

Topline Questionnaire

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		Q3. In general, would you say life in (survey country) today is better, worse, or about the same as it was fifty years ago for people like you?				
		Better	Worse	About the same	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	65	15	15	4	100

		Q4. How much do you trust the national government to do what is right for (survey country) – a lot, somewhat, not much, or not at all?					
		A lot	Somewhat	Not much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	6	51	33	7	3	100

		Q5. 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, 2017	2	39	47	9	3	100
	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

		Q8. When children today in (survey country) grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?				
		Better off	Worse off	Same (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	19	72	3	6	100
	Spring, 2015	18	72	4	6	100
	Spring, 2014	14	79	4	3	100
	Spring, 2013	15	76	4	5	100

		Q9. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied?					
		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	5	45	38	9	3	100

		Q12c. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. c. China					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	1	12	48	35	4	100
	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

		Q12e. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. e. Russia					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	1	25	46	18	10	100
	Spring, 2015	1	20	49	24	7	100
	Spring, 2014	1	22	50	19	7	100
	Spring, 2013	1	26	53	11	10	100
	Spring, 2012	2	20	53	19	6	100
	Spring, 2011	1	27	48	14	10	100
	Spring, 2010	1	29	48	12	10	100
	Spring, 2009	1	22	50	18	9	100
Spring, 2007	2	20	50	17	11	100	

		Q12i. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. i. Japan					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Australia	Spring, 2017	30	58	6	1	5	100
	Spring, 2016	19	60	10	3	9	100
	Spring, 2015	22	58	8	2	10	100
	Spring, 2013	16	62	12	4	6	100
	Spring, 2008	11	66	13	4	7	100
India	Spring, 2017	16	26	9	6	42	100
	Spring, 2016	15	29	14	8	35	100
	Spring, 2015	18	28	11	5	38	100
	Spring, 2014	15	28	12	8	37	100
Winter, 2013-2014	15	34	15	10	26	100	
Indonesia	Spring, 2017	20	56	9	4	10	100
	Spring, 2015	29	42	9	4	17	100
	Spring, 2014	30	47	12	2	10	100
	Spring, 2013	28	51	9	3	9	100
	Spring, 2008	18	59	12	2	9	100
	Spring, 2007	19	65	9	1	6	100
	Spring, 2006	22	56	13	3	6	100
Spring, 2005	32	53	9	2	4	100	
Philippines	Spring, 2017	33	49	8	4	7	100
	Spring, 2015	28	53	9	3	6	100
	Spring, 2014	26	54	12	5	4	100
	Spring, 2013	18	60	15	3	4	100
South Korea	Spring, 2017	1	30	41	26	2	100
	Spring, 2015	1	24	38	35	1	100
	Spring, 2014	1	21	39	38	2	100
	Spring, 2013	1	21	39	38	1	100
	Spring, 2008	3	44	38	13	2	100
Spring, 2007	2	23	39	33	3	100	
Vietnam	Spring, 2017	47	39	7	1	5	100
	Spring, 2015	50	32	6	2	10	100
	Spring, 2014	39	38	11	2	9	100

		Q12o. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. o. South Korea					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	2	24	44	28	4	100
	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

		Q17a. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? a. China's power and influence				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	64	25	7	5	100
	Spring, 2013	74	17	7	2	100

		Q17b. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). 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, 2017	62	22	12	4	100
	Spring, 2016	52	30	14	4	100
	Spring, 2013	49	35	13	3	100

		Q17c. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? c. Russia's power and influence				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	43	40	9	8	100

		Q17d. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). 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, 2017	67	26	4	3	100
	Spring, 2016	68	21	8	3	100
	Spring, 2013	72	21	5	2	100

		Q17e. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? e. the Islamic militant group known as ISIS				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	62	24	6	7	100
	Spring, 2016	69	19	8	4	100

		Q17f. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). 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, 2017	76	15	4	6	100
	Spring, 2016	71	18	6	4	100

		Q17g. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). 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, 2017	38	39	16	6	100
	Spring, 2016	39	41	16	5	100

		Q17h. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for (survey country). Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? h. the condition of the global economy				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	51	31	10	8	100

		Q23. Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power?							DK/Refused	Total
		The United States	China	Japan	The countries of the European Union	Other (VOL)	None / There is no leading economic power (VOL)			
Japan	Spring, 2017	62	19	7	6	0	1	5	100	
	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		

		Q27a. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? a. China			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	9	85	6	100
	Spring, 2016	7	88	5	100
	Spring, 2015	3	93	4	100
	Spring, 2014	4	89	7	100
	Spring, 2013	5	88	7	100
	Spring, 2008	6	88	6	100

		Q27b. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? b. the United States			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	69	24	6	100
	Spring, 2016	76	17	7	100
	Spring, 2015	76	17	7	100
	Spring, 2014	84	10	6	100
	Spring, 2013	85	9	6	100
	Spring, 2008	80	17	3	100

		Q27d. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? d. Russia			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	23	61	16	100
	Spring, 2014	16	70	14	100
	Spring, 2008	22	63	15	100

		Q29a. I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing our country. For each one, would it be a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad way of governing this country? a. a democratic system where citizens, not elected officials, vote directly on major national issues to decide what becomes law					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	19	46	21	4	9	100

		Q29b. I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing our country. For each one, would it be a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad way of governing this country? b. a democratic system where representatives elected by citizens decide what becomes law					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	22	55	15	2	5	100

		Q29c. I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing our country. For each one, would it be a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad way of governing this country? c. a system in which a strong leader can make decisions without interference from parliament or the courts					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	6	25	32	29	7	100

		Q29d. I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing our country. For each one, would it be a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad way of governing this country? d. experts, not elected officials, make decisions according to what they think is best for the country					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	8	41	33	11	7	100

		Q29e. I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing our country. For each one, would it be a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad way of governing this country? e. the military rules the country					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	2	13	30	49	6	100

		Q30a. 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 Donald Trump					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	2	22	52	20	4	100
	Spring, 2016	2	7	33	49	9	100

In 2016, asked 'U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump.'

		Q30b. 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. Chinese President Xi Jinping					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	0	11	46	35	8	100
	Spring, 2016	1	11	39	40	10	100
	Spring, 2015	1	11	41	41	6	100
	Spring, 2014	0	6	43	44	7	100

		Q30c. 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. Russian President Vladimir Putin					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	2	26	47	17	7	100
	Spring, 2016	4	22	43	22	9	100
	Spring, 2015	1	21	47	24	7	100
	Spring, 2014	1	19	52	20	7	100
	Spring, 2012	2	25	47	21	6	100
	Spring, 2008	3	25	41	21	10	100
	Spring, 2007	1	18	46	22	14	100
Spring, 2006	2	38	44	11	5	100	

		Q36. Now that Donald Trump is the president of the United States, over the next few years do you think that relations between (survey country) and the U.S. will get better, get worse or stay about the same?				
		Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	17	41	34	9	100

		Q37a. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? a. well-qualified to be president			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	15	75	11	100

		Q37b. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? b. a strong leader			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	51	43	5	100

		Q37c. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? c. dangerous			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	56	36	8	100

		Q37d. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? d. charismatic			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	54	39	7	100

		Q37e. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? e. intolerant			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	62	27	11	100

		Q37f. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? f. caring about ordinary people			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	24	66	11	100

		Q37g. Please tell me whether you think the following describes U.S. President Donald Trump. Do you think of Donald Trump as ____? g. arrogant			
		Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	80	16	5	100

		Q38a. As I read some proposed policies of President Donald Trump, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each one. a. withdraw support for international climate change agreements			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	13	72	15	100

		Q38b. As I read some proposed policies of President Donald Trump, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each one. b. build a wall on the border between the U.S. and Mexico			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	15	78	7	100

		Q38c. As I read some proposed policies of President Donald Trump, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each one. c. withdraw U.S. support from the Iran nuclear weapons agreement			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	29	48	23	100

		Q38d. As I read some proposed policies of President Donald Trump, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each one. d. withdraw U.S. support for major trade agreements			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	16	66	18	100

		Q38e. As I read some proposed policies of President Donald Trump, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each one. e. introduce tighter restrictions on those entering the U.S. from some majority-Muslim countries			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	25	65	10	100

		Q43. Overall, do you think having people of many different backgrounds, such as different ethnic groups, religions and races, makes our country a better place to live or a worse place to live?				
		A better place to live	A worse place to live	Doesnt make much difference either way (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	24	57	7	12	100

		Q50. Overall do you think that China's growing economy is a good thing or a bad thing for our country?			
		Good thing	Bad thing	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	53	36	12	100
	Spring, 2014	47	39	14	100
	Spring, 2011	57	35	8	100
	Spring, 2010	61	29	11	100
	Spring, 2008	55	37	8	100
	Spring, 2007	57	27	16	100
	Spring, 2006	68	28	4	100

		Q51. Overall do you think that China's growing military power is a good thing or a bad thing for our country?			
		Good thing	Bad thing	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	4	90	6	100
	Spring, 2013	2	96	2	100
	Spring, 2011	7	87	6	100
	Spring, 2010	4	88	8	100
	Spring, 2008	5	90	5	100
	Spring, 2007	6	80	14	100
	Spring, 2006	3	93	3	100

		Q54a. If (survey country) and ____ got into a serious military conflict, do you think that the United States would or would not use military force to defend our country? a. China			
		Would use military force	Would not use military force	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	67	23	10	100
	Spring, 2015	60	28	13	100

In 2015, asked as a standalone question.

		Q54b. If (survey country) and ____ got into a serious military conflict, do you think that the United States would or would not use military force to defend our country? b. North Korea			
		Would use military force	Would not use military force	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	82	13	6	100

		Q56. How concerned are you about North Korea having nuclear weapons – 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, 2017	66	24	6	3	0	100

		Q57. Thinking about North Korea, which is the better option for dealing with North Korea's nuclear program?					
		Increasing economic sanctions against North Korea	Deepening ties with North Korea	Both (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2017	61	25	1	6	7	100