General Population Survey
Question 1: Which of the following countries/region is currently considered to be an important partner of the United States? Please select all that apply.

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(1) Canada	50	38	44	43	79	74
(2) The UK	44	41	43	49	79	76
(3) Japan	31	45	44	49	76	66
(4) Germany	30	26	33	32	69	62
(5) France	30	25	29	31	62	54
(6) Mexico	29	17	22	22	61	45
(7) Australia	25	23	24	30	67	56
(8) The EU	25	21				
(9) South Korea	24	27	31	35	63	51
(10) Italy	20	16	14	16	52	47
(11) China	15	21	23	26	57	42
(12) Saudi Arabia	14	16	14	17	44	36
(13) India	11	10	12	13	51	44
(14) Brazil	7	6	9	7	40	36
(15) South Africa	6	6	8	5	40	29
(16) Russia	5	9	9	8	34	27
(17) Turkey	4	5	8	7	37	33
(18) Argentina	4	4	6	4	33	26
(19) Indonesia	3	4	5	3	29	25
(20) Israel			0	1	· ·	·
(21) None	7	2	3	2	· ·	1
(22) Others	2	2	2	2		
(23) Don't know	19	19	21	23		4

Question 2: Which of the following countries/region would be considered an

important partitor for the entred otates in the factors. I loads screet all that apply.	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(1) Canada	39	37	40	43	83	70
(2) The UK	39	36	37	44	82	71
(3) Japan	35	44	43	46	81	68
(4) Germany	31	30	35	35	77	67
(5) France	30	29	32	34	72	58
(6) Australia	30	29	27	32	74	61
(7) Mexico	30	24	29	29	72	54
(8) South Korea	27	30	31	36	70	57
(9) The EU	24	25				
(10) China	21	28	31	37	70	59
(11) Italy	21	20	22	22	63	52
(12) India	19	20	18	22	68	53
(13) Saudi Arabia	17	18	17	22	55	45
(14) Brazil	12	15	14	17	58	48
(15) South Africa	12	15	13	14	57	45
(16) Russia	11	17	16	17	54	48
(17) Argentina	9	9	10	10	48	40
(18) Turkey	8	10	13	15	50	43
(19) Indonesia	7	9	9	11	47	37
(20) None	5	3	2	2	1	3
(21) Other	2	1	1	1	2	11
(22) Don't know	25	21	23	24	3	3

Question 3: (Ask only those who did not choose Japan)
Which of the following countries/regions is the most reliable? Please select only one

response.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(1) The UK	24	20	20	24	33	36
(2) Canada	17	17	17	16	31	29
(3) Japan	6	14	13	10	5	3
(4) The EU	4	4				
(5) China	3	3	2	3	2	3
(6) Germany	3	2	5	3	3	7
(7) Mexico	3	2	1	2	2	1
(8) France	2	2	1	2	2	2
(9) Australia	1	4	2	3	2	4
(10) South Korea	1	1	2	1	1	1
(11) Italy	1	1	1	1	1	
(12) Saudi Arabia	1	1	0	1	1	2
(13) Russia	1	1	0	1	0	0
(14) South Africa	1					
(15) India	0		1	0		
(16) Israel				1	1	
(17) None	7		3	4	1	0
(18) Others	1	1	3	2		
(19) Don't know	22		27	28		7

Question 3-2: Why do you say [ANSWER IN Q3] is the most reliable country/region? Please select all that apply.

1 lease select all triat apply.						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(1) Good relationship	65	74	72	74		86
(2) Good economic ties (investments, good trade relationship)	57	60	59	62		78
(3) Share the same values	54					
(4) Contribution to the stabilization and growth of the world economy	45	47	43	48		70
(5) Contribution to security (peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peace-	44	51	53	59		74
keeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)						, ,
(6) Contribution to the stabilization of international order (Rule of law, liberal	44	49	52	52		75
democracy, free-trade system, etc.)	77	70	02	02		, 0
(7) Attractive culture	33	35	36	36		64
(8) Contribution to solutions for global issues (environment, climate change,	32	43	43	43		66
infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.)	32	43	43	43		00
(9) Development cooperation in the international community, including Official	26	44	42	43		70
Development Assistance (ODA)	20	44	42	43		70
(10) None of the above	1	3	2	2		1

Question 4: Which of the following languages are you interested in learning? Please select all that apply.

select all triat apply.									
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
(1) Spanish	42	42	41	45	50	43	45	53	57
(2) French	32	36	28	32	31	26	29	30	27
(3) German	24	30	21	22	26	23	22	23	24
(4) Japanese	20	38	29	28	23	19			
(5) Russian	14	16	13	13	14	12			
(6) Chinese	13	25	19	21	19	17	11	13	12
(7) Arabic	11	12	11	11	17	16	8	13	8
(8) Korean	10	15	11	14	10	8	3	7	3
(9) Not interested in learning any language	29	25	32	24	32	38			

Question 4-2: (Ask only for those who chose <Japanese>)

What is the reason you chose Japanese? Please select all that apply.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(1) This language can be useful in the future	59	42	39	38	88	86
(2) To understand the culture and lifestyle	57	58	56	67	93	94
(3) To enjoy the cultural content (fashion, music, movies, TV dramas, comics and	54	50	47	54	84	82
(4) I would like to visit Japan		70	67	75	92	97
(5) For traveling	52	60	48	59	88	96
(6) For business	28	7	8	6	9	11
(7) To communicate with friends	24	25	15	18	64	56
(8) For studying abroad	17	18	27	15	38	36
(9) I would like to work in Japan		21	20	12	34	30
(10) To get a job	14					
(11) There is a language school close to my home	12	6	9	3	5	8
(12) Japanese is a required course in my school	9	10	8	5	21	19
(13) Other	3	2	6	7		

Question 5: What is your impression of Japan? Please select all that apply. (% Yes)

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
61	63	59	71	95	96	92	97	97	97	97	96	92	95	94
49	54	51	58	84	79	81	90	88	85	85	85	80	78	81
47	55	49	61	87	81	86	92	91	91	90	88	91	94	93
37	41	35	47	79	80	78	82	90	88	82	80	73	78	
31	38	30	39	75	66									
24	31	26	34	82	80	81								
24	18	16	19	60	52	58	59	64	59	55				
22	27	20	30	59	54	48	66	65	66	62	65	59	64	
	14	11	14	35	42	42	38	39	42	45	45	47	48	49
14	14	11	15	49	46	52	55	46	47	49				
8	8	8	6	28	30									
14	7	5	6	21	23	25	27	21	26	26	22	31	29	30
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Question 6: What do you think about the current state of relationship between Japan and the U.S.?

Note: In 2020, "Excellent", " Good", "Fair" and "Poor" were replaced with the

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Friendly	29	18	19	17	14	16	16	16	29	26	14	16	14	13	12	9
(2) Somewhat friendly	45	45	51	52	48	46	51	42	51	51	58	57	49	54	51	52
(Fair: Until 2019年)		31	27	26	22	29	24	34	17	20	24	23	27	27	29	33
(3) Somewhat unfriendly	7															
(4) Unfriendly	3	6	3	5	8	3	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	3
(3) Don't know/Refused	17				7	6	3	3	1	1	2	2	6	2	4	3

Question 7: How do you rate Japan as a reliable partner of the U.S.?

Note: In 2020, the chioces "Yes" was divided into "Very reliable" and "Somewhat

reliable," so was "No" to "Somewhat unreliable" and "Very Unreliable."																
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Very reliable	32	95	02	97	92	72	72	76	0.4	0.4	70	90	67	74	69	72
(2) Somewhat reliable	38	65	62	67	02	73	73	70	04	04	79	80	07	74	09	12
(3) Somewhat unreliable	8	15	1.0	13	11	15	1.0	10	12	13	16	15	1.0	21	22	21
(4) Very unreliable	3	13	10	13	''	13	10	10	12	13	10	13	10	21	22	21
(5) Don't know	19				7	12	9	14	4	3	5	5	15	5	9	7

Question 7-2: Why do you think Japan is a reliable partner of the United States? Please select all that apply

Please select all that apply.						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(1) The U.S. and Japan have a good relationship	62	46	44	43	76	73
(2) The U.S. and Japan have good economic ties (investments from Japan, good trade	60	67	62	72	90	85
(3) Japan contributes to the stabilization and growth of the world economy	47	53	46	55	83	74
(4) Japan has an attractive culture	39	41	34	35	74	65
(5) Japan contributes to security (peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, PKO (peace-keeping operations), anti-piracy efforts)	33	43	36	43	76	68
(6) Japan contributes to the stabilization of international order (Rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.)	32	39	38	37	80	71
(7) Japan provides solutions to global issues (environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.)	30	43	35	41	75	71
(8) The U.S. and Japan share the same values	26					
(9) Japan provides development cooperation in the international community, including Official Development Assistance (ODA)	25	40	39	38	85	58
(10) Other	0	5	6	4		

Question 8: Regarding each of the following sections, how do you view the influence of Japan on the U.S. economy? Trade

	2020
(1) Big positive influence	18
(2) Postitive influence	45
(3) Negative influence	5
(4) Big negative influence	3
(5) No influence	4
(6) Don't know	25

Investment

	2020
(1) Big positive influence	17
(2) Postitive influence	42
(3) Negative influence	4
(4) Big negative influence	1
(5) No influence	6
(6) Don't know	29

Job Creation

	2020
(1) Big positive influence	15
(2) Postitive influence	33
(3) Negative influence	7
(4) Big negative influence	2
(5) No influence	11
(6) Don't know	31

Question 9: How much do you value Japan's performance as a peace-loving nation in the 75 years since the end of World War II?

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	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1) A lot	42	48	45	49	63
(2) To some extet	33	37	41	37	26
(3) Not much	7	14	12	12	5
(4) Not at all	2	2	2	3	3
(5) Don't know	16				1

Question 10: What do you think of Japan's self-defense capability? Note: In 2020, "No, should not increase" was omitted, and "Maintain current level" and "Decrease it" were added instead.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Increase it	27	47	43	46	61	59	57	64	59	61	56	54	46	54	51	52
(2) Maintain current level	37	10	10	1.4	20	25	20	24	27	25	27	20	30	40	30	41
(3) Decrease it	7	10	19	14	20	23	20	24	37	33	37	36	39	40	39	41
(4) Don't know/Refused	30	35	38	40	10	14	15	12	4	4	7	8	15	6	10	7

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

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Yes, it should	70	73	69	68	82	81	81	67	89	92	90	87	78	87	85	86
(2) No, it shouldn't	6	7	6	4	7	5	7	9	7	4	5	6	7	6	7	6
(3) Don't know/Refused	24	20	25	28	11	4	12	24	4	4	5	7	15	7	8	8

Question 11-2: (Ask only for those who thinks <US should maintain current treaty>) Why do you think so? (OPEN-ENDED, top results)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
(1) Security/ Maintain peace/order in region/world	14	10	1	17	9	15	23
(2) We need allies/Important to maintain partnerships	13						
(3) We have a good relationship/Japan is a current ally	10	7	10	7			
(4) Beneficial/Good for both countires	7	11	10	8	1	5	

Question 12: Which do you usually use to obtain information about Japan? Please select all that apply.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Television	39	37	25	34	67	71	70	77	79	82	81	79	74	80	78	78
(2) Website	28	43	35	37	55	52	65	69	67	66	57	52	39	43	38	33
(3) Newspapers	23	12	10	11	44	48	45	65	63	65	66	67	63	71	71	70
(4) Facebook, Twitter and other SNS (social networking services)	17	19	12	12	30	34										ı
(5) Friends / Family / Relatives	17	16	13	14	51	44	37	30	24	25	34	31	30	29	30	29
(6) Video-sharing websites like YouTube	15	22	14	15	36	39										
(7) Magazines/Books	15	21	19	24	62	61	59	58	58	59	69	71	64	72	67	62
(8) Movies	14	19	13	17	47	47	51	27	24	23	40	39	37	40	39	31
(9) Traveling (including studying abroad)	11	10	7	9	25	23										ı
(10) Radio	8	4	3	4	34	32	22	35	42	43	30	30	26	34	33	35
(11) School education/Studying at school	7	7	5	7	31	30	42	47	34	35	54	56	52	51	53	47
(12) Email newsletters/Online newsletters	6	3	4	2	15	18										ı
(13) Blogs	6	7	5	5	17	15										
(14) Seminars/Symposiums	2	5	3	3	31	27										
(15) I have not acquired information about Japan	31	19	29	23												

Opinion Poll: 2020 U.S. Image of Japan
(Unit: %)
Opinion Leaders Survey
Question 1: From the following list, which country in Asia, or nearby country do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

most important partner of the officed states:																
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) China	35	18	21	31	21	19	24	43	54	46	56	42	38	38	43	38
(2) Japan	33	42	45	33	34	48	58	39	40	28	36	44	54	53	47	48
(3) Australia	9	13	13	11	14	13			0	10						
(4) South Korea	7	17	14	13	13	6	13	14	1	8						1
(5) India	6	5	3	5	5	3			1	7						1
(6) Russia		1	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	0	1	8	5	5	4	9
(7) Israel				1												1
(8) Other	5			2	3	3	0		1	1	6	3	2	3	4	5
(9) None	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
(10) Don't know/Refused (NET)	4	5	5	4	7	5	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0

Question 1-2: Why do you regard this country as the most important partner of the United States? (OPEN-ENDED, top 5 results)

Reasons for Japan

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	41	15	27	26	33	55	37	56	19	36	20	27	23	24	31	30
(2) Good relationship/ Current ally	33	21	14													
(3) Location/Proximity to other countries	9															
(4) Friendly nation/No history of conflict/war	9															
(5) History/Past performance	9	11	21	2												

- Reasons for China

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	56	58	34	35	54	79	68	78	37	43	34	31	32	27	32	33
(2) Nation's economy/Strong economy	23	14	29	32												
(3) Nation's strength/power	9															
(4) National qualities (ex. Population)	7	8	22	23	44	34	49	35	24	26	25	33	34	42	29	39
(5) Good relationship/Current Ally	7															1

Question 2: From the following list, which country in Asia, or nearby country do you think is the most reliable partner of the United States?

2018 40 31 20 2017 2016 40 31 37 42 14 13 2019 48 32 2020 (1) Japan (2) Australia (3) South Korea (4) China (5) India (6) Russia (7) Israel (8) Other (9) None (10) Don't know/Refused 0

Question 2-2: Why do you regard this country as the most reliable partner of the United States? (OPEN-ENDED, top 5 results) Reasons for Japan

Reasons for dapair					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	39	14	18	19	16
(2) Good relationship/Current ally	30				
(3) History/Past performance	13	22	30	10	
(4) Trustworthy/Reliable	10				
(5) Share same values (intractes	0				

Reasons for China

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1) Trade/Economic relations with U.S.	60	43	25	67	50
(2) Good relationship/Current ally	20	29	25		
(3) Need each other/Dependency on each other	20				
(4) Don't know/Refused (NET)	20	14	25		

Question 3: Which country in Asia, or near Asia do you think shares values most closely with the United States?

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
(1) Australia	63					67			2	78
(2) Japan	11	60	58	62	50	15	52	52	76	9
(4) South Korea	11	30	35	29	28	12	38	36	6	10
(5) India	4					2			0	2
(6) China	2	3	4	4	7	2	4	1	3	1
(7) Russia	1	3	1	2	5	0	1	3	2	0
(8) Other		3	2	3	4	1	1	1		
(9) Don't know/Refused		3	2	3	8	3	5	6		

Question 4: Regarding each of the following areas, which country or region in the list do you think is contributing the most to the U.S. economy? Trade

(1)China
(2)Canada
(3)Mexico
(4)Japan
(5)Brazil
(6)Germany
(7)The U.K.
(3)Netherlands
(9)South Korea
(10)France
(11)Other
(12)Don't know

Investment	
	2020
(1)China	37
(2)Japan	11
(3)Canada	10
(4)The U.K.	9
(5)Mexico	7
(6)Germany	3
(7)Brazil	2
(8)Netherlands	1
(9)South Korea	1
(10)France	1
(11)Other	3
(12)Don't know	15

Job Creation

	2020
(1)China	17
(2)Mexico	16
(3)Japan	16
(4)Canada	12
(5)The U.K.	7
(6)Germany	5
(7)Brazil	1
(8)Netherlands	1
(9)South Korea	1
(10)France	1
(11)Other	7
(12)Don't know	18

Question 5: What do you think about the current state of relationship between Japan and the U.S.?

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Friendly	39	14	9	14	14	20	12	21	31	31	16	20	17	26	23	19
(2) Somewhat friendly	59	53	60	52	44	55	58	65	58	56	70	61	68	60	62	64
(Fair: Until 2019年)		24	26	25	25	20	25	12	9	12	10	15	12	11	12	14
(3) Somewhat unfriendly	1															
(4) Unfriendly	1	4	4	3	8	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	1
(3) Don't know/Refused	1	6	2	6	11	6	5		1	1	1	3	1	3	3	2

Question 6: How do you rate Japan as a partner of the U.S.? Would you say they are…?

Note: In 2020, the chioces "Yes" was divided into "Very reliable" and "Somewhat reliable," so was "No" to "Somewhat unreliable" and "Very Unreliable."

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Very reliable	53	89	90	86	86	83	90	93	90	90	90	91	92	91	91	90
(2) Somewhat reliable	43															
(3) Somewhat unreliable	3	6	7	8	7	12	7	5	8	8	9	7	6	5	4	6
(4) Very unreliable	1															
(5) Don't know		5	4	7	7	6	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	5	4

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(1) The U.S. and Japan have good economic ties (investments, good trade relationship)	93	97	97	99	83	95
(2) The U.S. and Japan have good relations	83	90	88	91	64	83
(3) Japan contributes to the stabilization and growth of the world economy	79	94	94	91	65	92
(4) Japan contributes to the stabilization of international order (rule of law, liberal democracy, free-trade system, etc.)	68	88	87	86	53	81
(5) Japan provides development cooperation in the international community, including Official Development Assistance (ODA)	63	92	87	89	59	67
(6) Japan contributes to security (peace building, anti-terrorism efforts, peace-keeping operation (PKO), anti-piracy efforts)	61	76	73	66	51	74
(7) Japan has an attractive culture	57	85	90	84	52	84
(8) Japan provides solutions to global issues (environment, climate change, infectious diseases, population, poverty, etc.)	57	81	71	81	55	73
(9) The U.S. and Japan share the same values	54					
(10) Other	4					
(11) Don't know/ Refused	1	1	_	_	_	_

Question 7: How much do you think the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, which allows the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan, contributes to peace and stability in East Asia? Do you think it contributes a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all?

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) A great deal	52	58	53	53	51	52	49	54	58	58	51	44	42	47	42	40
(2) A moderate amount	33	30	40	36	37	34	40	33	31	32	34	39	40	41	40	40
(3) Only a little	10	9	7	7	6	10	10	8	8	6	8	10	13	6	14	14
(4) Not at all	2	1	0	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	4	4	3	4
(5) Don't know/Refused	5	3	1	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	5	5	1	2	1	2

Question 7-2: How important do you think the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is for the security of the U.S.? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not

the old. Bu you think to to very important, comowner important, not too important, or not	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Very important	57	53	53	53	42	51	45	53	53	56	55	53	47	57	51	48
(2) Somewhat important	37	39	41	39	44	34	43	35	33	34	34	36	40	31	37	34
(3) Not too important	5	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	3	4	1	3	6	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	2

Question 7-3: 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?

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
(1) Very important	46	52	47	54	44	48	34	42	45
(2) Somewhat important	36	36	42	33	40	33	51	37	36
(3) Not too important	18	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	1	2	2	2	1	1	2		1

Question 7-4: Do you think that the U.S. should maintain the current Japan-U.S. Security

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Yes, it should	88	93	95	87	86	84	85	77	93	91	86	89	87	88	90	83
(2) No, it shouldn't	5	2	2	4	3	5	5	6	3	4	6	5	7	6	4	6
(3) Don't know/Refused	7	6	4	10	11	12	11	17	4	5	8	6	6	6	6	11

Question 8: What do you think of Japan's self-defense capability?

Note: In 2020, "No, should not increase" was omitted, and "Maintain current level" and "Decrease it" were added.

Decrease it were added.																
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Increase it	27	69	69	67	66	65	65	72	71	64	70	69	74	67	61	69
(2) Maintain current level	60															
(3) Decrease it	3															1
(4) Don't know/Refused	10	7	8	9	12	9	10	9	2	4	5	7	4	8	6	6

Question 8-2: What makes you think so? (OPEN-ENDED, top results)
Note: This question was added in 2020.

- Japan should increase self-defence capability

	2020
(1) Japan should make be responsible for its own military/Security/No need to rely on others	56
(2) To deter China/Threats from China	19
(3) Good relationship/Current ally	7
(4) Location/Proximity to other countries	7

-Japan should decrease self-defence capability

	2020
(1) No need for Japan to be stronger	33
(2) Threats/World issues	17
(3) Others	33
(4) Refused	17

-Japan should maintain self-defence capability

	2020
(1) Maintain status quo/No reason to change	21
(2) No need for Japan to be stronger	13
(3) Maintain balance/Not being excessive or under resourced	7
(4) Others	34

Question 9: Do you think Japan should or should not become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council?

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
(1) Yes, it should become a member	73	78	77	73	69	69	66	76	58	50	56	57	49	52
(2) No, it should not become a member	15	14	16	13	18	24	20	16	40	46	41	39	47	42
(3) Don't know/Refused	13	9	7	15	13	8	15	7	2	4	3	4	4	6

Question 9-2: For each of the statements that I'm about to read, please tell me if it is or is not a reason you think Japan should become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. (% Yes)

Southern (N 166)	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
(1) Japan is a reliable ally	81	92	88	90	88	88	90	92	89	87	88	92	88	87
(2) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security	81	86	84	88	72	80	77	82	73	82	78	74	71	75
(3) Japan has a big economy, and this will strengthen the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council	79	86	84	89	86	85	90	87	86	90	88	92	92	87
(4) Japan can be expected to make a larger contribution to world peace and security after becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council	76	92	95	90	91	97	94	91	90	95	93	93	95	96
(5) Japan shares common values with the United States, such as democracy and human rights	75	90	89	88	80	87	86	86	91	95	93	89	84	87
(6) Other	8	15	18	18	20	18	20							

Question 10: Which do you usually use to obtain information about Japan? Please answer "yes" or "no" after I read each item. (% Yes)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(1) Television	71	57	63	70	53	74	67	76	75	72	76	73	75	72	80	71
(2) Website	67	61	66	66	52	69										ı
(3) Magazines, Books	64	51	52	60	40	66	56	82	77	76	83	81	86	83	89	85
(4) Newspapers	60	52	55	63	48	67	67	85	80	81	83	85	86	89	90	89
(5) Radio	49	34	37	46	35	50	41	52	52	51	53	49	46	48	48	46
(6) School education/Studying at school	48	26	26	29	24	30	20	38	35	36	60	59	61	61	62	51
(7) Friends / Family / Relatives	42	42	46	38	30	49										1
(8) Email newsletters/Online newsletters	36	29	33	30	23	28										1
(9) Seminars / Symposiums	35	28	37	30	21	37										ı
(10) Video-sharing websites like YouTube	28	33	32	35	27	27										i
(11) Traveling (including studying abroad)	27	17	22	21	19	21										i
(12) Facebook, Twitter and other SNS (social networking services)	23	30	39	33	32	34										i
(13) Movies	17	24	31	30	29	34	26	21	18	19	33	34	30	32	40	30
(14) Blogs	11	12	13	16	14	13										