you think Japan is a dependable partner of the United States?										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, Japan is dependable	73	76	84	84	79	80	67	74	69	72
No, Japan is not dependable	18	10	12	13	16	15	18	21	22	21
Don't know/Refused	9	14	4	3	5	5	15	5	9	7
Question 6-b: Why do you think Japan is a dependable partner of the United States? (OPEN END - 8 results)										
(s c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Allies/good relations/peaceful relations	37	23	21	15	18	14	17	14	13	10
(2) Economic ties/investments in the U.S.	18	14	10	18	16	16	10	16	9	15
(3) Good trade relations between Japan and the U.S.	20	21	13	12	15	12	8	11	8	10
(4) They are not our enemy/no threat to us	11	5	5	9	12	12	5	7	5	5
(5) Past experiences/history	6	17	12	12	9	11	5	7	4	7
(6) Japan has proven its friendship since World War II	14	7	7	7	9	9	11	7	9	7
(7) Defense cooperation/Depends on U.S. military	9	8	8	8	9	5	3	7	2	3
(8) Technology	8	6	· ·	· ·		· ·	· ·	•	_	· ·
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(9) Personal qualities/ culture of people	17	5								
Question 6-b: Why do you think Japan is not a dependable partner of the United States? (OPEN END - top 6 results)										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Japan is not trustworthy (unspecified)	31	31	16	20	18	18	15	21	8	24
(2) Other	18	16	23	27	14	13	0	16	0	5
(3) Past events (other than Pearl Harbor)	21	23	10	12	13	15	4	16	11	5
(4) Self interest/only concerned with own country	13	8	10	8	13	13	7	11	4	9
(5) No particular reason	2	1	8	5	8	4	8	9	6	6
(6) Trade policy/Economic friction and competition with the U.S.	12	23								
(7) They're different/Have different views/ethics (NEW: 2014)	15									

Question 7: 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

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	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes					32	29	29	33	35	31
Very significant	22	24	16	19						
Somewhat significant	42	38	41	39						
Not very significant	19	21	31	30						
Not at all significant	7	5	7	6	61	64	60	61	56	64
Don't know/Refused		11	, 5	6	7	7	11			
Don't know/Relused	10	- 11	5	0	,	/	11	6	9	5
(II) The United Nations										
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Very significant	26	29	21	22						
Somewhat significant	46	42	56	55						
Not very significant	13	13	14	13						
Not at all significant	5	7	3	5						
Don't know/Refused	10	10	6	5						
(Ⅲ) Global economy										
(m) Global economy	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes	2014	2013	2012	2011	65	62	53	62	2000 58	53
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Very significant	51	53	50	52						
Somewhat significant	36	37	42	40						
Not very significant	7	4	6	4						
Not at all significant	2	2	1	2	33	36	42	35	38	45
Don't know/Refused	4	3	1	2	2	2	5	3	4	2
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(IV) Official development aid, including assistance to countries such as										
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Yes	0	•	-	0	30	34	29	34	30	34
Very significant	8	6	7	8						
Somewhat significant	26	26	32	34						
Not very significant	29	32	39	36						
Not at all significant	15	14	11	11	55	55	56	54	52	59
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(M) Science and technology										
(V) Science and technology	0014	0010	0010	0011	0010	0000	0000	0007	0000	0005
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
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Question 8: 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?

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Good Fair Poor Don't know/Refused	2014 35 48 15 2	2013 37 44 18 1	2012 43 47 9 1	2011 42 50 8 0	2010 43 45 11 1	2009 42 48 9 1	2008 38 43 13 6	2007 36 49 14 1	2006 38 45 15 2	2005 36 47 16 1
Question 9: 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?										
	2014	2013	2012	2011						
More Closely	53	59	44	49						
Less Closely	5	3	3	3						
Stay the Same	37	34	52	48						
Don't know/Refused	4	3								
Question 10: 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? (MA)										
Note: This question has been asked since 1995. The choice "promote cultural exchanges" was added in 1997.										
Note: 2010 wording change in (2)- "climate change" added and "population control" changed from "populating growth".										
(1) Strengthen economic/trade relations	2014 26	2013 32	2012 41	2011 42	2010 43	2009 45	2008 36	2007 36	2006 36	2005 38
(2) Encourage cooperation on global issues such as climate change, as well as control and prevention of infectious diseases	30	29	25	25	25	27	27	30	28	26
(3) Strengthen political/security relations	18	17	21	19	19	20	20	25	21	25
(4) Promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges	22	18	10	12	7	7	8	8	12	9
(5) Don't know/Refused	5	3	3	2	6	1	9	1	3	2

defense capability? Yes, should increase No, should not increase Don't know/Refused	2014 57 28 15	2013 64 24 12	2012 59 37 4	2011 61 35 4	2010 56 37 7	2009 54 38 8	2008 46 39 15	2007 54 40 6	2006 51 39 10	2005 52 41 7
Very important Somewhat important Not too important Not important at all Don't know/Refused Question 15: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-	2014 36 40 11 10 3	2013 42 36 13 6 3	2012 42 39 14 5							
Question 14-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.										
Very important Somewhat important Not too important Not important at all Don't know/Refused	45 38 6 4 6	59 29 6 3 4	54 36 7 3 0	55 34 8 2 1	49 39 9 2 1	49 41 7 1 2	51 33 7 4 5	52 37 7 3 1	55 32 7 3 3	50 36 8 3 3
Question 14-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.	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014) Japan doesn't need the US/can stand on its own Dislike military forces overseas Treaty is not needed/Japan is no threat	2014 31 27 12									
Important to maintain peace Question 13-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY Why do you think so? (OREN END., top requite) (NEW; 2014)	15									
TREATY Why do you think so? (OPEN END - ton results) (NEW: 2014) Ensure safety/security Important to maintain long-term relationship/cooperation with ally Positive effects/Treaty should stay as is	2014 23 22 17									
Yes, should maintain No, should not maintain Don't know/Refused Question 13-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD MAINTAIN CURRENT	2014 81 7 12	2013 67 9 24	2012 89 7 4	2011 92 4 4	2010 90 5 5	2009 87 6 7	2008 78 7 15	2007 87 6 7	2006 85 7 8	2005 86 6 8
Question 13-a: Do you think that the U.S. and Japan should or should not maintain the current Japan-U.S. Security Treaty? Note: This question has been asked since 1996.	2014	2012	2012	2011	2010	2000	2000	2007	2006	2005
A moderate amount Only a little Not at all Don't know/Refused	42 14 3 6	40 10 6 4	41 11 4 2	42 11 2 2	44 13 3 3	46 14 3 3	36 18 6 11	47 16 4 3	46 18 5 6	45 18 5 5
Note: This question has been asked since 1996. A great deal	2014 35	2013 41	2012 42	2011 43	2010 37	2009 34	2008 29	2007 30	2006 25	2005 27
Question 12: 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?										
Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role No, Japan should not play a more proactive role Don't know/Refused	2014 81 9 11									
Question 11-b: Do you think that Japan should play a more proacrtive role in order to ensure peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region? (NEW: 2014)										
Yes, they should cooperate No, they shoud not cooperate Don't know/Refused	91 5 3									
Question 11-a: Do you think that the United States and Japan should closely cooperate in order to ensure peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region? (NEW: 2014)	2014									

Question 11-a: Do you think that the United States and Japan should

Question16-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Japan	46	35	50	31	44	46	43	48	45	48
(2) China	26	39	39	39	44	39	34	34	33	26
(3) Australia				11						
(4) South Korea	13	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1
(5) India				5						
(6) Russia	5	5	3	2	3	8	10	8	13	13
Other	0	5	3	3	2	3	2	1	2	4
None	1	5	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1
Don't know/Refused	8	4	3	2	4	2	8	6	4	6

Note: Choices for each year

2014: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Other, None, Don't know/Refused 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

Question16-b: Why do you regard this country as the most important partner of the United States? (OPEN END - top Trended results)

Note: This question has been asked since 1995.

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
63	48	44	29	33	34	37	34	26	28
19	39	21	29	28	26	20	22	18	26
6	8	17	15	19	17	24	21	26	24
8	7	8	16	9	11	9	10	18	8
11	12	4	3	4	7	5	6	7	4
2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
71	80	41	43	48	38	26	27	21	22
2	5	22	20	22	21	28	19	29	15
22	14	17	19	19	25	17	31	23	34
28	11	11	11	5	7	19	10	15	20
0	2	2	1	2	4	4	5	7	3
	63 19 6 8 11 2014 71 2 22 22	63 48 19 39 6 8 8 7 11 12 2014 2013 71 80 2 5 22 14 28 11	63 48 44 19 39 21 6 8 17 8 7 8 11 12 4 2014 2013 2012 71 80 41 2 5 22 22 14 17 28 11 11	63 48 44 29 19 39 21 29 6 8 17 15 8 7 8 16 11 12 4 3 2014 2013 2012 2011 71 80 41 43 2 5 22 20 22 14 17 19 28 11 11 11	63 48 44 29 33 19 39 21 29 28 6 8 17 15 19 8 7 8 16 9 11 12 4 3 4 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 71 80 41 43 48 2 5 22 20 22 22 14 17 19 19 28 11 11 11 5	63 48 44 29 33 34 19 39 21 29 28 26 6 8 17 15 19 17 8 7 8 16 9 11 11 12 4 3 4 7 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 71 80 41 43 48 38 2 5 22 20 22 21 22 14 17 19 19 25 28 11 11 11 5 7	63 48 44 29 33 34 37 19 39 21 29 28 26 20 6 8 17 15 19 17 24 8 7 8 16 9 11 9 11 12 4 3 4 7 5 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008 71 80 41 43 48 38 26 2 5 22 20 22 21 28 22 14 17 19 19 25 17 28 11 11 11 5 7 19	63 48 44 29 33 34 37 34 19 39 21 29 28 26 20 22 6 8 17 15 19 17 24 21 8 7 8 16 9 11 9 10 11 12 4 3 4 7 5 6 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 71 80 41 43 48 38 26 27 2 5 22 20 22 21 28 19 22 14 17 19 19 25 17 31 28 11 11 11 5 7 19 10	63 48 44 29 33 34 37 34 26 19 39 21 29 28 26 20 22 18 6 8 17 15 19 17 24 21 26 8 7 8 16 9 11 9 10 18 11 12 4 3 4 7 5 6 7 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 71 80 41 43 48 38 26 27 21 2 5 22 20 22 21 28 19 29 22 14 17 19 19 25 17 31 23 28 11 11 11 5 7 19 10 15

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Question 1: 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.										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Newspapers(2) Magazines/Books	67 56	85 82	80 77	81 76	83 83	85 81	86 86	89 83	90 89	89 85
(3) Television	67	76	7 <i>7</i>	70 72	76	73	75	72	80	71
(4) Internet	81	80	83	82	61	65	58	60	56	50
(5) School studies(6) Radio	20 41	38 52	35 52	36 51	60 53	59 49	61 46	61 48	62 48	51 46
(7) Japanese friends	41 25	33	38	43	49	49 45	40 44	46 46	4 6 52	53
(8) Friends/Neighbors	25	27	24	31	41	34	39	38	41	41
(9) Movies (10) Experience in Japan	26 15	21 18	18 23	19 23	33 27	34 22	30 28	32 24	40 31	30 30
	10	10	20	20	2,	22	20	21	01	00
Question 2: 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?										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Excellent Good	12 58	21 65	31 58	31 56	16 70	20 61	17 68	26 60	23 62	19 64
Fair	25	12	9	12	10	15	12	11	12	14
Poor	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	1
Don't know/Refused	5		1	1	1	3	1	3	3	2
Question 3: Which country or region in Asia do you think shares values most closely with the United States?										
	2014	2013	2012	2011						
Japan	52	52	76	9						
China Russia	4	1 3	3 2	1 0						
Russia Australia	'	3	2	78						
ndia			0	2						
South Korea	38	36	6	10						
Other Don't know/Refused	1 5	6								
2014: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Other, Don't know/Refused 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 4-a: Please tell me whether or not you think Japan is a										
dependable partner of the United States?	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, Japan is dependable	90	93	90	90	90	91	92	91	91	90
No, Japan is not dependable	7	5	8	8	9	7	6	5	4	6
Don't know/Refused	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	5	4
Question 4-b: Why do you think Japan is a dependable partner of the United States? (OPEN END - top results)										
Simod Glados. (er 2112 top resulte)	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Economic ties/investments in the U.S.	24	33	14	24	24	26	26	37	38	34
(2) Past experiences/history	7	20	18	16	22	24	21	16	16	16
(3) Good trade relations between Japan and the US	21	19	11	16	17	10	10	6	11	10
(4) Allies/good relations/peaceful relations	34	23	16	20	16	11	15	13	13	14
(5) Japan's self-defense force is weak	0.1	47	9	17	14	11	6	9	7	7
(6) Personal qualities/culture of people (7) Defence Cooperation/depends on US military	21 17	17 8								
(8) Stable democracy	11	13								
(9) Has proven friendship since WWII	10	12								
Question 4-b: Why do you think Japan is not a dependable partner of										
he United States? (OPEN END - top results)										
1) Janan is not trustworthy (unapposition)	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
1) Japan is not trustworthy (unspecified) 2) Trade policy/economic friction and competition with the US	14 29	20 40	13 0	25 13	22 22	17 6	19 0	14 14	20 10	29 7
2) Trade policy/economic friction and competition with the US3) Unfair trade practice/trade imbalance	29 0	40	0 0	13 6	22 17	6 0	0 0	14 14	10 0	7 7
		10	U	U	1 /	U	U	14	U	,
(4) Self-interested/only concerned with own country	7	10								
(5) Past events (other thanPearl Harbor)	14	10								

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Question 5: 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?

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(I) Security, including anti-terrorism efforts, anti-piracy efforts on the high seas, and peace-keeping operations										
Yes					56	45	41	43	45	39
Very significant	18 51	19 41	12 49	14 45						
Somewhat significant Not very significant	25	31	49 31	36						
Not at all significant	2	2	3	3						
Don't know/Refused	5	7	5	2						
$(\ { m II})$ The United Nations										
Very significant	18	23	25	20						
Somewhat significant	57 17	54	55	56						
Not very significant Not at all significant	17 2	12 2	14 3	18 2						
Don't know/Refused	6	8	3	4						
(Ⅲ)Global economy										
Yes					96	96	96	96	97	97
Very significant	61	64	58	65 00						
Somewhat significant Not very significant	37 2	32 1	38 3	33 2						
Not at all significant	0	·	1	0						
Don't know/Refused	1	2	0	0						
$(\mathrm{IV})\text{Official}$ development aid, including assistance to countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq										
Yes					60	69	57	61	70	70
Very significant	5	7	7	5						
Somewhat significant	38	29	46	40						
Not very significant Not at all significant	36 4	36 9	34 6	40 7						
Don't know/Refused	17	18	7	8						
(V) Science and technology										
Yes					98	97	96	96	97	96
Very significant	74	74	72	71	98	97	90	90	97	90
Somewhat significant	24	24	26	27						
Not very significant	1		2	1						
Not at all significant	0	4	0	0						
Don't know/Refused	2	1	0	ı						
(VI) Cultural exchange										
Yes	2.5	2.1	2.1	22	78	79	71	68	76	65
Very significant Somewhat significant	35 52	34 52	34 52	36 48						
Not very significant	11	9	10	13						
Not at all significant	0	3	2	1						
Don't know/Refused	4	2	2	2						
(VII) Environment and climate change										
Yes					63	71	66	64	73	69
Very significant	25	32	33	21						
Somewhat significant	48 17	44 16	46 15	51 20						
Not very significant Not at all significant	3	3	3	4						
Don't know/Refused	8	4	3	4						
(Ⅷ) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation										
Yes					54					
Very significant	34	27	29	28						
Somewhat significant	39	43	40	39						
Not very significant Not at all significant	17 3	20 2	24 3	26 5						
Don't know/Refused	9	7	3 4	2						

American people understand each other, do you think they have a good, fair, or poor understanding of each other?										
Good	2014 32	2013 39	2012 44	2011 35	2010 32	2009 39	2008 27	2007 23	2006 25	2005 23
Fair	56	53	48	51	56	52	57	60	58	60
Poor Don't know/Refused	10 3	7	8	14 0	11 1	9	15 1	16 1	16 1	17 0
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?										
More closely	2014 63	2013 52	2012 43	2011 46						
Less closely	2	1	1	3						
Stay the same	35	45	55	50						
Don't know/Refused	0	2	1	1						
Question 8: 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?										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Strengthen economic/trade relations	37	44	49	46	55	47	40	36	44	50
(2) Encourage cooperation on global issues such as climate change, as well as control and prevention of infectious diseases	29	27	22	22	18	29	31	29	27	28
(3) Strengthen political/security relations	18	16	20	16	18	19	24	26	20	16
(4) Promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges	14	11	8	16	8	4	4	8	8	6
(5) Don't know/Refused	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
Question 9: 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?										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Cooperate more	29 33	33 31	29 27	29 34	57 39	66 31	51 44	52 42	60 38	49 47
Compete more Don't know/Refused	3	1	2	34 37	4	3	5	6	2	47
No change	35	34	42							
Question 10: 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) (MA)										
	2014	2013	2012	2011						
(1) Cooperate in negotioation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership(2) Sign and ratify a free-trade agreement with the U.S. [NOT ASKED	88	92	86	81						
IN 2013&2014]			86	83						
(3) Promote technological cooperation, such as clean energy and high-	91	95	88	89						
speed railway systems										
(4) Other(5) Develop natural resources such as shale gas	23 61	49 57	30	30						
Question 11: 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.										
(1) The U.S. should adopt the Japanese high-speed railway system	2014 47	2013 41	2012 41	2011 34	2010 49					
(2) The U.S. should adopt the dapanese high-speed railway system	17	14	28	28	23					
(3) The U.S. should adopt another country's railway system	14	11	13	14	12					
(4) Other/Don't know/Refused	23	33	18	24	16					
Question 12-a: Do you think that Japan and the United States should closely cooperate for peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region?	2014									
Yes, they should cooperate	97									
No, they should not cooperate Don't know / Refused	2 2									
Question 12-b: Do you think that Japan should play a more proacrtive										
role for peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region? (NEW: 2014)										
Voc. Japan chould play a more proceeding rate	2014									
Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role No, Japan should not play a more proactive role	88 7									
Don't know / Refused	6									

Question 6: Thinking about how much the Japanese people and the

Question 13: 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?

contributes a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all?										
Note: This question has been asked since 1996.	2014	0010	0010	0011	0010	0000		2227		2225
A great deal	2014 49	2013 54	2012 58	2011 58	2010 51	2009 44	2008 42	2007 47	2006 42	2005 40
A moderate amount	40	33	31	32	34	39	40	41	40	40
Only a little	10	8	8	6	8	10	13	6	14	14
Not at all	1	2	1	2	2	2	4	4	3	4
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	2	5	5	1	2	1	2
Question 14-a: Do you think that the U.S. should maintain the current Japan-U.S. Security Treaty?										
Note: This question has been asked since 1996.	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should maintain	85 5	77 6	93	91	86	89	87 7	88	90	83
No, should not maintain Don't know/Refused	5 11	6 17	3 4	4 5	6 8	5 6	6	6 6	4 6	6 11
O THE ALL DAGE OF CHICKED MAINTAIN TREATY										
Question 14-b: BASE: SHOULD MAINTAIN TREATY Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014)										
vvily do you trilling so: (Of EIV EIVE top results) (IVEVV. 2014)	2014									
It is important to maintaining peace/security in the region (including	43									
threats from China and Korea)	32									
Important to maintain long-term relationship It is a relationship tat benefits both countries	27									
Question 14-b: BASE: SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN TREATY Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014)										
villy do you think so: (Of EN END - top results) (NEW. 2014)	2014									
Treaty is not needed/Needed to re-think treaty	70									
Japan needs to take responsibility for its own security	30									
Question 15-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.										
Note: The question has been deliced since rece.	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very important	45	53	53	56	55	53	47	57	51	48
Somewhat important Not too important	43 6	35 8	33 11	34 7	34 7	36 9	40 12	31 8	37 8	34 14
Not important at all	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	2
Don't know/Refused	6	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	2
Question 15-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.										
Very important	2014 34	2013 42	2012 45							
Somewhat important	5 1	37	36							
Not too important	12	13	16							
Not important at all Don't know/Refused	3 2	7	2 1							
	_ -		-							
Question 16-a: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its										
self-defense capability?										
Vac abould increase	2014	2013	2012 71	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should increase No, should not increase	65 26	72 18	27	64 32	70 25	69 24	74 22	67 25	61 33	69 25
Don't know/Refused	10	9	2	4	5	7	4	8	6	6
Question 16-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 increase its self-defense capability. (% Agree)										
Note: This question has been asked since 1993.										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Japan should make contributions to peace and stability in Asia	97	99	94	97	99	98	98	97	97	97
Japan should share the defense burden with the U.S. Japan should defend itself	90 96	92 90	93 97	93 90	93 91	93 91	93 96	94 92	93 94	94 91
oupan onodia dolona liboli	90	30	31	<i>3</i> 0	<i>3</i> I	91	90	32	34	91

Question 17-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.			2212	2211	2212					
Yes, it should become a member No, it should not become a member Don't know/Refused	2014 66 20 15	2013 76 16 7	2012 58 40 2	2011 50 46 4	2010 56 41 3	2009 57 39 4	2008 49 47 4	2007 52 42 6		
Question 17-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.	2014	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	94	91	90	95	93	93	95	96		
(2) Japan shares common values with the United States, such as democracy and human rights	86	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	90	87	86	90	88	92	92	87		
(4) Japan is a dependable ally	90	92	89	87	88	92	88	87		
(5) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security	77	82	73	82	78	74	71	75		
(6) Other (NEW: 2014)	20									
Question 17-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.										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008			
(1) Japan does not provide enough personnel to Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) and other multinational forces	48	45	57	65	69	67	64			
(2) Japan will not make sufficient contributions to world peace and security through the United Nations Security Council	43	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	63	58	59	61	57	62	60			
(4) No increase should be made to the number of UN Security Council permanent members	73	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 & 2014]	N/A 1	N/A	40	47	52	67	-			
Question18-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most important partner of the United States?										
(1) China (2) Japan (3) Australia (4) South Korea	2014 24 58	2013 43 39 14	2012 54 40 0	2011 46 28 10 8	2010 56 36	2009 42 44	2008 38 54	2007 38 53	2006 43 47	2005 38 48
(5) India (6) Russia	1	1	1 1	0	1	8	5	5	4	9
Other None Don't know/Refused Note: Choices for each year	0 1 5	1 1	1 1 1	1 0 0	6 1 0	3 1 2	2 0 1	3 0 1	4 0 2	5 0 0

Note: Choices for each year 2014: Japan China South Korea F

2014: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Other, None, Don't

know/Refused

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

Question18-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.

Reasons for Japan	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Political/General ties with U.S.	59	61	55	34	52	37	49	43	38	39
(2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	37	56	19	36	20	27	23	24	31	30
(3) Nation's technology	6	8	9	14	10	14	14	17	15	14
(4) National qualities (ex. population)	14	6	13	13	9	15	9	11	12	14
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	22	19	1	_	2	2	3	2	4	2
(6) Other	7		2	2	6	5	2	3	0	1
· Reasons for China	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	68	78	37	43	34	31	32	27	32	33
(2) Nation's technology	4	1	26	16	23	20	21	17	18	14
(3) National qualities (ex. population)	49	35	24	26	25	33	34	42	29	39
(4) Political/General ties with U.S.	34	26	9	12	9	11	8	9	14	12
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	4	3	1	3	4	3	2	2	5	1
(6) Other	0		2	_	5	2	3	2	2	1