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1. Research methodology

(1) For the “general public” group, telephone interviews were carried out with 1,500 people

(2) For the “opinion leaders” group, telephone interviews were carried out with 250 people

The margin of sampling error is $\pm 3\%$ for the “general public” group and $\pm 6\%$ for the “opinion leaders” group, at the 95% level of confidence.

2. Period conducted: February to March 2008

3. Implementing agency: The Gallup Organization

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Results Overview (As a principle, includes data from the previous six years)

Question 1-a: Thinking of all Asian countries, which one country in this region do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%) 2002
Japan	43	48	45	48	48	47	46
China	34	34	33	26	26	20	22
Russia	10	8	13	13	9	13	10
Korea	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
India	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Taiwan	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Other	1	2	1	4	4	6	4
None	2	1	2	1	3	3	3
No Opinion	8	4	4	6	7	8	11

Question 1-b: Please tell me why you think this country is the most important partner of the United States? (Open-ended question: top 5 results)

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%) 2002
(1) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	17	15	11	11	10	8	5
(2) Economically Strong	15	10	14	7	9	7	9
(3) Economic ties / investments in the U.S.	13	17	10	16	15	18	18
(4) Good trade relations	12	15	10	12	20	15	18
(5) Technologically advanced	9	12	12	12	8	7	7

Note: This question has been asked since 1995.

Question 2-a: Do you think Japan is or is not a dependable ally or friend of the United States?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
Yes, Japan is dependable	67	74	69	72	68	67	67	
No, Japan is not dependable	18	21	22	21	21	22	23	
No opinion	15	5	9	7	11	11	10	

Question 2-b: Why do you feel so?

Response:

(I) Reasons given by those who responded "yes" (Open-ended question : top 5 results)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
(1) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	17	14	13	10	10	6	5	
(2) Friendship since WWII	11	7	9	7	3	4	7	
(3) Economic ties / investments in the U.S.	10	16	9	15	10	13	14	
(4) Economically strong	9	5	5	3	3	2	3	
(5) Good trade relations between Japan and the U.S.	8	11	8	10	9	8	9	
(II) Reasons given by those who responded "no" (Open-ended question: top 5 results)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
(1) Japan is not trustworthy (unspecified)	15	21	8	24	13	18	25	
(2) Pearl Harbor	9	4	14	3	5	6	8	
(3) Cultural differences	8	5	5	3	3	2	3	
(4) Self interest / only concerned with own country	7	11	4	9	10	8	9	
(4) America is ignorant/ has been lax	7	2	5	3	4	2	2	

Question 3-a: Taking its economic power into account, do you think Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
Yes	62	69	68	60	60	56	59	
No	24	25	25	29	29	33	29	
I don't know	14	6	7	11	11	11	12	

Question 3-b: In which of the following areas, if any, would you say Japan is playing a significant role in international affairs?

Note: This question has been asked since 1994. The category “economic aid” was added in 1995.

Response:

(I) Science and technology	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
Yes	60	67	65	57	58	53	56	
No	39	32	34	42	42	46	43	
I don't know	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	

(II) Global economy	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
Yes	53	62	58	53	53	50	51	
No	42	35	38	45	45	47	46	
I don't know	5	3	4	2	2	3	3	

(III) Cultural exchange	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
Yes	48	58	54	49	48	44	44	
No	47	40	43	49	49	54	53	

I don't know	5	2	3	2	3	2	3
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(IV) World politics							(%)
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes	38	48	44	38	38	37	37
No	53	48	51	57	58	59	58
I don't know	9	4	5	5	4	4	5

(V) Global Issues such as the environment, population growth and AIDS							(%)
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes	37	40	41	37	36	30	31
No	53	53	51	57	58	63	61
I don't know	10	7	8	6	6	7	8

Note: This category was named "Environmental issues" until 1998.

(VI) Economic aid							(%)
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes	29	34	36	34	30	22	28
No	56	54	52	59	60	68	63
I don't know	15	12	12	7	10	10	9

(VII) Security, including PKO							(%)
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes	29	33	35	31	31	25	26
No	60	61	56	64	64	70	67
I don't know	11	6	9	5	5	5	7

Question 4: Do you think the American and Japanese people have a good, fair or poor understanding of each other?

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Good	38	36	38	36	30	28	28
Fair	43	49	45	47	50	53	53
Poor	13	14	15	16	18	17	18
No opinion	6	1	2	1	2	2	1

Question 5: How would you describe the present level of cooperation between Japan and the United States?

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Excellent	14	13	12	9	8	7	9
Good	49	54	51	52	52	49	51
Fair	27	27	29	33	33	35	33
Poor	4	4	4	3	4	6	4
No opinion	6	2	4	3	3	3	3

Question 6: How do you see future relations between the U.S. and Japan?

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Will improve	46	47	42	46	44	40	46
Will not change	38	43	44	42	43	45	42
Will get worse	8	8	10	9	8	12	8
No opinion	8	2	4	3	5	3	4

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

Question 7: I am going to read you four possible ways in which relations might be improved between the U.S. and Japan. Please tell me which one of these you think would help most to improve relations between Japan and the United States?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
(1) Improve economic / trade relations	36	36	36	38	42	35	41
(2) Increase cooperation on global issues such as the environment, AIDS, and population	27	30	28	26	23	22	22
(3) Strengthen political / security relations	20	25	21	25	25	32	25
(4) Promote cultural exchanges	8	8	12	9	7	8	9
(5) No opinion	9	1	3	2	3	3	3

Note: This question has been asked since 1995. The choice “promote cultural exchanges” was added in 1997.

Question 8: There are a variety of possible reasons for the current trade imbalance between Japan and the United States. I am going to read you three possible reasons. Please tell me which one of these you think is most responsible for the trade imbalance.

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
(1) U.S. industries’ weak competitiveness	30	35	33	30	29	23	21
(2) Japan’s unwillingness to open its markets	29	32	29	34	37	43	43
(3) Discrepancies between the two countries’ macroeconomic performances	26	26	30	29	27	26	28
(4) No opinion	15	6	8	6	6	7	7
(5) Other	0	1	0	1	1	1	1

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

Question 9: To what extent do you think the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, which grants the U.S. the use of facilities and areas in Japan for the security of Japan, contributes to stability and peace in the area?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%) 2002
A great deal	29	30	25	27	28	31	29
A moderate amount	36	47	46	45	44	43	45
Only a little	18	16	18	18	17	17	16
Not at all	6	4	5	5	6	5	5
No opinion	11	3	6	5	5	4	5

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 10: In your opinion, how important is the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty to the United States in terms of our own security?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%) 2002
Very important	51	52	55	50	51	55	57
Somewhat important	33	37	32	36	35	34	31
Not too important	7	7	7	8	9	6	6
Not at all important	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
No opinion	5	1	3	3	2	2	3

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

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

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes, should maintain	78	87	85	86	85	87	85
No, should not maintain	7	6	7	6	7	6	7
No opinion	15	7	8	8	8	7	8

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 12: Do you feel Japan should further increase its defense forces for its own defense, or not?

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes, increase	46	54	51	52	54	58	52
No, do not increase	39	40	39	41	38	34	38
No opinion	15	6	10	7	8	8	10

Question 13: Please tell me which of the following provide you, or have provided you, with information about Japan.

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
(1) Television	74	80	78	78	77	80	78
(2) Magazines / Books	64	72	67	62	68	70	70
(3) Newspapers	63	71	71	70	71	75	71
(4) School studies	52	51	53	47	58	59	59
(5) Internet	39	43	38	33	33	27	26
(6) Movies	37	40	39	31	41	39	41
(7) Friends / Neighbors	30	29	30	29	33	35	33
(8) Japanese friends	29	29	32	30	33	36	37
(9) Radio	26	34	33	35	35	37	33
(10) Experience in Japan	12	12	11	12	12	12	12

Note: This question has been asked since 1994.

Question 14: To what extent do the following countries/regions share generally common values with the U.S.?

Response:

		(%)					
		Shares common values	(to a great extent	/ to some extent)	Little extent	None	No opinion
UK	2008	76	(53	23)	9	5	10
	2007	85	(58	27)	9	4	2
	2006	77	(53	24)	11	5	7
	2005	83	(53	30)	9	4	4
Japan	2008	73	(28	45)	14	5	8
	2007	83	(30	53)	12	3	2
	2006	78	(31	47)	14	5	3
	2005	79	(24	55)	15	4	2
Germany	2008	73	(26	47)	12	6	9
	2007	79	(25	54)	14	5	2
	2006	72	(28	44)	17	6	5
	2005	74	(23	51)	17	5	4
France	2008	58	(18	40)	21	11	10
	2007	62	(13	49)	26	10	2
	2006	59	(17	42)	24	13	4
	2005	57	(13	44)	27	12	4
Taiwan	2008	51	(15	36)	22	9	18
	2007	58	(16	42)	27	7	8
	2006	57	(19	38)	22	12	9
	2005	56	(15	41)	27	9	8
Russia	2008	44	(9	35)	30	16	10
	2007	52	(7	45)	34	12	2

	2006	57	(11	46)	27	11	5
	2005	59	(11	48)	29	9	3
China	2008	42	(13	29)	31	16	11
	2007	45	(8	37)	38	14	3
	2006	48	(12	36)	32	15	5
	2005	47	(11	36)	35	15	3
North Korea	2008	18	(4	14)	28	42	12
	2007	14	(3	11)	32	51	3
	2006	20	(6	14)	32	42	6
	2005	19	(5	14)	34	42	5
India	2008	45	(10	35)	27	14	14

Note: This question has been asked since 2004.

India was added in 2008.

Question 15: I am going to read some phrases that may or may not describe Japan. From what you've heard or read, please tell me if it does or does not describe Japan. How about (read and rotate (1)-(12))?

(The percentage who responded positively as the following choices were read)

Response:

	2008	2007	2006
(1) a country that has great tradition and culture	92	95	94
(2) a country with a strong economy and high-technology	91	94	93
(3) a country with beautiful nature	80	78	81
(4) a peaceful country	77	81	78
(5) a country that has potential for growth (Note 2)	76	78	--
(6) a country that disseminates new culture to the world such as animation, fashion, and cuisine (Note 2)	73	78	--
(7) a western-oriented country	62	63	62

(8) a country that has shown leadership in global society (Note 2)	59	64	--
(9) a democratic country	47	51	47
(10) a country that is difficult to understand	47	48	49
(11) a militant country	31	29	34
(12) a country Americans should be wary of	31	29	30

Note: This question has been asked since 2006 (with the exception noted in Note 2)

Note 2: This choice was added in 2007

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Results Overview (As a principle, includes data from the previous six years)

Question 1-a: Thinking of all Asian countries, which one country in this region do you think is the most important partner of the United States?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%) 2002
Japan	54	53	47	48	65	63	64
China	38	38	43	38	24	25	23
Russia	5	5	4	9	7	6	6
India	1	1	1	2	0	1	1
ROK	0	1	2	2	1	1	0
Other	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
None	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
No Opinion	1	1	2	0	1	2	2

Question 1-b: Please tell me why you think this country is the most important partner of the United States? (Open-ended question: top 5 results)

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	(%) 2002
(1) Economic ties / investments in the U.S.	28	25	35	31	34	19	37
(2) Economically strong	21	23	20	17	22	33	30
(3) Country's size / population	20	21	20	20	13	15	16
(4) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	18	16	16	15	20	11	8
(5) Good trade relations	13	11	15	14	14	21	18

Question 2-a: Do you think Japan is or is not a dependable ally or friend of the United States?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
Yes, Japan is dependable	92	91	91	90	89	91	91	
No, Japan is not dependable	6	5	4	6	6	5	5	
No opinion	2	4	5	4	5	4	4	

Question 2-b: Why do you feel so?

Response:

(I) Reasons given by those who responded "yes" (Open-ended question: top 5 results)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	(%)
(1) Economic ties / Investments in the U.S.	26	37	38	34	23	17	24	
(2) Past experiences / history	21	16	16	16	10	17	10	
(3) Common interests and values	16	13	12	16	13	11	8	
(4) Allies / good relations / peaceful relations	15	13	13	14	19	13	11	
(5) Friendship since WWII	13	14	9	12	10	8	21	

(II) Reasons given by those who responded "no" (Open-ended question: top 3 results)

	2008	2007	2006*	2005	2004*	2003*	2002	(%)
(1) Japan not trustworthy (unspecified)	19	14	20	29	25	8	12	
(1) Pearl Harbor	19	0	10	0	6	--	--	
(3) Cultural differences	13	7	0	7	0	--	6	

* As the years 2003, 2004, and 2006 had fewer numbers of people responding, the numbers are noted merely for reference

Question 3-a: How would you describe the role that Japan plays in international society compared with its economic strength? Would you say it is commensurate, somewhat commensurate or not commensurate?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002 (%)
Commensurate	18	19	21	19	17	22	18
Somewhat commensurate	48	51	53	50	48	40	49
Not commensurate	31	27	23	29	35	36	31
No opinion	3	3	3	2	0	2	2

Question 3-b: In which of the following areas, if any, would you say Japan currently plays an important international role? (Percentages of those who agreed with the choice)

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002 (%)
(1) Global economy	96	96	97	97	91	93	94
(1) Science and technology	96	96	97	96	96	96	94
(3) Cultural exchange	71	68	76	65	60	60	58
(4) Global issues	66	64	73	69	57	59	59
(5) World politics	63	61	71	67	62	60	62
(6) Aid to developing nations	57	61	70	70	61	54	63
(7) Security	41	43	45	39	39	24	29

Note: This question has been asked since 1994. "Global issues" was named "environmental issues" until 1998.

Question 4: Do you think the American and Japanese people have a good, fair or poor understanding of each other?

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Good	27	23	25	23	22	19	17
Fair	57	60	58	60	61	61	59
Poor	15	16	16	17	17	18	23
No opinion	1	1	1	0	0	2	1

Question 5: In general terms, how would you describe the present level of cooperation between Japan and the United States?

Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Excellent	17	26	23	19	17	16	15
Good	68	60	62	64	65	62	66
Fair	12	11	12	14	15	18	15
Poor	2	0	0	1	1	1	2
No opinion	1	3	3	2	2	3	2

Question 6-a: How do you see future relations between the U.S. and Japan?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
Improve	36	30	42	29	30	34	36
Not change	56	58	51	62	59	50	55
Get worse	5	8	5	5	7	11	6
No opinion	3	4	2	4	4	5	3

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

Question 6-b: How do you see future relations between the U.S. and Japan in the field of high-technology? In general, do you think both countries will cooperate, or do you think competition will be fierce and frictions will arise?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
Will cooperate	51	52	60	49	47	50	49
Friction / Competition	44	42	38	47	48	46	45
No opinion	5	6	2	4	5	4	6

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

Question 7: I am going to read you four possible ways in which relations might be improved between the U.S. and Japan. Please tell me which one of these you think would help most to improve relations between the U.S. and Japan?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
(1) Improve economic / trade relations	40	36	44	50	53	47	63
(2) Increase cooperation on global issues such as the environment, AIDS, and population control	31	29	27	28	26	22	15
(3) Strengthen political and security relations	24	26	20	16	15	26	17
(4) Promote cultural exchanges	4	8	8	6	5	4	4
(5) No opinion	1	1	1	0	1	1	1

Note: This question has been asked since 1995.

Question 8: There are a variety of possible reasons for the current trade imbalance between Japan and the United States. I am going to read you three possible reasons. Please tell me which one of these you think is most responsible for the trade imbalance.

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
(1) U.S. industries' weak competitiveness	37	31	32	23	23	11	13
(2) Macroeconomic problems such as U.S. budget deficit and Japan's low domestic demand	31	34	33	35	41	35	35
(3) Japan's unwillingness to open its markets	30	30	29	36	32	44	45
(4) No opinion	2	4	6	6	3	6	6
(5) Other	0	1	0	0	1	4	1

Question 9: To what extent do you think the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, which grants the U.S. the use of facilities and areas in Japan for the security of Japan, contributes to stability and peace in the area?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
A great deal	42	47	42	40	43	55	49
A moderate amount	40	41	40	40	37	28	32
Only a little	13	6	14	14	15	11	12
Not at all	4	4	3	4	4	3	4
No opinion	1	2	1	2	1	3	3

Question 10: In your opinion, how important is the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty to the United States in terms of our own security?

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
Very important	47	57	51	48	46	48	54
Somewhat important	40	31	37	34	37	36	31
Not too important	12	8	8	14	13	9	8
Not important at all	1	2	1	2	3	5	5
No opinion	0	2	3	2	1	2	2

Question 11: Overall, do you think the United States should or should not maintain the current U.S.-Japan Security Treaty?
Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes, should maintain	87	88	90	83	83	87	87
No, should not maintain	7	6	4	6	9	5	7
No opinion	6	6	6	11	8	8	6

Note: This question has been asked since 1996.

Question 12-a: Do you think Japan should increase its self-defense capabilities?
Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Yes	74	67	61	69	66	65	64
No	22	25	33	25	27	27	28
No opinion	4	8	6	6	7	8	8

Question 12-b: If you think Japan should increase defense capabilities, please tell me whether or not each of the following is a reason you think Japan should increase its self-defense capabilities. (Percentages of those who agreed with the choice)
Response:

	(%)						
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Japan should make contributions to peace and stability in Asia	98	97	97	97	97	96	95
Japan should defend itself	96	92	94	91	92	89	87
Japan should share the defense burden with the U.S.	93	94	93	94	93	96	93

Note: This question has been asked since 1993.

Question 13: Please tell me which of the following provide you, or have provided you, with information about Japan.

Response:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
							(%)
(1) Newspapers	86	89	90	89	93	95	91
(1) Magazines / Books	86	83	89	85	88	93	89
(3) Television	75	72	80	71	76	72	65
(4) School studies	61	61	62	51	56	57	56
(5) Internet	58	60	56	50	52	47	44
(6) Radio	46	48	48	46	47	43	45
(7) Japanese friends	44	46	52	53	51	54	56
(8) Friends / Neighbors	39	38	41	41	44	44	44
(9) Movies	30	32	40	30	42	39	35
(10) Experience in Japan	28	24	31	30	26	39	38

Note: This question has been asked since 1992.

Question 14: To what extent do the following countries/regions share generally common values with the U.S.?

Response:

		(%)					
		Shares common values	(to a great extent	/ to some extent)	Little extent	None	No opinion
UK	2008	96	(81	15)	4	0	0
	2007	96	(84	12)	2	1	1
	2006	96	(83	13)	2	1	1
	2005	96	(78	18)	2	2	0
Japan	2008	93	(45	48)	6	1	0
	2007	94	(42	52)	5	0	1
	2006	96	(42	54)	3	0	0
	2005	91	(39	52)	8	1	0
Germany	2008	96	(50	46)	2	1	1
	2007	92	(47	45)	5	1	2
	2006	94	(45	49)	5	1	0
	2005	92	(40	52)	6	2	0
Taiwan	2008	85	(28	57)	11	3	1
	2007	83	(30	53)	10	3	4
	2006	83	(32	51)	13	2	2
	2005	84	(32	52)	12	2	2
France	2008	81	(36	45)	17	1	1
	2007	74	(27	47)	19	6	1
	2006	81	(24	57)	15	3	1
	2005	76	(24	52)	19	4	1
Russia	2008	58	(3	55)	36	4	2
	2007	58	(3	55)	36	4	2

	2006	69	(7	62)	28	3	0
	2005	69	(4	65)	27	4	0
China	2008	52	(6	46)	41	6	1
	2007	45	(4	41)	45	8	2
	2006	55	(8	47)	38	7	0
	2005	50	(6	44)	39	10	1
DPRK	2008	7	(2	5)	34	56	3
	2007	6	(1	5)	27	66	1
	2006	14	(2	12)	29	55	2
	2005	9	(1	8)	23	66	2
India	2008	77	(10	67)	19	2	2

Note: This question has been asked since 2004.
India was added in 2008.

Question 15: In your opinion, should Japan become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, or not?

Response	2008		2007	
	(%)			
Yes	49		52	
No	47		42	
Don't know / Refused	4		6	

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

Question 15-b: (If you answered "yes" in Question 15,) please tell me for each of the following reasons, whether it is or is not a reason you think Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council. (Based on those who support permanent membership. Percentages are of those who agreed with the choice.)

Response	2008		2007	
	(%)			

(1) You expect Japan will play a more positive role in world peace and security after becoming a permanent member	95	96
(2) Japan has a big economy, and this will strengthen the effectiveness of the UN Security Council	92	87
(3) Japan is a dependable ally	88	87
(4) Japan is a country that shares common values, such as democracy and human rights	84	87
(5) Japan currently contributes to world peace and security	71	75

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

Question 15-c: (If you answered “yes” in Question 15,) which of the following should the U.S. do in order to help secure Japan’s seat as a permanent member of the UN Security Council?

Response	2008		2007	
	2008			
	2007			
	2008			
	2007			
(1) Not be in the forefront, but should work to persuade countries that might have a negative stance towards Japan’s admission to permanent membership	42		53	
(2) Actively support Japan’s efforts to reform the UN Security Council	41		33	
(3) Do nothing more than give moral support to Japan	15		10	
(4) No response	2		3	
(5) Other	0		1	

Note: This question has been asked since 2007.

Question 15-d: (If you answered “no” in Question 15,) please tell me for each of the following reasons if it is or is not a reason why you think Japan should not become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Response:

	Yes, is a <u>Reason</u> (%)
(1) Japan does not provide enough personnel to Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) and multinational forces	64
(2) 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	60
(3) No increase should be made to the number of UN Security Council permanent members	53
(4) Japan will not make sufficient contributions to international peace and security in the UN Security Council	52

Note: This question is a new question added to the survey in 2008.

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