

**Pew Global Attitudes Project**  
**2012 Spring Survey Topline Results**  
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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on a national sample. For further details on sample designs, see Survey Methods section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, the Global Attitudes Project has used an automated process to generate topline. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2012 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, 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

		Q6 As a result of the earthquake and tsunami on March 11th, 2011, do you believe Japan has become a stronger nation or a weaker nation?				
		Stronger	Weaker	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	39	47	12	2	100

		Q7 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of how the national government has handled Japan's recovery from the March 11th, 2011 earthquake and tsunami?			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	37	60	4	100

		Q14 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, 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

		Q15 And over the next 12 months do you expect the economic situation in our country to improve a lot, improve a little, remain the same, worsen a little or worsen a lot?						
		Improve a lot	Improve a little	Remain the same	Worsen a little	Worsen a lot	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	0	16	49	25	8	1	100
	Spring, 2011	1	16	31	36	16	1	100
	Spring, 2010	0	14	52	25	8	1	100
	Spring, 2009	1	17	53	21	8	1	100
	Spring, 2008	0	5	47	38	10	0	100
	Summer, 2002	0	11	63	21	5	0	100

		Q37a As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Japan: a. our national government					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	0	12	54	32	1	100
	Spring, 2007	6	44	38	6	6	100
	Summer, 2002	0	22	51	23	3	100

		Q37b As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Japan: b. Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	1	29	46	21	2	100
	Spring, 2007	5	45	35	6	10	100
	Summer, 2002	3	35	47	11	4	100

In 2002, question asked about Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. In 2007, question asked about Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

		Q37c As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Japan: c. Self Defense Force					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	32	57	7	2	2	100
	Spring, 2007	8	59	23	2	9	100
	Summer, 2002	10	59	20	3	8	100

		Q37d As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Japan: d. the media—such as television, radio, newspapers, and magazines					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	3	31	48	15	2	100
	Spring, 2007	6	27	50	14	3	100
	Summer, 2002	5	43	41	7	4	100

		Q37e As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Japan: e. Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	0	4	36	58	1	100

		Q108 In your opinion, should the use of nuclear power in Japan be reduced, maintained at its current level, or increased?				
		Reduced	Maintained at current level	Increased	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	70	25	4	1	100
	Spring, 2011	44	46	8	2	100

		Q109 Thinking about the situation at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, do you approve or disapprove of the way the national government has handled this situation?			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	17	80	3	100
	Spring, 2011	25	69	6	100

		Q110 And what about the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), do you approve or disapprove of the way TEPCO has handled the situation at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant?			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	9	88	3	100

		Q111 How worried are you that you or someone in your family may have been exposed to radiation from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?					
		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	20	32	25	22	0	100
	Spring, 2011	31	28	23	17	1	100

		Q112 Do you think foods produced near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant are safe from radioactive contamination or not safe?			
		Safe	Not safe	DK/Refused	Total
Japan	Spring, 2012	19	76	6	100