

# Topline Questionnaire

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## Methodological notes:

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- Not all questions included in the Spring 2016 survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q2. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?			
		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	47	45	9	100
	Spring, 2014	34	60	6	100
	Spring, 2013	33	61	6	100
	Spring, 2012	20	78	2	100
	Spring, 2011	25	72	3	100
	Spring, 2010	20	76	4	100
	Spring, 2009	25	73	2	100
	Spring, 2008	23	74	3	100
	Spring, 2007	22	71	7	100
	Spring, 2006	27	72	1	100
	Summer, 2002	12	86	2	100

		Q3. Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in (survey country) — is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	1	29	53	15	3	100
	Spring, 2015	1	36	46	14	2	100
	Spring, 2014	1	34	50	13	2	100
	Spring, 2013	1	26	55	16	1	100
	Spring, 2012	0	7	44	49	0	100
	Spring, 2011	1	9	46	42	1	100
	Spring, 2010	1	11	49	39	0	100
	Spring, 2009	1	9	47	43	1	100
	Spring, 2008	1	12	57	28	1	100
	Spring, 2007	1	27	54	17	2	100
	Summer, 2002	0	6	42	51	0	100

		Q10a. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. a. the United States					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	10	62	21	2	5	100
	Spring, 2015	8	60	25	4	3	100
	Spring, 2014	6	60	28	2	3	100
	Spring, 2013	8	61	26	3	3	100
	Spring, 2012	12	60	22	5	2	100
	Spring, 2011	26	59	13	1	1	100
	Spring, 2010	7	59	28	4	2	100
	Spring, 2009	6	53	34	3	3	100
	Spring, 2008	4	46	41	7	2	100
	Spring, 2007	8	53	33	3	3	100
	Spring, 2006	8	55	29	6	3	100
Summer, 2002	13	59	23	3	2	100	

		Q10b. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. b. China					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	1	10	44	42	2	100
	Spring, 2015	1	8	40	49	2	100
	Spring, 2014	1	6	38	53	3	100
	Spring, 2013	0	5	45	48	1	100
	Spring, 2012	1	14	49	35	1	100
	Spring, 2011	2	32	45	16	4	100
	Spring, 2010	2	24	49	20	4	100
	Spring, 2009	2	24	50	19	5	100
	Spring, 2008	1	13	50	34	2	100
	Spring, 2007	3	26	51	16	4	100
	Spring, 2006	3	24	49	22	1	100
	Summer, 2002	8	47	35	7	3	100

		Q10d. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. d. the United Nations					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	4	41	28	6	20	100
	Spring, 2013	5	40	37	3	15	100
	Spring, 2012	8	49	27	6	11	100
	Spring, 2011	10	51	25	2	13	100
	Spring, 2009	5	40	33	7	15	100
	Spring, 2007	5	36	33	7	19	100
	Spring, 2006	8	48	31	5	7	100

		Q10f. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. f. India					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	4	50	20	4	21	100
	Spring, 2015	8	55	22	5	9	100
	Spring, 2014	7	56	23	3	11	100
	Spring, 2013	6	56	23	3	12	100
	Spring, 2012	8	62	20	2	8	100
	Spring, 2011	7	52	20	3	18	100
	Spring, 2010	6	56	22	5	12	100
	Spring, 2008	5	55	26	4	10	100
	Spring, 2007	7	44	30	5	14	100
	Spring, 2006	8	57	26	2	7	100

		Q10i. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. i. South Korea					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	1	26	43	25	4	100
	Spring, 2015	1	20	43	32	3	100
	Spring, 2008	4	53	32	8	3	100
	Spring, 2006	6	50	34	9	1	100

		Q22a. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? a. China's emergence as a world power				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	63	21	10	6	100

		Q22b. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? b. the United States' power and influence				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	52	30	14	4	100
	Spring, 2013	49	35	13	3	100

		Q22c. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? c. tensions with Russia				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	33	45	15	7	100

		Q22d. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? d. global climate change				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	68	21	8	3	100
	Spring, 2013	72	21	5	2	100

		Q22e. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? e. the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria known as ISIS				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	69	19	8	4	100

		Q22f. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? f. cyberattacks from other countries				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	71	18	6	4	100

		Q22g. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? g. a large number of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	39	41	16	5	100

		Q22h. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? h. global economic instability				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	59	29	7	6	100

		Q23. Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power?							
		The United States	China	Japan	The countries of the European Union	Other (VOL)	None / There is no leading economic power (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	61	24	6	6	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2015	59	23	6	5	0	1	5	100
	Spring, 2014	59	23	4	7	0	1	5	100
	Spring, 2013	67	20	4	4	0	1	4	100
	Spring, 2012	45	43	3	5	0	2	3	100
	Spring, 2011	55	33	3	6	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2010	40	50	2	4	0	1	2	100
	Spring, 2009	58	21	6	7	0	2	6	100
Spring, 2008	52	19	6	19	1	1	2	100	

		Q29. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?					
		(Survey country) should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems as best they can [OR]	(Survey country) should help other countries deal with their problems	Neither (VOL)	Both (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	35	59	2	1	3	100
	Spring, 2011	30	66	1	1	2	100
	Spring, 2010	38	55	3	2	2	100

		Q30. Do you think the United States plays a more important and powerful role as a world leader today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role or about as important a role as a world leader as it did 10 years ago?				
		More important role	Less important role	As important as 10 years ago	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	7	61	29	3	100

		Q31a. Do you think ____ plays a more important role in the world today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role or about as important a role in the world as it did 10 years ago? a. (Survey country)				
		More important role	Less important role	As important as 10 years ago	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	24	34	39	3	100

		Q32. Please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.				
		In foreign policy, (survey country) should take into account the interests of its allies, even if it means making compromises	In foreign policy, (survey country) should follow its own national interests, even when its allies strongly disagree	Neither/Both equally (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	48	40	4	9	100

		Q38Na. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs — a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence or no confidence at all. a. U.S. President Barack Obama					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	17	61	15	2	5	100
	Spring, 2015	10	56	25	4	5	100
	Spring, 2014	6	54	33	3	5	100
	Spring, 2013	6	64	25	2	4	100
	Spring, 2012	8	66	19	3	4	100
	Spring, 2011	14	67	12	1	6	100
	Spring, 2010	15	61	17	2	5	100
	Spring, 2009	29	56	8	1	6	100
Spring, 2008	11	61	16	2	9	100	

		Q38Nb. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs — a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence or no confidence at all. b. U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	11	59	19	3	9	100
	Spring, 2012	7	64	19	4	6	100
	Spring, 2008	5	42	39	9	6	100

In 2012, question asked about 'U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.'

		Q38Nc. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs — a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence or no confidence at all. c. U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	2	7	33	49	9	100

		Q38Ng. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs — a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence or no confidence at all. g. Chinese President Xi Jinping					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	1	11	39	40	10	100
	Spring, 2015	1	11	41	41	6	100
	Spring, 2014	0	6	43	44	7	100

		Q40. Now thinking about (survey country), do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same or decrease it?				
		Increase	Keep same	Decrease	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	29	52	14	5	100

		Q42. Some people say that Japan should play a more active military role in the Asia-Pacific region. Other people say that Japan should limit its military role in regional affairs. Which view is closer to your own?			
		Play a more active military role	Limit its military role	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	29	62	10	100
	U.S.-Japan, 2015	23	68	9	100

In 2015, question asked 'Some people say that Japan should play a more active military role in helping to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. Other people say that, given its history, Japan should limit its military role in regional affairs. Which view is closer to your own?'

		Q43. Which statement comes closer to your view about (survey country)'s involvement in the global economy, even if neither is exactly right?				
		It is a good thing because it provides (survey country) with new markets and opportunities for growth	It is a bad thing because it lowers wages and costs jobs in (survey country)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	58	32	2	9	100

		Q45. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?					
		Improving human rights around the world should be one of (survey country)'s most important foreign policy goals	Improving human rights is important, but many other foreign policy goals should be more important	Improving human rights around the world should not be an important foreign policy goal for (survey country)	None of the above (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	29	62	3	1	5	100

		Q46a. I'm going to read you a list of things (survey country) might do in dealing with developing countries. As I read each one, please tell me if you would support or oppose it. a. increasing foreign aid to developing countries			
		Support	Oppose	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	66	27	7	100

		Q46b. I'm going to read you a list of things (survey country) might do in dealing with developing countries. As I read each one, please tell me if you would support or oppose it. b. importing more goods from developing countries			
		Support	Oppose	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	71	20	9	100

		Q46c. I'm going to read you a list of things (survey country) might do in dealing with developing countries. As I read each one, please tell me if you would support or oppose it. c. increasing (SURVEY COUNTRY NATIONALITY) companies' investment in developing countries			
		Support	Oppose	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	73	19	7	100

		Q78a. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is handling each of the following areas. a. the economy			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	52	39	9	100

		Q78b. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is handling each of the following areas. b. relations with the U.S.			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	74	18	8	100

		Q78c. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is handling each of the following areas. c. relations with China			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	46	40	14	100

		Q78d. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is handling each of the following areas. d. relations with South Korea			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	54	34	12	100

		Q85a. Some people say that the following things are important for being truly (SURVEY COUNTRY NATIONALITY). Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is? a. to have been born in (survey country)					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	50	27	14	8	1	100

		Q85b. Some people say that the following things are important for being truly (SURVEY COUNTRY NATIONALITY). Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is? b. to be able to speak (NATIONAL LANGUAGE)					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	70	22	5	2	1	100

In Japan asked 'Japanese.'

		Q85d. Some people say that the following things are important for being truly (SURVEY COUNTRY NATIONALITY). Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is? d. to share (NATIONALITY) customs and traditions					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	43	47	8	1	0	100

		Q86. Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?			
		Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world	Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	14	79	7	100

		Q99. Thinking about our relations with China, in your view, which is more important: being tough with China on territorial disputes between China and our country OR having a strong economic relationship with China?			
		Being tough with China	Having a strong relationship with China	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	45	47	8	100
	Spring, 2015	46	45	9	100

		Q100. How concerned are you, if at all, that territorial disputes between China and neighboring countries could lead to a military conflict? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?					
		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2016	35	45	14	5	1	100
	Spring, 2014	41	44	10	3	1	100