

(9) School studies	31	30	42	47	34	35	54	56	52	51	53	47
(10) Movies	47	47	51	27	24	23	40	39	37	40	39	31
(11) Seminars/symposiums and cultural events	31	27										
Japanese friends			36	32	26	25	35	33	29	29	32	30
(12) Friends/Neighbors	51	44	37	30	24	25	34	31	30	29	30	29
(13) Radio	34	32	22	35	42	43	30	30	26	34	33	35
(14) Experience in Japan	25	23	13	13	10	10	11	12	12	12	11	12

Question 6: How often do you normally access international news or information? Please select one response.

Note: This question was added in 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Everyday	44	38
(2) About 2-3 times a week	18	20
(3) About once a week	12	13
(4) About once a month	8	8
(5) About once in 2-3 months	2	3
(6) About once in 6 months	3	1
(7) About once a year	1	3
(8) I hardly access international news or information.	11	14

Question 7: Are you interested in international news or information?

Note: This question was added in 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Very interested	44	38
(2) Somewhat interested	39	44
(3) Not very interested	9	10
(4) Not at all interested	8	8

Question 8-a: Are you studying Japanese or interested in studying the Japanese language?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
(1) Yes	20	15	15	19	26	23
(2) No	79	84	85	81	74	77

Question 8-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 has been asked since 2012 (Ask only for those who chose <(2) No> for 8-a). This question changed to be asked regardless of choices for 8-a and choice (1) and (8) were added in

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
(1) Japanese	23	19			
(2) Chinese	19	17	11	13	12
(3) Korean	10	8	3	7	3
(4) Arabic	17	16	8	13	8
(5) French	31	26	29	30	27
(6) German	26	23	22	23	24
(7) Spanish	50	43	45	53	57
(8) Russian	14	12			
(9) Not interested in learning any language	32	38			

Question 8-c: (Note: Ask only for those who chose <1. Japanese>)

What is the reason to choose Japanese? Please select all that apply.

Note: This question was added in 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) I would like to visit Japan	92	97
(2) I would like to travel Japan for sightseeing	88	96
(3) I would like to work in Japan	34	30
(4) I would like to study in Japan	38	36
(5) I would like to understand Japanese culture and lifestyle	93	94
(6) I would like to enjoy Japanese cultural contents (fashion, music, movies, TV dramas, comics and animation)	84	82
(7) I would like to communicate with my Japanese friends more	64	56
(8) Japanese is necessary for my work / business	9	11
(9) Japanese can be useful in the future	88	86
(10) There is a language school close to my home	21	19
(11) Japanese is a required course in my school	5	8

Question 9: 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?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Excellent	14	16	16	16	29	26	14	16	14	13	12	9
Good	48	46	51	42	51	51	58	57	49	54	51	52
Fair	22	29	24	34	17	20	24	23	27	27	29	33
Poor	8	3	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	3
Don't know/Refused	7	6	3	3	1	1	2	2	6	2	4	3

Question 10-a: Do you think Japan is a reliable partner for the US? Please select one response.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes	82	73	73	76	84	84	79	80	67	74	69	72
No	11	15	18	10	12	13	16	15	18	21	22	21
Don't know	7	12	9	14	4	3	5	5	15	5	9	7

Question 10-b: Why do you think Japan is a reliable partner? Please select all that apply.

Note: Choices were added in 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Good relationship / the countries share the same values	76	73
(2) Economic ties (investments from Japan, good trade relationship)	90	85
(3) Contribution to security (Peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)	76	68
(4) Contribution to the stabilization of International order (Rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.)	80	71
(5) Contribution to stabilization and growth of world economy	83	74
(6) Attractive culture	74	65
(7) Development cooperation in the international community	85	58
(8) Contribution to solutions for global issues (Environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.)	75	71

Question 11: 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?

Note: This question has been asked since 1994. Section (VI) was added in 1995. Section (I) (anti-terrorism efforts), section (VII)(climate change), section (VIII) were added in 2010. Choices were changed from "Yes/No" to "Very significant/Somewhat significant/Not very significant/Not at all significant". Section (IX) and (X) were added in 2015.

(I) Security (including peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes							32	29	29	33	35	31
Very significant	35	30	22	24	16	19						
Somewhat significant	42	44	42	38	41	39						
Not very significant	12	15	19	21	31	30						
Not at all significant	4	3	7	5	7	6	61	64	60	61	56	64
Don't know/Refused	7	8	10	11	5	6	7	7	11	6	9	5

(II) The United Nations

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Very significant		31	26	29	21	22
Somewhat significant	32	43	46	42	56	55
Not very significant	44	10	13	13	14	13
Not at all significant	9	3	5	7	3	5
Don't know/Refused	5	13	10	10	6	5
	10					

(III) Global economy

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes							65	62	53	62	58	53
Very significant	52	48	51	53	50	52						
Somewhat significant	37	40	36	37	42	40						
Not very significant	4	4	7	4	6	4						
Not at all significant	3	3	2	2	1	2	33	36	42	35	38	45
Don't know/Refused	4	5	4	3	1	2	2	2	5	3	4	2

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

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes							36	34	29	34	36	34
Very significant	34	23	8	6	7	8						
Somewhat significant	49	47	26	26	32	34						
Not very significant	6	12	29	32	39	36						
Not at all significant	3	4	15	14	11	11	55	55	56	54	52	59
Don't know/Refused	9	14	23	21	11	11	9	11	15	12	12	7

(V) Science and technology

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes							70	66	60	67	65	57
Very significant	72	69	72	74	75	78						
Somewhat significant	21	25	21	19	22	20						
Not very significant	1	2	2	2	1	1						
Not at all significant	2	1	2	3	1	1	30	33	39	32	34	42
Don't know/Refused	3	4	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

(VI) Cultural exchange

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes							60	57	48	58	54	49
Very significant	36	36	38	40	36	39						
Somewhat significant	46	45	43	41	54	49						
Not very significant	9	9	9	9	7	8						
Not at all Significant	3	2	4	4	1	2	38	41	47	40	43	49
Don't know/Refused	5	7	5	6	2	2	2	2	5	2	3	2

(VII) Environment and climate change

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes							45	41	37	40	41	37
Very significant	34	30	30	32	30	25						
Somewhat significant	39	39	37	36	39	44						
Not very significant	12	13	14	13	18	20						
Not at all significant	6	6	9	9	6	6	50	54	53	53	51	57
Don't know/Refused	9	11	9	10	7	5	5	5	10	7	8	6

(VIII) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Yes							35
Very significant	39	30	27	28	23	25	
Somewhat significant	35	35	33	31	41	40	
Not very significant	11	14	17	16	22	23	
Not at all significant	4	7	8	10	6	6	27
Don't know/Refused	11	15	15	15	8	6	38

(IX) Providing Solutions for global issues (including environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.)

	2016	2015
Very significant	35	30
Somewhat significant	44	42
Not very significant	9	14

Not at all significant	5	5
Don't know/Refused	7	8

(X) Stabilization of international order (including rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.)

	2016	2015
Very significant	34	27
Somewhat significant	46	46
Not very significant	8	12
Not at all significant	5	7
Don't know/Refused	7	8

Question 12: 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?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Good	43	36	35	37	43	42	43	42	38	36	38	36
Fair	43	45	48	44	47	50	45	48	43	49	45	47
Poor	13	15	15	18	9	8	11	9	13	14	15	16
Don't know/Refused	2	4	2	1	1	0	1	1	6	1	2	1

Question 13: 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?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
More Closely	66	53	53	59	44	49
Less Closely	3	2	5	3	3	3
Stay the Same	28	40	37	34	52	48
Don't know/Refused	4	4	4	3		

Question 14: 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".

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Strengthen economic/trade relations	84	81	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	84	80	30	29	25	25	25	27	27	30	28	26
(3) Strengthen political/security relations	84	74	18	17	21	19	19	20	20	25	21	25
(4) Promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges	80	74	22	18	10	12	7	7	8	8	12	9
(5) Don't know/Refused	5	3	5	3	3	2	6	1	9	1	3	2

Question 15-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)

	2016	2015	2014
Yes, they should cooperate	91	93	91
No, they should not cooperate	6	3	5
Don't know/Refused	3	4	3

Question 15-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)

	2016	2015	2014
Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role	80	83	81
No, Japan should not play a more proactive role	12	10	9
Don't know/Refused	8	7	11

Question 16: 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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
A great deal	46	41	35	41	42	43	37	34	29	30	25	27
A moderate amount	37	36	42	40	41	42	44	46	36	47	46	45
Only a little	7	13	14	10	11	11	13	14	18	16	18	18
Not at all	5	4	3	6	4	2	3	3	6	4	5	5
Don't know/Refused	5	6	6	4	2	2	3	3	11	3	6	5

Question 17-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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should maintain	82	81	81	67	89	92	90	87	78	87	85	86
No, should not maintain	7	5	7	9	7	4	5	6	7	6	7	6
Don't know/Refused	11	4	12	24	4	4	5	7	15	7	8	8

Question 17-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY

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

	2016	2015	2014
Important to maintain long-term relationship/cooperation with ally	19	25	22
Positive effects/Treaty should stay as is	14	18	17
Ensure safety/security	9	15	23
Important to maintain peace	9	9	15

Question 17-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY

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

	2016	2015	2014
Japan doesn't need the US/can stand on its own	14	17	31
Treaty is not needed/Japan is no threat	-	15	12
Japan needs to take responsibility for its own security and military	-	13	

Question 18-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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very important	54	48	45	59	54	55	49	49	51	52	55	50
Somewhat important	33	36	38	29	36	34	39	41	33	37	32	36
Not too important	4	9	6	6	7	8	9	7	7	7	7	8
Not important at all	4	6	4	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	3	3
Don't know/Refused	5	3	6	4	0	1	1	2	5	1	3	3

Question 18-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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Very important	46	44	36	42	42
Somewhat important	35	34	40	36	39
Not too important	9	11	11	13	14
Not important at all	7	7	10	6	5
Don't know/Refused	3	4	3	3	0

Question 19: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-defense capability?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should increase	61	59	57	64	59	61	56	54	46	54	51	52
No, should not increase	28	25	28	24	37	35	37	38	39	40	39	41
Don't know/Refused	10	14	15	12	4	4	7	8	15	6	10	7

Question20-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Japan	33	27	46	35	50	31	44	46	43	48	45	48
(2) China	20	25	26	39	39	39	44	39	34	34	33	26
(3) Australia	16	17				11						
(4) South Korea	9	10	13	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1
(5) India	2	4				5						
(6) Russia	7	5	5	5	3	2	3	8	10	8	13	13
Other	-	1	0	5	3	3	2	3	2	1	2	4
None	2	1	1	5	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1
Don't know/Refused	11	9	8	4	3	2	4	2	8	6	4	6

Note: Choices for each year

2016: Japan, China, Australia, South Korea, India, Russia, Other, None, Don't know/Refused

2015: Japan, China, Australia, South Korea, India, Russia, Other, None, Don't know/Refused

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, South Korea, India, Russia, Some other country, None, Don't know/Refused

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

Question20-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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
- Reasons for Japan												
(1) Political/General ties with U.S.	35	52	63	48	44	29	33	34	37	34	26	28
(2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	26	29	19	39	21	29	28	26	20	22	18	26
(3) Nation's technology	13	9	6	8	17	15	19	17	24	21	26	24
(4) National qualities (ex. population)	18	18	8	7	8	16	9	11	9	10	18	8
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	16	3	11	12	4	3	4	7	5	6	7	4
- Reasons for China												
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	52	65	71	80	41	43	48	38	26	27	21	22
(2) Nation's technology	1	3	2	5	22	20	22	21	28	19	29	15
(3) National qualities (ex. population)	39	23	22	14	17	19	19	25	17	31	23	34
(4) Political/General ties with U.S.	15	28	28	11	11	11	5	7	19	10	15	20
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	4	4	5	7	3

Question 21-a: Which of the following countries is the most reliable?

Please select one response.

Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Japan	5	3
(2) UK	33	36
(3) France	2	2
(4) Germany	3	7
(5) Italy	0	0
(6) Canada	31	29
(7) Russia	0	0
(8) China	2	3
(9) India	0	0
(10) Brazil	0	0
(11) Mexico	2	1
(12) South Africa	0	0
(13) Australia	2	4
(14) South Korea	1	1
(15) Indonesia	0	0
(16) Saudi Arabia	1	2
(17) Turkey	0	0
(18) Argentina	0	0
(19) Other	1	0
(20) Don't know	-	7

Question 21-b: (Note: Ask only for those who DID NOT choose <1.

Japan>) Why do you think the country is the most reliable? Please

Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

	2015
(1) Good relationship / the countries share the same values	86
(2) Economic ties (investments, good trade relationship)	78
(3) Contribution to security (Peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)	74
(4) Contribution to the stabilization of International order (Rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.)	75
(5) Contribution to stabilization and growth of world economy	70
(6) Attractive culture	64
(7) Development cooperation in the international community	70
(8) Contribution to solutions for global issues (Environment, climate change, infection, population, poverty, etc.)	66
(9) No specific reason	1

Question 22: Which of the following countries is currently considered to be an important partner for the US?

Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Japan	76	66
(2) UK	79	76
(3) France	62	54
(4) Germany	69	62
(5) Italy	52	47
(6) Canada	79	74
(7) Russia	34	27
(8) China	57	42
(9) India	51	44

(10) Brazil	40	36
(11) Mexico	61	45
(12) South Africa	40	29
(13) Australia	67	56
(14) South Korea	63	51
(15) Indonesia	29	25
(16) Saudi Arabia	44	36
(17) Turkey	37	33
(18) Argentina	33	26
(19) Others	-	1
(20) No idea	-	4

Question 23 :Which of the following countries would be considered to be an important partner for the US IN THE FUTURE? Please select all
Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Japan	81	68
(2) UK	82	71
(3) France	72	58
(4) Germany	77	67
(5) Italy	63	52
(6) Canada	83	70
(7) Russia	54	48
(8) China	70	59
(9) India	68	53
(10) Brazil	58	48
(11) Mexico	72	54
(12) South Africa	57	45
(13) Australia	74	61
(14) South Korea	70	57
(15) Indonesia	47	37
(16) Saudi Arabia	55	45
(17) Turkey	50	43
(18) Argentina	48	40
(19) Others	-	11
(20) No idea	-	3

Question 24 :How do you value Japan's performance as a peace-loving nation for 70 years since the end of World War II?
Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

	2016	2015
(1) Value highly	68	57
(2) Value partially	19	30
(3) Value less	6	6
(4) Not value at all	3	3
(5) Don't know	3	3

Question 25 :When Prime Minister Shinzo Abe describes his security policy, he says that the goal is to proactively contribute even further to the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the international community from the perspective of "Proactive Contribution to Peace", based on the principle of international cooperation. Do you think this policy is valuable for maintaining global peace and international order? Please select one response.

	2015
(1) Valuable	62
(2) Rather valuable	24
(3) Rather not valuable	6
(4) Not valuable at all	4
(5) Don't know/Refused	4

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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. Choice (4),(5),(6),(7),(8) were added in 2015.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Newspapers	48	67	67	85	80	81	83	85	86	89	90	89
(2) Magazines/Books	40	66	56	82	77	76	83	81	86	83	89	85
(3) Television	53	74	67	76	75	72	76	73	75	72	80	71
Internet			81	80	83	82	61	65	58	60	56	50
(4) Website	52	69										
(5) Blog	14	13										
(6) Email newsletters	23	28										
(7) Facebook, Twitter and other SNS (social networking services)	32	34										
(8) Video-sharing websites like YouTube	27	27										
(9) School studies	24	30	20	38	35	36	60	59	61	61	62	51
(10) Radio	35	50	41	52	52	51	53	49	46	48	48	46
(Japanese friends)			25	33	38	43	49	45	44	46	52	53
(11) Seminars/ symposiums / cultural events	21	37										
(12) Friends/Neighbors	30	49	25	27	24	31	41	34	39	38	41	41
(13) Movies	29	34	26	21	18	19	33	34	30	32	40	30
(14) Experience in Japan	19		15	18	23	23	27	22	28	24	31	30

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. ood. fair. or poor?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Excellent	14	20	12	21	31	31	16	20	17	26	23	19
Good	44	55	58	65	58	56	70	61	68	60	62	64
Fair	25	20	25	12	9	12	10	15	12	11	12	14
Poor	8	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	1
Don't know/Refused	11	6	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?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Japan	50	15	52	52	76	9
China	7	2	4	1	3	1
Russia	5	0	1	3	2	0
Australia	-	67			2	78
India	-	2			0	2
South Korea	28	12	38	36	6	10
Other	4	1	1	1		
Don't know/Refused	8	3	5	6		

Note: Choices for each year

2016: Japan, China, Russia, Australia, India, South Korea, Other, Don't know/Refused

2015: Japan, China, Australia, India, South Korea, Other, Don't know/Refused

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, South Korea, Other.

Question 4-a: Please tell me whether or not you think Japan is a reliable partner of the US?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes	86	83	90	93	90	90	90	91	92	91	91	90
No	7	12	7	5	8	8	9	7	6	5	4	6
Don't know/Refused	7	6	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	5	4

Question 4-b: Why do you think Japan is a reliable partner of the US?

Note: Choices were added in 2015. Multiple choices allowed.

	2016	2015
(1) Good relationship / the countries share the same values	64	83
(2) Economic ties (investments from Japan, good trade relationship)	83	95
(3) Contribution to security (Peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)	51	74
(4) Contribution to the stabilization of International order (Rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.)	53	81
(5) Contribution to stabilization and growth of world economy	65	92
(6) Attractive culture	52	84
(7) Development cooperation in the international community	59	67
(8) Contribution to solutions for global issues (Environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.)	55	73

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?

Note: This question has been asked since 1994. Section (VI) was added in 1995. Section (I) (anti-terrorism efforts), section (VII)(climate change), section (VIII) were added in 2010. Choices were changed from "Yes/No" to "Very significant/Somewhat significant/Not very significant/Not at all significant ". Section (IX) and (X) were added in 2015.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005		
(I)Security (including peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very significant	25	26	18	19	12	14	56	45	41	43	45	39
Somewhat significant	48	50	51	41	49	45						
Not very significant	15	20	25	31	31	36						
Not at all significant	4	2	2	2	3	3						
Don't know/Refused	9	3	5	7	5	2						
(II)The United Nations												
Very significant	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Somewhat significant	27	23	18	23	25	20						
Not very significant	52	56	57	54	55	56						
Not at all significant	11	15	17	12	14	18						
Don't know/Refused	4	3	2	2	3	2						
	7	5	6	8	3	4						
(III)Global economy												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very significant	57	59	61	64	58	65	96	96	96	96	97	97
Somewhat significant	37	40	37	32	38	33						
Not very significant	2	2	2	1	3	2						
Not at all significant	3	0	0	1	1	0						
Don't know/Refused	3	1	1	2	0	0						
(IV)Official development aid, including assistance to countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very significant	25	27	5	7	7	5	60	69	57	61	70	70
Somewhat significant	53	56	38	29	46	40						
Not very significant	9	10	36	36	34	40						
Not at all significant	2	2	4	9	6	7						
Don't know/Refused	11	6	17	18	7	8						
(V)Science and technology												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very significant	75	74	74	74	72	71	98	97	96	96	97	96
Somewhat significant	21	25	24	24	26	27						
Not very significant	2	1	1		2	1						
Not at all significant	1	0	0		0	0						
Don't know/Refused	2	0	2	1	0	1						
(VI)Cultural exchange												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very significant	37	44	35	34	34	36	78	79	71	68	76	65
Somewhat significant	47	50	52	52	52	48						
Not very significant	9	6	11	9	10	13						
Not at all significant	3	0	0	3	2	1						
Don't know/Refused	5	1	4	2	2	2						
(VII)Environment and climate change												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very significant	32	37	25	32	33	21	63	71	66	64	73	69
Somewhat significant	44	43	48	44	46	51						
Not very significant	12	15	17	16	15	20						
Not at all significant	6	2	3	3	3	4						
Don't know/Refused	7	5	8	4	3	4						
(VIII)Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation												
Yes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010					
Very significant	28	33	34	27	29	28	54					
Somewhat significant	39	38	39	43	40	39						
Not very significant	17	21	17	20	24	26						
Not at all significant	7	4	3	2	3	5						
Don't know/Refused	10	6	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?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Good	33	38	32	39	44	35	32	39	27	23	25	23
Fair	51	54	56	53	48	51	56	52	57	60	58	60
Poor	16	8	10	7	8	14	11	9	15	16	16	17
Don't know/Refused	1	1	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?

Note: This question has been asked since 2011.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
More closely	62	38	63	52	43	46
Less closely	3	54	2	1	1	3
Stay the same	33	8	35	45	55	50
Don't know/Refused	4	1	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?

Note: This question has been asked since 1995. The word "climate change" was added in choice (2), and the word "people-to-people" was added in choice (4).

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Strengthen economic/trade relations	34	34	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	25	30	29	27	22	22	18	29	31	29	27	28
(3) Strengthen political/security relations	14	19	18	16	20	16	18	19	24	26	20	16
(4) Promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges	21	17	14	11	8	16	8	4	4	8	8	6
(5) Don't know/Refused	6	2	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?

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Cooperate more	34	33	29	33	29	29	57	66	51	52	60	49
Compete more	36	29	33	31	27	34	39	31	44	42	38	47
Don't know/Refused	3	2	3	1	2	37	4	3	5	6	2	4
No change	28	37	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)

Note: This question has been asked since 2010. Multiple choices have been allowed since 2014.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
(1) Cooperate in negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership	57	78	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	86	90	91	95	88	89
(4) Other	21	27	23	49	30	30
(5) Develop natural resources such as shale gas	57	52	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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
(1) The U.S. should adopt the Japanese high-speed railway system	48	48	47	41	41	34	49
(2) The U.S. should not adopt any high-speed railway system	22	18	17	14	28	28	23
(3) The U.S. should adopt another country's railway system	11	12	14	11	13	14	12
(4) Other/Don't know/Refused	20	24	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?

	2016	2015	2014
Yes, they should cooperate	96	100	97
No, they should not cooperate	3	1	2
Don't know / Refused	2	0	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)

	2016	2015	2014
Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role	85	88	88
No, Japan should not play a more proactive role	10	9	7
Don't know / Refused	6	4	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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
A great deal	51	52	49	54	58	58	51	44	42	47	42	40
A moderate amount	37	34	40	33	31	32	34	39	40	41	40	40
Only a little	6	10	10	8	8	6	8	10	13	6	14	14
Not at all	4	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	4	4	3	4
Don't know/Refused	4	3	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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should maintain	86	84	85	77	93	91	86	89	87	88	90	83
No, should not maintain	3	5	5	6	3	4	6	5	7	6	4	6
Don't know/Refused	11	12	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)

	2016	2015	2014
It is important to maintaining peace/security in the region (including threats from China and Korea)	31	43	43
Important to maintain long-term relationship	36	41	32
It is a relationship that benefits both countries	24	44	27

Question 14-b: BASE: SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN TREATY
Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results) (NEW: 2014)

	2016	2015	2014
Treaty is not needed/Needed to re-think treaty	17	11	70
Japan needs to take responsibility for its own security	33	78	30
The cost is too high.	17	22	

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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Very important	42	51	45	53	53	56	55	53	47	57	51	48
Somewhat important	44	34	43	35	33	34	34	36	40	31	37	34
Not too important	6	7	6	8	11	7	7	9	12	8	8	14
Not important at all	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	2
Don't know/Refused	6	9	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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Very important	44	48	34	42	45
Somewhat important	40	33	51	37	36
Not too important	11	17	12	13	16
Not important at all	6	3	3	7	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	2		1

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

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yes, should increase	66	65	65	72	71	64	70	69	74	67	61	69
No, should not increase	22	28	26	18	27	32	25	24	22	25	33	25
Don't know/Refused	12	9	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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Japan should make contributions to peace and stability in Asia	97	99	97	99	94	97	99	98	98	97	97	97
Japan should share the defense burden with the U.S.	89	96	90	92	93	93	93	93	93	94	93	94
Japan should defend itself	95	94	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.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Yes, it should become a member	69	69	66	76	58	50	56	57	49	52
No, it should not become a member	18	24	20	16	40	46	41	39	47	42
Don't know/Refused	13	8	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. Choice (6) was added in 2014.

	2016	2015	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	91	97	94	91	90	95	93	93	95	96
(2) Japan shares common values with the United States, such as democracy and human rights	80	87	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	86	85	90	87	86	90	88	92	92	87
(4) Japan is a dependable ally	88	88	90	92	89	87	88	92	88	87
(5) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security	72	80	77	82	73	82	78	74	71	75
(6) Other (NEW: 2014)	20	18	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 in 2009.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
(1) Japan does not provide enough personnel to Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) and other multinational forces	56	57	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	47	43	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	56	74	63	58	59	61	57	62	60
(4) No increase should be made to the number of UN Security Council permanent members	72	64	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]	NA	0	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?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) China	21	19	24	43	54	46	56	42	38	38	43	38
(2) Japan	34	48	58	39	40	28	36	44	54	53	47	48
(3) Australia	14	13			0	10						
(4) South Korea	13	6	13	14	1	8						
(5) India	5	3			1	7						
(6) Russia	5	3	1	1	1	0	1	8	5	5	4	9
Other	3	3	0		1	1	6	3	2	3	4	5
None	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Don't know/Refused	7	5	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0

Note: Choices for each year

2016: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, India, Australia, Other, None, Don't know/Refused

2015: Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, India, Australia, Other, None, Don't know/Refused

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, South 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	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Political/General ties with U.S.	31	54	59	61	55	34	52	37	49	43	38	39
(2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	33	55	37	56	19	36	20	27	23	24	31	30
(3) Nation's technology	13	8	6	8	9	14	10	14	14	17	15	14
(4) National qualities (ex. population)	25	19	14	6	13	13	9	15	9	11	12	14
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	10	24	22	19	1	-	2	2	3	2	4	2
(6) Other	4	8	7		2	2	6	5	2	3	0	1
- Reasons for China	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	54	79	68	78	37	43	34	31	32	27	32	33
(2) Nation's technology	5	0	4	1	26	16	23	20	21	17	18	14
(3) National qualities (ex. population)	44	34	49	35	24	26	25	33	34	42	29	39
(4) Political/General ties with U.S.	2	34	34	26	9	12	9	11	8	9	14	12
(5) Personal qualities/Culture of people	-	8	4	3	1	3	4	3	2	2	5	1
(6) Other	20	0	0		2	-	5	2	3	2	2	1