

Opinion Poll: 2019 U.S. Image of Japan

(Unit: %)

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)

Note: This question has been asked since 2006. Wording in (8) changed from "a country that has shown leadership in global society" in 2017. Wording in (3) changed from "a country with a strong economy and high-technology," (8) from "a country that currently shares the same values with the United States, such as democracy and liberalism," and (12) from "a country that Americans should be wary of" in 2018.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) a country that has great tradition and culture | 63 | 59 | 71 | 95 | 96 | 92 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 96 | 92 | 95 | 94 |
| (2) a country with a strong economy and advanced technology | 54 | 51 | 58 | 84 | 79 | 81 | 90 | 88 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 80 | 78 | 81 |
| (3) A country with beautiful nature | 55 | 49 | 61 | 87 | 81 | 86 | 92 | 91 | 91 | 90 | 88 | 91 | 94 | 93 |
| (4) a country that shares new cultural concepts with the world in areas such as animation, fashion, and cuisine | 41 | 35 | 47 | 79 | 80 | 78 | 82 | 90 | 88 | 82 | 80 | 73 | 78 | |
| (5) a country with a high standard of living | 38 | 30 | 39 | 75 | 66 | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) a country that has consistently followed the path of a peace-loving nation since the end of World War II | 31 | 26 | 34 | 82 | 80 | 81 | | | | | | | | |
| (7) a country that plays a leadership role in the international community | 27 | 20 | 30 | 59 | 54 | 48 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 62 | 65 | 59 | 64 | |
| (8) a country that embraces values such as democracy and liberalism | 18 | 16 | 19 | 60 | 52 | 58 | 59 | 64 | 59 | 55 | | | | |
| (9) a country that is conservative and closed | 14 | 11 | 14 | 35 | 42 | 42 | 38 | 39 | 42 | 45 | 45 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
| (10) a country that is difficult to understand | 14 | 11 | 15 | 49 | 46 | 52 | 55 | 46 | 47 | 49 | | | | |
| (11) a militant country | 8 | 8 | 6 | 28 | 30 | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) a country that one should be wary of | 7 | 5 | 6 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 27 | 21 | 26 | 26 | 22 | 31 | 29 | 30 |

Question 2: Which aspects of Japan would you like to know more about? Please select all that apply.

Note: This question was added in 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Culture | 60 | 49 | 58 | 72 | 68 |
| (2) Tourism | 48 | 44 | 46 | 59 | 65 |
| (3) History | 48 | 40 | 41 | 69 | 66 |
| (4) Science / Technology | 38 | 26 | 35 | 70 | 65 |
| (5) Economy | 28 | 20 | 22 | 59 | 53 |
| (6) Politics/Diplomacy/Security issues | 25 | 14 | 19 | 62 | 52 |
| (7) Economic and technical cooperation (Official Development Assistance-ODA) | 20 | 14 | 17 | 49 | 49 |
| (8) Companies/Business | 19 | 14 | 13 | 59 | 57 |
| (9) Other | 3 | 2 | 3 | 34 | 24 |
| (10) Nothing special | 14 | 21 | 20 | 9 | 10 |

Question 3: For each of the following areas of Japanese culture, please tell me if you are interested or not interested in the topic. (MA)

Note: Choice (2) and (4) were added to the survey in 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japanese food | 62 | 52 | 57 | 70 | 69 | 68 | 73 | 86 | 84 |
| (2) Japanese lifestyle and thought | 48 | 36 | 43 | 65 | 59 | | | | |
| (3) Architecture | 37 | 27 | 32 | 66 | 61 | | | | |
| (4) Bonsai | 33 | 27 | 34 | 49 | 42 | 43 | 49 | 60 | 62 |
| (5) Tea ceremony | 28 | 23 | 27 | 47 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 53 | 52 |
| (6) Sumo or Japanese martial arts (such as Karate, Judo or Kendo) | 26 | 17 | 19 | 50 | 48 | 51 | 53 | 62 | 61 |
| (7) Japanese fashion (including KIMONO) | 26 | 17 | 23 | 39 | 35 | 28 | 34 | 40 | 39 |
| (8) Flower arrangement | 25 | 17 | 21 | 46 | 43 | 48 | 52 | 51 | 55 |
| (9) Video games/ Online games | 24 | 17 | 19 | 24 | 27 | 36 | 38 | 35 | 37 |
| (10) Japanese movies and dramas | 22 | 18 | 22 | 48 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 57 | 63 |
| (11) Calligraphy | 22 | 18 | 20 | 38 | 34 | 41 | 41 | 60 | 58 |
| (12) Japanese Animation (also known as Anime) | 22 | 22 | 18 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 39 | 59 | 56 |
| (13) Traditional Japanese music (such as Gagaku, Koto (Japanese harp), Japanese drum, Shamisen) | 21 | 17 | 16 | 40 | 36 | 29 | 33 | 48 | 47 |
| (14) Japanese literature or Haiku | 21 | 14 | 17 | 42 | 38 | 32 | 31 | 37 | 50 |
| (15) Traditional Japanese theater (such as Kabuki, Noh, Kyogen, or Bunraku) | 20 | 14 | 17 | 44 | 43 | 35 | 41 | 49 | 52 |
| (16) Japanese comics (also known as Manga) | 16 | 12 | 17 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 21 | 17 | 15 |
| (17) Japanese pop music (J-POP) | 15 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 25 | 22 |
| (18) None of the above | 12 | 18 | 18 | | | | | | |

Question 4: From what sources do you acquire information or knowledge? Please select all that apply.

Note: This question was added in 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Websites | 64 | 59 | 66 | 71 | 65 |
| (2) Television | 64 | 59 | 63 | 79 | 82 |
| (3) Magazines and books | 45 | 43 | 51 | 75 | 79 |
| (4) Friends / Family / Relatives | 45 | 40 | 46 | 66 | 67 |
| (5) Movies | 39 | 31 | 37 | 56 | 59 |
| (6) Facebook, Twitter and other SNS (social networking services) | 37 | 30 | 32 | 46 | 47 |
| (7) Video-sharing websites like YouTube | 37 | 29 | 33 | 49 | 52 |
| (8) Newspapers | 34 | 29 | 32 | 52 | 61 |
| (9) Traveling or Studying abroad | 22 | 19 | 22 | 50 | 50 |
| (10) Radio | 23 | 18 | 23 | 39 | 38 |
| (11) School studies | 18 | 15 | 19 | 41 | 40 |
| (12) Email newsletters | 15 | 15 | 15 | 32 | 32 |
| (13) Blogs | 15 | 14 | 15 | 25 | 24 |
| (14) Seminars/symposiums and cultural events | 14 | 11 | 14 | 46 | 38 |
| (15) None of the above | 5 | 9 | 6 | | |

Question 5: 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 (1), (4), (7), (9), (10), (12) and (14) were added in 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Website *Wording changed from "Internet" in 2018. | 43 | 35 | 37 | 55 | 52 | 65 | 69 | 67 | 66 | 57 | 52 | 39 | 43 | 38 | 33 |
| (2) Television | 37 | 25 | 34 | 67 | 71 | 70 | 77 | 79 | 82 | 81 | 79 | 74 | 80 | 78 | 78 |
| (3) Video-sharing websites like YouTube | 22 | 14 | 15 | 36 | 39 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) Magazines/Books | 21 | 19 | 24 | 62 | 61 | 59 | 58 | 58 | 59 | 69 | 71 | 64 | 72 | 67 | 62 |
| (5) Movies | 19 | 13 | 17 | 47 | 47 | 51 | 27 | 24 | 23 | 40 | 39 | 37 | 40 | 39 | 31 |
| (6) Facebook, Twitter and other SNS (social networking services) | 19 | 12 | 12 | 30 | 34 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) Friends / Family / Relatives | 16 | 13 | 14 | 51 | 44 | 37 | 30 | 24 | 25 | 34 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 29 |
| (8) Newspapers | 12 | 10 | 11 | 44 | 48 | 45 | 65 | 63 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 63 | 71 | 71 | 70 |
| (9) Traveling or Studying abroad | 10 | 7 | 9 | 25 | 23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) School studies | 7 | 5 | 7 | 31 | 30 | 42 | 47 | 34 | 35 | 54 | 56 | 52 | 51 | 53 | 47 |
| (11) Blogs | 7 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) Seminars/Symposiums and cultural events | 5 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) Radio | 4 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 32 | 22 | 35 | 42 | 43 | 30 | 30 | 26 | 34 | 33 | 35 |
| (14) Email newsletters | 3 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (15) I have not acquired information about Japan | 19 | 29 | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Japanese friends | | | | | | 36 | 32 | 26 | 25 | 35 | 33 | 29 | 29 | 32 | 30 |
| Experience in Japan | | | | | | 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Everyday | 18 | 24 | 20 | 44 | 38 |
| (2) About 2-3 times a week | 19 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 20 |
| (3) About once a week | 16 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 13 |
| (4) About once a month | 11 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| (5) About once in 2-3 months | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| (6) About once in 6 months | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| (7) About once a year | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (8) I hardly access international news or information. | 22 | 20 | 25 | 11 | 14 |
| (9) Don't know/Refused | | | | 2 | |

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

Note: This question was added in 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Very interested | 34 | 31 | 30 | 44 | 38 |
| (2) Somewhat interested | 47 | 45 | 45 | 39 | 44 |
| (3) Not very interested | 12 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 10 |
| (4) Not at all interested | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |

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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | 32 | 27 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 26 | 23 |
| (2) No | 68 | 73 | 75 | 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: Prior to 2018, this question was only asked of those who were not interested in learning Japanese.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Spanish | 42 | 41 | 45 | 50 | 43 | 45 | 53 | 57 |
| (2) Japanese | 38 | 29 | 28 | 23 | 19 | | | |
| (3) French | 36 | 28 | 32 | 31 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 27 |
| (4) German | 30 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| (5) Chinese | 25 | 19 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 11 | 13 | 12 |
| (6) Russian | 16 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 12 | | | |
| (7) Korean | 15 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| (78) Arabic | 12 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 13 | 8 |
| (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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) I would like to visit Japan | 70 | 67 | 75 | 92 | 97 |
| (2) I would like to travel Japan for sightseeing | 60 | 48 | 59 | 88 | 96 |
| (3) I would like to understand Japanese culture and lifestyle | 58 | 56 | 67 | 93 | 94 |
| (4) I would like to enjoy Japanese cultural contents (fashion, music, movies, TV dramas, comics and animation) | 50 | 47 | 54 | 84 | 82 |
| (5) Japanese can be useful in the future | 42 | 39 | 38 | 88 | 86 |
| (6) I would like to communicate with my Japanese friends more | 25 | 15 | 18 | 64 | 56 |
| (7) I would like to work in Japan | 21 | 20 | 12 | 34 | 30 |
| (8) I would like to study in Japan | 18 | 27 | 15 | 38 | 36 |
| (9) There is a language school close to my home | 6 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| (10) Japanese is necessary for my work/business | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 11 |
| (11) Japanese is a required course in my school | 10 | 8 | 5 | 21 | 19 |
| (12) Other | 2 | 6 | 7 | | |

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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Excellent | 18 | 19 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 29 | 26 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 9 |
| (2) Good | 45 | 51 | 52 | 48 | 46 | 51 | 42 | 51 | 51 | 58 | 57 | 49 | 54 | 51 | 52 |
| (3) Fair | 31 | 27 | 26 | 22 | 29 | 24 | 34 | 17 | 20 | 24 | 23 | 27 | 27 | 29 | 33 |
| (4) Poor | 6 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| (5) 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | 85 | 82 | 87 | 82 | 73 | 73 | 76 | 84 | 84 | 79 | 80 | 67 | 74 | 69 | 72 |
| (2) No | 15 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 15 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 22 | 21 |
| (3) 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Economic ties (investments from Japan, good trade relationship) | 67 | 62 | 72 | 90 | 85 |
| (2) Contribution to stabilization and growth of world economy | 53 | 46 | 55 | 83 | 74 |
| (3) Good relationship / the countries share the same values | 46 | 44 | 43 | 76 | 73 |
| (4) Contribution to security (peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts) | 43 | 36 | 43 | 76 | 68 |
| (5) Contribution to solutions for global issues (Environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.) | 43 | 35 | 41 | 75 | 71 |
| (6) Attractive culture | 41 | 34 | 35 | 74 | 65 |
| (7) Development cooperation in the international community | 40 | 39 | 38 | 85 | 58 |
| (8) Contribution to stabilization of international order (rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.) | 39 | 38 | 37 | 80 | 71 |
| (9) Other | 5 | 6 | 4 | | |

Question 11: Are you aware that Japan contributes to the US economy through its investment?

Note: This question is added in 2017.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | 66 | 59 | 67 |
| (2) No | 34 | 41 | 33 |

Question 12: 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 (IV) was added in 1995. "Anti-terrorism efforts" in section (I), "climate change" in section (VII), and 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)

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 32 | 29 | 29 | 33 | 35 | 31 |
| (2) Very significant | 28 | 24 | 22 | 35 | 30 | 22 | 24 | 16 | 19 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 51 | 53 | 52 | 42 | 44 | 42 | 38 | 41 | 39 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 18 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 15 | 19 | 21 | 31 | 30 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 61 | 64 | 60 | 61 | 56 | 64 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 7 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 5 |

(II) The United Nations

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Very significant | 30 | 26 | 24 | 32 | 31 | 26 | 29 | 21 | 22 |
| (2) Somewhat significant | 54 | 56 | 56 | 44 | 43 | 46 | 42 | 56 | 55 |
| (3) Not very significant | 12 | 14 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 13 |
| (4) Not at all significant | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | | | | 10 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 5 |

(III) Global economy

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 62 | 53 | 62 | 58 | 53 |
| (2) Very significant | 42 | 39 | 42 | 52 | 48 | 51 | 53 | 50 | 52 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 48 | 48 | 49 | 37 | 40 | 36 | 37 | 42 | 40 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 8 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 4 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 33 | 36 | 42 | 35 | 38 | 45 |
| (6) 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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 36 | 34 | 29 | 34 | 36 | 34 |
| (2) Very significant | 25 | 23 | 20 | 34 | 23 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 53 | 57 | 55 | 49 | 47 | 26 | 26 | 32 | 34 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 17 | 16 | 21 | 6 | 12 | 29 | 32 | 39 | 36 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 55 | 55 | 56 | 54 | 52 | 59 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 9 | 14 | 23 | 21 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 7 |

(V) Science and technology

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 70 | 66 | 60 | 67 | 65 | 57 |
| (2) Very significant | 54 | 48 | 54 | 72 | 69 | 72 | 74 | 75 | 78 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 38 | 41 | 38 | 21 | 25 | 21 | 19 | 22 | 20 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 5 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 33 | 39 | 32 | 34 | 42 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

(VI) Cultural exchange

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 60 | 57 | 48 | 58 | 54 | 49 |
| (2) Very significant | 33 | 30 | 30 | 36 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 36 | 39 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 50 | 54 | 54 | 46 | 45 | 43 | 41 | 54 | 49 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 14 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 38 | 41 | 47 | 40 | 43 | 49 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 5 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

(VII) Environment and climate change

* including "global issues such as population and AIDS" till 2010

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 45 | 41 | 37 | 40 | 41 | 37 |
| (2) Very significant | 29 | 26 | 23 | 34 | 30 | 30 | 32 | 30 | 25 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 46 | 49 | 50 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 36 | 39 | 44 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 21 | 19 | 22 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 18 | 20 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 50 | 54 | 53 | 53 | 51 | 57 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 6 |

(VIII) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| (2) Very significant | 29 | 27 | 23 | 39 | 30 | 27 | 28 | 23 | 25 | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 43 | 47 | 48 | 35 | 35 | 33 | 31 | 41 | 40 | |
| (4) Not very significant | 23 | 21 | 24 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 22 | 23 | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 27 |
| (6) 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.)

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | |
| (2) Very significant | 28 | 26 | 24 | 35 | 30 |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 52 | 52 | 52 | 44 | 42 |
| (4) Not very significant | 15 | 17 | 19 | 9 | 14 |
| (5) Not at all significant | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 7 | 8 |

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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | |
| (2) Very significant | 27 | 23 | 23 | 34 | 27 |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 54 | 57 | 56 | 46 | 46 |
| (4) Not very significant | 16 | 16 | 17 | 8 | 12 |
| (5) Not at all significant | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | | | | 7 | 8 |

Question 13: 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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Good | 36 | 34 | 27 | 43 | 36 | 35 | 37 | 43 | 42 | 43 | 42 | 38 | 36 | 38 | 36 |
| (2) Fair | 53 | 56 | 59 | 43 | 45 | 48 | 44 | 47 | 50 | 45 | 48 | 43 | 49 | 45 | 47 |
| (3) Poor | 10 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| (4) Don't know/Refused | | | | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Question 14: 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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) More closely | 56 | 50 | 51 | 66 | 53 | 53 | 59 | 44 | 49 |
| (2) Less closely | 9 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (3) Stay the same | 35 | 39 | 44 | 28 | 40 | 37 | 34 | 52 | 48 |
| (4) Don't know/Refused | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | |

Question 15: 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. In 2010, words "climate change" and "infectious diseases" were added and "AIDS" was removed in (2), and "people-to-people exchanges" was added in (4). This question became a multiple answer question in 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Strengthen economic/trade relations | 72 | 70 | 75 | 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 | 60 | 56 | 61 | 84 | 74 | 18 | 17 | 21 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 21 | 25 |
| (3) Strengthen political/security relations | 59 | 52 | 57 | 84 | 80 | 30 | 29 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 27 | 27 | 30 | 28 | 26 |
| (4) Promote cultural and people-to-people exchange | 48 | 42 | 48 | 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 16-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?

Note: This question has been asked in 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | 92 | 90 | 95 | 91 | 93 | 91 |
| (2) No | 8 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | | | | 3 | 4 | 3 |

Question 16-b: Do you think that Japan should play a more proactive role in order to ensure peace and security in Asia-Pacific region?

Note: This question has been asked in 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | 69 | 62 | 63 | 80 | 83 | 81 |
| (2) No | 6 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 9 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 24 | 30 | 32 | 8 | 7 | 11 |

Question 17: 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) A great deal | 33 | 32 | 28 | 46 | 41 | 35 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 37 | 34 | 29 | 30 | 25 | 27 |
| (2) A moderate amount | 48 | 49 | 52 | 37 | 36 | 42 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 44 | 46 | 36 | 47 | 46 | 45 |
| (3) Only a little | 16 | 15 | 17 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 18 |
| (4) Not at all | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | | | | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 5 |

Question 18-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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, should maintain | 73 | 69 | 68 | 82 | 81 | 81 | 67 | 89 | 92 | 90 | 87 | 78 | 87 | 85 | 86 |
| (2) No, should not maintain | 7 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 20 | 25 | 28 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 24 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 8 |

Question 18-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY
Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results)

Note: This question has been asked since 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Important to maintain long-term relationship/cooperation with ally | 12 | 8 | 15 | 19 | 25 | 22 |
| (2) Important to maintain peace | 11 | 23 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 15 |
| (3) There's mutual need/interest/benefit | 11 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 5 | |
| (4) Ensure safety/Military/Security reasons | 10 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 15 | 23 |
| (5) Good relationship/Current ally | 7 | 10 | 7 | | | |

Question 18-b: BASE: THINKS US SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN CURRENT TREATY
Why do you think so? (OPEN END - top results)

Note: This question has been asked since 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Will cause a lack of trust/Feeling of resentment between countries | 15 | 11 | 8 | | | |
| (2) Treaty is not needed / Japan is no threat | 7 | | | | 15 | 12 |
| (3) Japan doesn't need the US/can stand on its own | 4 | 10 | 19 | | 13 | |
| (4) Expansion of power over Japan | | 6 | 26 | 16 | 7 | 27 |
| (5) Need better relations with U.S. The U.S. should not get involved with Japan/Should | 4 | 15 | 5 | 27 | | |

Question 19-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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Very important | 42 | 38 | 39 | 54 | 48 | 45 | 59 | 54 | 55 | 49 | 49 | 51 | 52 | 55 | 50 |
| (2) Somewhat important | 49 | 51 | 51 | 33 | 36 | 38 | 29 | 36 | 34 | 39 | 41 | 33 | 37 | 32 | 36 |
| (3) Not too important | 7 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| (4) Not important at all | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | | | | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 |

Question 19-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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Very important | 42 | 38 | 40 | 46 | 44 | 36 | 42 | 42 |
| (2) Somewhat important | 46 | 47 | 43 | 35 | 34 | 40 | 36 | 39 |
| (3) Not too important | 10 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 14 |
| (4) Not important at all | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | | | | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |

Question 20: Do you think Japan should or should not increase its self-defense

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, should increase | 47 | 43 | 46 | 61 | 59 | 57 | 64 | 59 | 61 | 56 | 54 | 46 | 54 | 51 | 52 |
| (2) No, should not increase | 18 | 19 | 14 | 28 | 25 | 28 | 24 | 37 | 35 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 39 | 41 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 35 | 38 | 40 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 7 |

Question 21-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 34 | 31 | 33 | 33 | 27 | 46 | 35 | 50 | 31 | 44 | 46 | 43 | 48 | 45 | 48 |
| (2) China | 22 | 19 | 18 | 20 | 25 | 26 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 44 | 39 | 34 | 34 | 33 | 26 |
| (3) South Korea | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (4) Australia | 4 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 17 | | | | 11 | | | | | | |
| (5) Russia | 4 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 13 |
| (6) India | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| (7) Other | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (8) None | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| (9) Don't know/Refused | 21 | 25 | 25 | 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

Question 21-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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 19 | 12 | 17 | 26 | 29 | 19 | 39 | 21 | 29 | 28 | 26 | 20 | 22 | 18 | 26 |
| (2) Good relationship/Current ally | 14 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) Location/Proximity to other countries | 10 | 9 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) Beneficial/Good for both countries | 10 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) Nation's economy/Strong economy | 9 | 8 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- Reasons for China

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 50 | 39 | 45 | 52 | 65 | 71 | 80 | 41 | 43 | 48 | 38 | 26 | 27 | 21 | 22 |
| (2) Nation's economy/Strong economy | 15 | 22 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) National qualities (ex. Population) | 10 | 17 | 17 | 39 | 23 | 22 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 25 | 17 | 31 | 23 | 34 |
| (4) Nation's strength/power | 9 | 7 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) Nation's technology | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 28 | 19 | 29 | 15 |

Question 22-a: Which of the following countries in Asia is the most reliable for the U.S.? Please select one response.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 37 | 31 | 36 | 38 |
| (2) Australia | 11 | 16 | 14 | 27 |
| (3) South Korea | 9 | 9 | 8 | 11 |
| (4) China | 8 | 6 | 5 | 8 |
| (5) India | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| (6) Russia | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (7) Other | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| (8) None | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| (9) Don't know/Refused | 26 | 30 | 31 | 10 |

Question 22-b: Why do you think the country is the most reliable friend? (OPEN END, top five answers)

- Reasons for Japan

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trustworthy/Reliable | 17 | 10 | 12 | |
| (2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 11 | 10 | 11 | 26 |
| (3) Good relationship/Current ally | 10 | 15 | | |
| (4) History/Past performance | 7 | 13 | 5 | |
| (5) Friendly nation/No history of conflict/war | 7 | 5 | 3 | |

- Reasons for China

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 24 | 37 | 41 | 30 |
| (2) Trustworthy / Reliable | 14 | 5 | 2 | |
| (3) Nation's economy/strong economy | 8 | 12 | 16 | |
| (4) Other national/ cultural qualities mentions | 6 | 1 | 5 | |
| (5) National/International security/Keeping the peace | 2 | 10 | 2 | |

- Reasons for Australia

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Friendly nation / No history of conflict/war | 15 | 14 | 8 | |
| (2) Share same values/Interests | 15 | 11 | | |
| (3) Good relationship/Current ally | 13 | 16 | | |
| (4) Trustworthy / Reliable | 9 | 5 | 13 | |
| (5) Nation's economy/Strong economy | 5 | 6 | | |

- Reasons for South Korea

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Good relationship/Current ally | 11 | 11 | | |
| (2) History/Past performance | 10 | 7 | 2 | |
| (3) Trustworthy / Reliable | 10 | 1 | 6 | |
| (4) Current conflict in North Korea/Allies against North Korea | 6 | 15 | 14 | |
| (5) Need each other/Dependency on each other | 7 | 5 | 14 | |

- Reasons for India

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Good relationship/Current ally | 12 | 19 | | |
| (2) Good country/I like it | 10 | 30 | | |
| (3) Friendly nation/No history of conflict/war | 10 | 16 | 18 | |
| (4) Trustworthy / Reliable | 10 | 2 | 9 | |
| (5) Trade / Economic relations with U.S. | 9 | 5 | 9 | 12 |

- Reasons for Russia

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Nation's economy/Strong economy | 12 | 38 | | |
| (2) Military capabilities/relations | 11 | 3 | 9 | |
| (3) Trade / Economic relations with U.S. | 1 | 3 | | 5 |
| (4) Other national/cultural qualities mentions | | 30 | 9 | |
| (5) Need each other/Dependency on each other | | 5 | | |

Question 23: Which of the following countries is the most reliable? Please select one response.

Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) UK | 20 | 20 | 24 | 33 | 36 |
| (2) Canada | 17 | 17 | 16 | 31 | 29 |
| (3) Japan | 14 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| (4) Australia | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| (5) The EU | 4 | | | | |
| (6) China | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| (7) Germany | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| (8) France | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| (9) Mexico | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| (10) South Korea | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (11) Italy | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| (12) Saudi Arabia | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| (13) Russia | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| (14) India | | 1 | 0 | | |
| (15) Israel | | | 1 | 1 | |
| (16) None | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| (17) Don't know | | 27 | 28 | | 7 |

Question 24: Which of the following countries is currently considered to be an important partner for the US? Please select all that apply.

Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 45 | 44 | 49 | 76 | 66 |
| (2) UK | 41 | 43 | 49 | 79 | 76 |
| (3) Canada | 38 | 44 | 43 | 79 | 74 |
| (4) South Korea | 27 | 31 | 35 | 63 | 51 |
| (5) Germany | 26 | 33 | 32 | 69 | 62 |
| (6) France | 25 | 29 | 31 | 62 | 54 |
| (7) Australia | 23 | 24 | 30 | 67 | 56 |
| (8) China | 21 | 23 | 26 | 57 | 42 |
| (9) The EU | 21 | | | | |
| (10) Mexico | 17 | 22 | 22 | 61 | 45 |
| (11) Saudi Arabia | 16 | 14 | 17 | 44 | 36 |
| (12) Italy | 16 | 14 | 16 | 52 | 47 |
| (13) India | 10 | 12 | 13 | 51 | 44 |
| (14) Russia | 9 | 9 | 8 | 34 | 27 |
| (15) Brazil | 6 | 9 | 7 | 40 | 36 |
| (16) South Africa | 6 | 8 | 5 | 40 | 29 |
| (17) Turkey | 5 | 8 | 7 | 37 | 33 |
| (18) Argentina | 4 | 6 | 4 | 33 | 26 |
| (19) Indonesia | 4 | 5 | 3 | 29 | 25 |
| (20) Israel | | 0 | 1 | | |
| (21) None | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 1 |
| (22) Don't know | 19 | 21 | 23 | | 4 |

Question 25: Which of the following countries would be considered to be an important partner for the US IN THE FUTURE? Please select all that apply.

Note: This question has been asked since 2015.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 44 | 43 | 46 | 81 | 68 |
| (2) Canada | 37 | 40 | 43 | 83 | 70 |
| (3) UK | 36 | 37 | 44 | 82 | 71 |
| (4) Germany | 30 | 35 | 35 | 77 | 67 |
| (5) South Korea | 30 | 31 | 36 | 70 | 57 |
| (6) France | 29 | 32 | 34 | 72 | 58 |
| (7) Australia | 29 | 27 | 32 | 74 | 61 |
| (8) China | 28 | 31 | 37 | 70 | 59 |
| (9) The EU | 25 | | | | |
| (10) Mexico | 24 | 29 | 29 | 72 | 54 |
| (11) Italy | 20 | 22 | 22 | 63 | 52 |
| (12) India | 20 | 18 | 22 | 68 | 53 |
| (13) Saudi Arabia | 18 | 17 | 22 | 55 | 45 |
| (14) Russia | 17 | 16 | 17 | 54 | 48 |
| (15) Brazil | 15 | 14 | 17 | 58 | 48 |
| (16) South Africa | 15 | 13 | 14 | 57 | 45 |
| (17) Turkey | 10 | 13 | 15 | 50 | 43 |
| (18) Argentina | 9 | 10 | 10 | 48 | 40 |
| (19) Indonesia | 9 | 9 | 11 | 47 | 37 |
| (20) Israel | | 0 | 1 | | |
| (21) Other | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| (22) None | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (23) Don't know | 21 | 23 | 24 | 3 | 3 |

Question 26: How do you value Japan's performance as a peace-loving nation for 70 years since the end of World War II?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Value highly | 48 | 45 | 49 | 63 |
| (2) Value partially | 37 | 41 | 37 | 26 |
| (3) Value less | 14 | 12 | 12 | 5 |
| (4) Not value at all | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| (5) Don't know | | | | 1 |

Question 27: How valuable do you think this policy is for maintaining global peace and international order?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Valueable | 49 | 51 | 49 | 68 | 62 |
| (2) Somewhat valuable | 34 | 35 | 36 | 19 | 24 |
| (3) Slightly valuable | 14 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 6 |
| (4) Not valueable at all | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (5) Don't know | | | | 3 | 4 |

Question 28-a: How do you think the Japan-US relationship has changed since the inauguration of President Trump?

Note: This question was added in 2017.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| (1) Has improved | 28 | 23 | 17 |
| (2) Has worsened | 24 | 28 | 29 |
| (3) Has not changed | 23 | 21 | 26 |
| (4) Don't know | 25 | 27 | 27 |

Question 28-b: Why do you think so?

- Reasons for "has improved"

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| (1) International relations | 23 | 33 | 35 |
| (2) Trump attributes | 15 | 13 | 16 |
| (3) Security | 12 | 2 | 3 |
| (4) Economy | 11 | 9 | 9 |
| (5) Communication | 8 | 8 | 12 |
| (6) Policy/Values | 8 | 12 | 9 |
| (7) Miscellaneous | 6 | 0 | 19 |

- Reasons for "has worsened"

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trump attributes | 51 | 47 | 62 |
| (2) International relations | 24 | 31 | 31 |
| (3) Communication | 7 | 0 | 5 |
| (4) Miscellaneous | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| (5) Policy/Values | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| (6) Economy | | 0 | 8 |
| (7) Security | 12 | 7 | 9 |

- Reasons for "has not changed"

| | | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|----|------|------|
| (1) Nothing has changed/All still the same | 49 | 35 | 30 |
| (2) Have not heard anything/No news about it | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| (3) Relationships last longer than presidencies/ Presidencies are for a limited period | 7 | 10 | 3 |
| (4) Other neutral mentions | | 6 | 7 |
| | | 5 | 1 |

Opinion Poll: 2019 U.S. Image of Japan

(Unit: %)

Opinion Leaders Survey

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. Choices (1), (6), (8), (9), (10), (13) and (14)

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Website | 61 | 66 | 66 | 52 | 69 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) Television | 57 | 63 | 70 | 53 | 74 | 67 | 76 | 75 | 72 | 76 | 73 | 75 | 72 | 80 | 71 |
| (3) Newspapers | 52 | 55 | 63 | 48 | 67 | 67 | 85 | 80 | 81 | 83 | 85 | 86 | 89 | 90 | 89 |
| (4) Magazines/Books | 51 | 52 | 60 | 40 | 66 | 56 | 82 | 77 | 76 | 83 | 81 | 86 | 83 | 89 | 85 |
| (5) Friends / Family / Relatives | 42 | 46 | 38 | 30 | 49 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) Radio | 34 | 37 | 46 | 35 | 50 | 41 | 52 | 52 | 51 | 53 | 49 | 46 | 48 | 48 | 46 |
| (7) Video-sharing websites like YouTube | 33 | 32 | 35 | 27 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) Facebook, Twitter and other SNS (social networking services) | 30 | 39 | 33 | 32 | 34 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) Email newsletters | 29 | 33 | 30 | 23 | 28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) Seminars / Symposiums / Cultural events | 28 | 37 | 30 | 21 | 37 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) School studies | 26 | 26 | 29 | 24 | 30 | 20 | 38 | 35 | 36 | 60 | 59 | 61 | 61 | 62 | 51 |
| (12) Movies | 24 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 34 | 26 | 21 | 18 | 19 | 33 | 34 | 30 | 32 | 40 | 30 |
| (13) Traveling or studying abroad | 17 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) Blog | 12 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | |

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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Excellent | 14 | 9 | 14 | 14 | 20 | 12 | 21 | 31 | 31 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 26 | 23 | 19 |
| (2) Good | 53 | 60 | 52 | 44 | 55 | 58 | 65 | 58 | 56 | 70 | 61 | 68 | 60 | 62 | 64 |
| (3) Fair | 24 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 25 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| (4) Poor | 4 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | 6 | 2 | 6 | 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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 60 | 58 | 62 | 50 | 15 | 52 | 52 | 76 | 9 |
| (2) China | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| (3) South Korea | 30 | 35 | 29 | 28 | 12 | 38 | 36 | 6 | 10 |
| (4) Russia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| (5) Australia | | | | | 67 | | | 2 | 78 |
| (6) India | | | | | 2 | | | 0 | 2 |
| (7) Other | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| (8) Don't know/Refused | 3 | 2 | 3 | 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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes, Japan is reliable | 89 | 90 | 86 | 86 | 83 | 90 | 93 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 91 | 91 | 90 |
| No, Japan is not reliable | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 | 4 | 7 | 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Economic ties (investments from Japan, good trade relationship) | 97 | 97 | 99 | 83 | 95 |
| (2) Contribution to stabilization and growth of world economy | 94 | 94 | 91 | 65 | 92 |
| (3) Development cooperation in the international community | 92 | 87 | 89 | 59 | 67 |
| (4) Good relationship / the countries share the same value | 90 | 88 | 91 | 64 | 83 |
| (5) Contribution to the stabilization of international order (rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.) | 88 | 87 | 86 | 53 | 81 |
| (6) Attractive culture | 85 | 90 | 84 | 52 | 84 |
| (7) Contribution to solutions for global issues (environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.) | 81 | 71 | 81 | 55 | 73 |
| (8) Contribution to security (peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peacekeeping operations), anti-piracy efforts) | 76 | 73 | 66 | 51 | 74 |
| (9) Don't know/ Refused (NET) | 1 | - | - | - | - |

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 (IV) was added in 1995. "Anti-terrorism efforts" in section (I), "climate change" in section (VII), and section (VIII) were added in 2010. Choices were changed from "Yes/No" to "Very significant/Somewhat significant/Not very significant/Not at all significant" in 2011. Section (IX) and (X) were added in 2015.

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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56 | 45 | 41 | 43 | 45 | 39 |
| Very significant | 31 | 26 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 18 | 19 | 12 | 14 | | | | | | |
| Somewhat significant | 50 | 52 | 56 | 48 | 50 | 51 | 41 | 49 | 45 | | | | | | |
| Not very significant | 15 | 20 | 16 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 31 | 31 | 36 | | | | | | |
| Not at all significant | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Don't know/Refused | 5 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | |

(II) The United Nations

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) Very significant | 32 | 33 | 27 | 27 | 23 | 18 | 23 | 25 | 20 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 55 | 52 | 61 | 52 | 56 | 57 | 54 | 55 | 56 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 8 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 18 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | |

(III) Global economy

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 97 | 97 |
| (2) Very significant | 55 | 60 | 56 | 57 | 59 | 61 | 64 | 58 | 65 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 42 | 38 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 37 | 32 | 38 | 33 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 60 | 69 | 57 | 61 | 70 | 70 |
| (2) Very significant | 28 | 27 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 56 | 60 | 63 | 53 | 56 | 38 | 29 | 46 | 40 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 9 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 36 | 36 | 34 | 40 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 6 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 18 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | |

(V) Science and technology

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 98 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 97 | 96 |
| (2) Very significant | 68 | 75 | 70 | 75 | 74 | 74 | 74 | 72 | 71 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 29 | 25 | 28 | 21 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 27 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | |

(VI) Cultural exchange

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 78 | 79 | 71 | 68 | 76 | 65 |
| (2) Very significant | 47 | 48 | 48 | 37 | 44 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 36 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 44 | 47 | 44 | 47 | 50 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 48 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 6 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 13 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |

(VII) Environment and climate change

* Global issues such as population and AIDS were included till 2010.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 63 | 71 | 66 | 64 | 73 | 69 |
| (2) Very significant | 31 | 28 | 27 | 32 | 37 | 25 | 32 | 33 | 21 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 48 | 53 | 57 | 44 | 43 | 48 | 44 | 46 | 51 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 14 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 20 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | |

(VIII) Nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | | | | | | 54 | | | | | |
| (2) Very significant | 33 | 34 | 31 | 28 | 33 | 34 | 27 | 29 | 28 | | | | | | |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 41 | 41 | 49 | 39 | 38 | 39 | 43 | 40 | 39 | | | | | | |
| (4) Not very significant | 18 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 21 | 17 | 20 | 24 | 26 | | | | | | |
| (5) Not at all significant | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 6 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | |

(IX) Providing solutions to global issues (including environment, climate change, infectious

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | |
| (2) Very significant | 30 | 27 | 22 | 28 | 32 |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 52 | 57 | 64 | 51 | 48 |
| (4) Not very significant | 13 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 15 |
| (5) Not at all significant | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |

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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes | | | | | |
| (2) Very significant | 37 | 33 | 25 | 29 | 33 |
| (3) Somewhat significant | 46 | 55 | 64 | 52 | 51 |
| (4) Not very significant | 11 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 15 |
| (5) Not at all significant | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| (6) Don't know/Refused | 5 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Good | 45 | 33 | 35 | 33 | 38 | 32 | 39 | 44 | 35 | 32 | 39 | 27 | 23 | 25 | 23 |
| (2) Fair | 47 | 59 | 58 | 51 | 54 | 56 | 53 | 48 | 51 | 56 | 52 | 57 | 60 | 58 | 60 |
| (3) Poor | 7 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 |
| (4) Don't know/Refused | 2 | 1 | 1 | 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) More closely | 66 | 66 | 66 | 62 | 38 | 63 | 52 | 43 | 46 |
| (2) Less closely | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| (3) Stay the same | 32 | 34 | 31 | 33 | 8 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 50 |
| (4) Don't know/Refused | 2 | 1 | 3 | 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 (3).

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Strengthen economic/trade relations | 40 | 44 | 39 | 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 | 23 | 24 | 28 | 25 | 30 | 29 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 18 | 29 | 31 | 29 | 27 | 28 |
| (3) Strengthen political/security relations | 20 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 26 | 20 | 16 |
| (4) Promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges | 16 | 17 | 14 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | 1 | 3 | 2 | 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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Cooperate more | 41 | 36 | 28 | 34 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 29 | 29 | 57 | 66 | 51 | 52 | 60 | 49 |
| (2) Compete more | 27 | 29 | 35 | 36 | 29 | 33 | 31 | 27 | 34 | 39 | 31 | 44 | 42 | 38 | 47 |
| (3) No change | 29 | 33 | 36 | 28 | 37 | 35 | 34 | 42 | 36 | | | | | | |
| (4) Don't know/Refused | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 4 |

Question 10: Which do you think should Japan particularly address in order to deepen the economic relationship between Japan and the US?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Promote cooperation in the field of trade and investment | 97 | 99 | 94 | | | | | | |
| (2) Promote technological cooperation such as clean energy and high-speed railway systems | 90 | 93 | 91 | 86 | 90 | 91 | 95 | 88 | 89 |
| (3) Develop natural resources such as shale gas | 61 | 55 | 52 | 57 | 52 | 61 | 57 | | |
| (4) Cooperate in realization of the Trans-Pacific Partnership | | | | 57 | 78 | 88 | 92 | 86 | 81 |
| (5) Other | 17 | 25 | 29 | 21 | 27 | 23 | 49 | 30 | 30 |

Question 11-a: Do you think Japan and the United States should closely cooperate for peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region?

Note: This question has been asked since 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, they should cooperate | 100 | 99 | 99 | 96 | 100 | 97 |
| (2) No, they should not cooperate | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

Question 11-b: Do you think that Japan should play a more proactive role for peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, Japan should play a more proactive role | 88 | 90 | 87 | 85 | 88 | 88 |
| (2) No, Japan should not play a more proactive role | 9 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6 |

Question 12: 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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) A great deal | 58 | 53 | 53 | 51 | 52 | 49 | 54 | 58 | 58 | 51 | 44 | 42 | 47 | 42 | 40 |
| (2) A moderate amount | 30 | 40 | 36 | 37 | 34 | 40 | 33 | 31 | 32 | 34 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 40 | 40 |
| (3) Only a little | 9 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 6 | 14 | 14 |
| (4) Not at all | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

Question 13-a: Do you think that the U.S. should maintain the current Japan-U.S. Security Treaty?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, should maintain | 93 | 95 | 87 | 86 | 84 | 85 | 77 | 93 | 91 | 86 | 89 | 87 | 88 | 90 | 83 |
| (2) No, should not maintain | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 6 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 11 |

Question 13-b: BASE: SHOULD MAINTAIN TREATY

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

This question has been asked since 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Stability/Regional stability | 19 | 15 | 18 | | | |
| (2) Security/Maintain peace/order | 15 | 15 | 17 | | | |
| (3) To deter China/Threat of Chinese expansion | 10 | 13 | 5 | | | |
| (4) To deter North Korea/Threat of conflict in North Korea | 8 | 7 | 13 | | | |
| (5) Important to maintain long-term relationship/ cooperation with ally | 6 | 12 | | 36 | 41 | 32 |

Question 13-c: BASE: SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN TREATY

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

Note: This question has been asked since 2014.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan should be responsible for its own military/security | 67 | 25 | 29 | | | |
| (2) US should not pay for Japan's security costs | | 25 | 29 | | | |
| (3) Other miscellaneous mentions | 33 | 75 | | | | |

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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Very important | 53 | 53 | 53 | 42 | 51 | 45 | 53 | 53 | 56 | 55 | 53 | 47 | 57 | 51 | 48 |
| (2) Somewhat important | 39 | 41 | 39 | 44 | 34 | 43 | 35 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 36 | 40 | 31 | 37 | 34 |
| (3) Not too important | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 14 |
| (4) Not important at all | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

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?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Very important | 52 | 47 | 54 | 44 | 48 | 34 | 42 | 45 |
| (2) Somewhat important | 36 | 42 | 33 | 40 | 33 | 51 | 37 | 36 |
| (3) Not too important | 5 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 16 |
| (4) Not important at all | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| (5) Don't know/Refused | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 |

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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, should increase | 69 | 69 | 67 | 66 | 65 | 65 | 72 | 71 | 64 | 70 | 69 | 74 | 67 | 61 | 69 |
| (2) No, should not increase | 25 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 28 | 26 | 18 | 27 | 32 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 25 | 33 | 25 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 7 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 |

Question 15-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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan should make contributions to peace and stability in Asia | 93 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 94 | 97 | 99 | 98 | 98 | 97 | 97 | 97 |
| (2) Japan should defend itself | 93 | 94 | 91 | 95 | 94 | 96 | 90 | 97 | 90 | 91 | 91 | 96 | 92 | 94 | 91 |
| (3) Japan should share the defense burden with the U.S. | 88 | 94 | 93 | 89 | 96 | 90 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 93 | 94 |

Question 16-1a: Do you think Japan should or should not become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Yes, it should become a member | 78 | 77 | 73 | 69 | 69 | 66 | 76 | 58 | 50 | 56 | 57 | 49 | 52 |
| (2) No, it should not become a member | 14 | 16 | 13 | 18 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 40 | 46 | 41 | 39 | 47 | 42 |
| (3) Don't know/Refused | 9 | 7 | 15 | 13 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 |

Question 16-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.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 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 | 92 | 95 | 90 | 91 | 97 | 94 | 91 | 90 | 95 | 93 | 93 | 95 | 96 |
| (2) Japan is a dependable ally | 92 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 88 | 90 | 92 | 89 | 87 | 88 | 92 | 88 | 87 |
| (3) Japan shares common values with the United States, such as democracy and human rights | 90 | 89 | 88 | 80 | 87 | 86 | 86 | 91 | 95 | 93 | 89 | 84 | 87 |
| (4) Japan has a big economy, and this will strengthen the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council | 86 | 84 | 89 | 86 | 85 | 90 | 87 | 86 | 90 | 88 | 92 | 92 | 87 |
| (5) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security | 86 | 84 | 88 | 72 | 80 | 77 | 82 | 73 | 82 | 78 | 74 | 71 | 75 |
| (6) Other | 15 | 18 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 | | | | | | | |

Question 16-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 and removed in 2013.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) 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 | 64 | 66 | 60 | 56 | 74 | 63 | 58 | 59 | 61 | 57 | 62 | 60 |
| (2) Japan does not provide enough personnel to Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) and other multinational forces | 64 | 53 | 36 | 56 | 57 | 48 | 45 | 57 | 65 | 69 | 67 | 64 |
| (3) No increase should be made to the number of UN Security Council permanent members | 64 | 47 | 72 | 72 | 64 | 73 | 76 | 51 | 49 | 54 | 52 | 53 |
| (2) Japan will not make sufficient contributions to world peace and security through the United Nations Security Council | 43 | 31 | 40 | 47 | 43 | 43 | 33 | 40 | 46 | 59 | 59 | 52 |
| (5) Some countries are better qualified than Japan to become a permanent member of the Security Council. | | | | | | | | 40 | 47 | 52 | 67 | - |

Question 17-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 42 | 45 | 33 | 34 | 48 | 58 | 39 | 40 | 28 | 36 | 44 | 54 | 53 | 47 | 48 |
| (2) China | 18 | 21 | 31 | 21 | 19 | 24 | 43 | 54 | 46 | 56 | 42 | 38 | 38 | 43 | 38 |
| (3) South Korea | 17 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 8 | | | | | | |
| (4) Australia | 13 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 13 | | | 0 | 10 | | | | | | |
| (5) India | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | | | 1 | 7 | | | | | | |
| (6) Russia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| (7) Israel | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) Other | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (9) None | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (10) Don't know/Refused (NET) | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| (11) Korea | | | | | | | | 1 | 8 | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Question 17-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

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Nation's economy/ Strong economy | 26 | 18 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) Good relationship/ Current ally | 21 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) Share same values/interests | 17 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 15 | 27 | 26 | 33 | 55 | 37 | 56 | 19 | 36 | 20 | 27 | 23 | 24 | 31 | 30 |
| (5) History/Past performance | 11 | 21 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

– Reasons for China

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 58 | 34 | 35 | 54 | 79 | 68 | 78 | 37 | 43 | 34 | 31 | 32 | 27 | 32 | 33 |
| (2) Nation's economy/Strong economy | 14 | 29 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) National qualities (ex. Population) | 8 | 22 | 23 | 44 | 34 | 49 | 35 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 33 | 34 | 42 | 29 | 39 |
| (4) Military capabilities/relations | 8 | 7 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) It's a threat/dangerous | 6 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Question 18-a: From the following list, which country in Asia do you think is the most reliable partner of the United States?

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Japan | 48 | 40 | 40 | 31 |
| (2) Australia | 32 | 31 | 37 | 42 |
| (3) South Korea | 9 | 20 | 14 | 13 |
| (4) China | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| (5) India | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| (6) Russia | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| (7) Israel | | | 1 | |
| (8) Other | | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| (9) None | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| (10) Don't know/Refused | 5 | 7 | 6 | 7 |

Question 18-b: Why do you regard this country as the most reliable partner of the United States? (OPEN END – top 5 results)

– Reasons for Japan

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) History/Past performance | 22 | 30 | 10 | |
| (2) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 14 | 18 | 19 | 16 |
| (3) Nation's economy/Strong economy | 9 | 8 | 3 | |
| (4) Friendly nation/No history of conflict/war | 8 | 5 | | |
| (5) Nation's technology | 7 | 3 | 4 | |

– Reasons for China

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S. | 43 | 25 | 67 | 50 |
| (2) Relations | 29 | 25 | | |
| (3) Don't know/Refused (NET) | 14 | 25 | | |

Question 19-a: How do you think the Japan-U.S. relationship has changed since the inauguration of President Trump?

Note: This question was added in 2017.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| (1) Has improved | 19 | 10 | 18 |
| (2) Has worsened | 39 | 38 | 35 |
| (3) Has not changed | 35 | 47 | 44 |
| (4) Don't know | 8 | 6 | 3 |

Question 19-b: Why do you think so? (top 5 results)

– Reasons for "relationship has improved"

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| (1) International relations | 39 | 32 | 22 |
| (2) Economy | 24 | 32 | 36 |
| (3) Trump attributes | 18 | 11 | 19 |
| (4) Security | 8 | 16 | 25 |
| (5) Communication | 3 | 11 | 22 |

– Reasons for "relationship has worsened"

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| (1) Trump attributes | 55 | 45 | 41 |
| (2) International relations | 22 | 36 | 36 |
| (3) Economy | 13 | 14 | 11 |
| (4) Policy/Values | 10 | 7 | 24 |

– Reasons for "Relationship has not changed"

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|------|------|------|
| (1) Nothing has changed/All still the same | 32 | 25 | 39 |
| (2) Have not heard anything/No news about it | 19 | 26 | 20 |
| (3) Other mentions | 9 | 4 | 7 |