

**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 animation, fashion, and cuisine	78	82	90	88	82	80	73	78	
(6) a country that has shown leadership in global society	48	66	65	66	62	65	59	64	
(7) a country that currently shares the same values with the United 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	38	39	42	45	45	47	48	49
(10) a country that Americans should be wary of	25	27	21	26	26	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)	41	41	57	63
(5) Traditional Japanese music (Gagaku, Koto)	29	33	48	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	41	41	60	58
(10) Japanese comics (also known as Manga)	24	21	17	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	33	39	59	56
(15) Japanese food	68	73	86	84

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.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Television	70	77	79	82	81	79	74	80	78	78
(2) Magazines/Books	59	58	58	59	69	71	64	72	67	62
(3) Newspapers	45	65	63	65	66	67	63	71	71	70
(4) Internet	65	69	67	66	57	52	39	43	38	33
(5) School studies	42	47	34	35	54	56	52	51	53	47
(6) Movies	51	27	24	23	40	39	37	40	39	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	22	35	42	43	30	30	26	34	33	35
(10) Experience in Japan	13	13	10	10	11	12	12	12	11	12

Question 4-a: Are you studying Japanese or interested in studying the Japanese language?

	2014	2013	2012	2011
(1) Yes	15	19	26	23
(2) No	85	81	74	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.

	2014	2013	2012
(1) Chinese	11	13	12
(2) Korean	3	7	3
(3) Arabic	8	13	8
(4) French	29	30	27
(5) German	22	23	24
(6) Spanish	45	53	57



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

	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	10	11	5	6	7	7	11	6	9	5

( II ) The United Nations

	2014	2013	2012	2011
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

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes					65	62	53	62	58	53
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

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

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes					36	34	29	34	36	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
Don't know/Refused	23	21	11	11	9	11	15	12	12	7

( V ) Science and technology

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes					70	66	60	67	65	57
Very significant	72	74	75	78						
Somewhat significant	21	19	22	20						
Not very significant	2	2	1	1						
Not at all significant	2	3	1	1	30	33	39	32	34	42
Don't know/Refused	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

( VI ) Cultural exchange

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes					60	57	48	58	54	49
Very significant	38	40	36	39						
Somewhat significant	43	41	54	49						
Not very significant	9	9	7	8						
Not at all Significant	4	4	1	2	38	41	47	40	43	49
Don't know/Refused	5	6	2	2	2	2	5	2	3	2

( VII ) Environment and climate change

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes					45	41	37	40	41	37
Very significant	30	32	30	25						
Somewhat significant	37	36	39	44						
Not very significant	14	13	18	20						
Not at all significant	9	9	6	6	50	54	53	53	51	57
Don't know/Refused	9	10	7	5	5	5	10	7	8	6

( VIII ) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Yes					35
Very significant	27	28	23	25	
Somewhat significant	33	31	41	40	
Not very significant	17	16	22	23	
Not at all significant	8	10	6	6	27
Don't know/Refused	15	15	8	6	38

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?

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Good	35	37	43	42	43	42	38	36	38	36
Fair	48	44	47	50	45	48	43	49	45	47
Poor	15	18	9	8	11	9	13	14	15	16
Don't know/Refused	2	1	1	0	1	1	6	1	2	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".

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Strengthen economic/trade relations	26	32	41	42	43	45	36	36	36	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

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
Yes, they should cooperate	91
No, they should not cooperate	5
Don't know/Refused	3

Question 11-b: Do you think that Japan should play a more proactive role in order to ensure peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region? (NEW: 2014)

	2014
Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role	81
No, Japan should not play a more proactive role	9
Don't know/Refused	11

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?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
A great deal	35	41	42	43	37	34	29	30	25	27
A moderate amount	42	40	41	42	44	46	36	47	46	45
Only a little	14	10	11	11	13	14	18	16	18	18
Not at all	3	6	4	2	3	3	6	4	5	5
Don't know/Refused	6	4	2	2	3	3	11	3	6	5

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	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should maintain	81	67	89	92	90	87	78	87	85	86
No, should not maintain	7	9	7	4	5	6	7	6	7	6
Don't know/Refused	12	24	4	4	5	7	15	7	8	8

Question 13-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY

Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014)

	2014
Ensure safety/security	23
Important to maintain long-term relationship/cooperation with ally	22
Positive effects/Treaty should stay as is	17
Important to maintain peace	15

Question 13-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY

Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014)

	2014
Japan doesn't need the US/can stand on its own	31
Dislike military forces overseas	27
Treaty is not needed/Japan is no threat	12

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
Very important	45	59	54	55	49	49	51	52	55	50
Somewhat important	38	29	36	34	39	41	33	37	32	36
Not too important	6	6	7	8	9	7	7	7	7	8
Not important at all	4	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	3	3
Don't know/Refused	6	4	0	1	1	2	5	1	3	3

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.

	2014	2013	2012
Very important	36	42	42
Somewhat important	40	36	39
Not too important	11	13	14
Not important at all	10	6	5
Don't know/Refused	3	3	0

Question 15: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-defense capability?

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should increase	57	64	59	61	56	54	46	54	51	52
No, should not increase	28	24	37	35	37	38	39	40	39	41
Don't know/Refused	15	12	4	4	7	8	15	6	10	7

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.

• Reasons for Japan										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Political/General ties with U.S.	63	48	44	29	33	34	37	34	26	28
(2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	19	39	21	29	28	26	20	22	18	26
(3) Nation's technology	6	8	17	15	19	17	24	21	26	24
(4) National qualities (ex. population)	8	7	8	16	9	11	9	10	18	8
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	11	12	4	3	4	7	5	6	7	4
• Reasons for China										
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	71	80	41	43	48	38	26	27	21	22
(2) Nation's technology	2	5	22	20	22	21	28	19	29	15
(3) National qualities (ex. population)	22	14	17	19	19	25	17	31	23	34
(4) Political/General ties with U.S.	28	11	11	11	5	7	19	10	15	20
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	0	2	2	1	2	4	4	5	7	3



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	19	12	14						
Somewhat significant	51	41	49	45						
Not very significant	25	31	31	36						
Not at all significant	2	2	3	3						
Don't know/Refused	5	7	5	2						
( II ) The United Nations										
Very significant	18	23	25	20						
Somewhat significant	57	54	55	56						
Not very significant	17	12	14	18						
Not at all significant	2	2	3	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						
Somewhat significant	37	32	38	33						
Not very significant	2	1	3	2						
Not at all significant	0		1	0						
Don't know/Refused	1	2	0	0						
(IV) 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	36	36	34	40						
Not at all significant	4	9	6	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						
Somewhat significant	24	24	26	27						
Not very significant	1		2	1						
Not at all significant	0		0	0						
Don't know/Refused	2	1	0	1						
(VI) Cultural exchange										
Yes					78	79	71	68	76	65
Very significant	35	34	34	36						
Somewhat significant	52	52	52	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	44	46	51						
Not very significant	17	16	15	20						
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	17	20	24	26						
Not at all significant	3	2	3	5						
Don't know/Refused	9	7	4	2						



Question 6: 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?

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Good	32	39	44	35	32	39	27	23	25	23
Fair	56	53	48	51	56	52	57	60	58	60
Poor	10	7	8	14	11	9	15	16	16	17
Don't know/Refused	3		0	0	1	0	1	1	1	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?

	2014	2013	2012	2011
More closely	63	52	43	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	29	29	57	66	51	52	60	49
Compete more	33	31	27	34	39	31	44	42	38	47
Don't know/Refused	3	1	2	37	4	3	5	6	2	4
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 negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership	88	92	86	81
(2) Sign and ratify a free-trade agreement with the U.S. [NOT ASKED IN 2013&2014]			86	83
(3) Promote technological cooperation, such as clean energy and high-speed railway systems	91	95	88	89
(4) Other	23	49	30	30
(5) Develop natural resources such as shale gas	61	57		

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.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
(1) The U.S. should adopt the Japanese high-speed railway system	47	41	41	34	49
(2) The U.S. should not adopt any 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	2
Don't know / Refused	2

Question 12-b: Do you think that Japan should play a more proactive role for peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region? (NEW: 2014)

	2014
Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role	88
No, Japan should not play a more proactive role	7
Don't know / Refused	6

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?

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
A great deal	49	54	58	58	51	44	42	47	42	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	77	93	91	86	89	87	88	90	83
No, should not maintain	5	6	3	4	6	5	7	6	4	6
Don't know/Refused	11	17	4	5	8	6	6	6	6	11

Question 14-b: BASE: SHOULD MAINTAIN TREATY

Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014)

	2014
It is important to maintaining peace/security in the region (including threats from China and Korea)	43
Important to maintain long-term relationship	32
It is a relationship that benefits both countries	27

Question 14-b: BASE: SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN TREATY

Why do you think so? (OPEN 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.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very important	45	53	53	56	55	53	47	57	51	48
Somewhat important	43	35	33	34	34	36	40	31	37	34
Not too important	6	8	11	7	7	9	12	8	8	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.

	2014	2013	2012
Very important	34	42	45
Somewhat important	51	37	36
Not too important	12	13	16
Not important at all	3	7	2
Don't know/Refused	2		1

Question 16-a: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-defense capability?

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should increase	65	72	71	64	70	69	74	67	61	69
No, should not increase	26	18	27	32	25	24	22	25	33	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.	90	92	93	93	93	93	93	94	93	94
Japan should defend itself	96	90	97	90	91	91	96	92	94	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.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Yes, it should become a member	66	76	58	50	56	57	49	52
No, it should not become a member	20	16	40	46	41	39	47	42
Don't know/Refused	15	7	2	4	3	4	4	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	N/A	40	47	52	67	-

Question 18-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) China	24	43	54	46	56	42	38	38	43	38
(2) Japan	58	39	40	28	36	44	54	53	47	48
(3) Australia			0	10						
(4) South Korea	13	14	1	8						
(5) India			1	7						
(6) Russia	1	1	1	0	1	8	5	5	4	9
Other	0		1	1	6	3	2	3	4	5
None	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Don't know/Refused	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0

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

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.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
• Reasons for Japan										
(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										
(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