Survey on the Images of Foreign Countries and Current Topics
(Harvard Dataverse Version)
Overview

1. Purpose of the survey

This survey, based on the grant of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science ("A Study of the Mechanism of Preference Formation of Japanese Public on Foreign Policy," number: 23243030), is a national online public opinion survey conducted monthly from October 2011 to September 2013 in 24 waves by Waseda University Research Institute of Contemporary Japanese Systems (Director of the institute: Masaru Kohno, Professor of the Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University). The survey included panel sample that participated in the survey continuously and fresh sample that selected anew every month (the panel series consisted of two, the first participating in waves 1 to 12 and the second participating in waves 13 to 24). Additionally, one mail survey was conducted in November 2012 using common questions to make a comparison between survey modes possible.

The purpose of this survey is to study the perceptions and evaluations of the Japanese general public concerning defense, foreign policy, and foreign economic relations, and how these perceptions and evaluations changed over time. The monthly survey included such survey items as: how favorable do the Japanese people feel towards different countries; to what degree do, in their opinion, such powers as the USA, or China, or such international organizations as the UN, have influence in the world or on Japan; do they think that Japan's relations with other countries are moving in the desirable direction or not; and how do they evaluate the Japanese government handling the issues of foreign policy.

2. Survey project

Online Survey

Survey area: entire country (Japan)
Population: persons registered at the surveying organization (see below) (men and women, 20 y/o or older)
Survey method: internet survey
Surveying organization: Nikkei Research Inc.

Mail Survey

Survey area: entire country (Japan)

Population: voter list (men and women, 20 y/o or older)

Survey method: mail survey

Surveying organization: Nikkei Research Inc.

3. Survey process

(a) Wave 1 (October 2011)

1) Conducted 2011/10/14 21:15 ~ 2011/10/20 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,324 respondents (92.7%)
Fresh 2,157 respondents (22.2%)
Total 3,481 respondents

(b) Wave 2 (November 2011)

1) Conducted 2011/11/18 18:29 ~ 2011/11/24 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,239 respondents (93.6%)
Fresh 2,071 respondents (22.1%)
Total 3,310 respondents

(c) Wave 3 (December 2011)

1) Conducted 2011/12/16 19:29 ~ 2011/12/22 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,167 respondents (94.2%)
Fresh 2,185 respondents (22.8%)
Total 3,352 respondents

(d) Wave 4 (January 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/1/20 17:08 ~ 2012/1/26 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,126 respondents (96.5%)
Fresh 2,392 respondents (23.7%)
Total 3,518 respondents

(e) Wave 5 (February 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/2/17 18:28 ~ 2012/2/23 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,093 respondents (97.2%)
Fresh 2,325 respondents (23.0%)

Total 3,418 respondents

(f) Wave 6 (March 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/3/16 17:16 ~ 2012/3/22 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,062 respondents (97.2%)

Fresh 2,343 respondents (22.5%)

Total 3,405 respondents

(g) Wave 7 (April 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/4/20 17:34 ~ 2012/4/26 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,009 respondents (95.7%)

Fresh 2,252 respondents (16.0%)

Total 3,261 respondents

(h) Wave 8 (May 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/5/18 18:03 ~ 2012/5/24 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 985 respondents (97.6%)

Fresh 2,230 respondents (16.1%)

Total 3,215 respondents

(i) Wave 9 (June 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/6/22 18:52 ~ 2012/6/28 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 953 respondents (96.8%)

Fresh 2,225 respondents (15.7%)

Total 3,187 respondents

(j) Wave 10 (July 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/7/20 18:19 ~ 2012/7/26 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 932 respondents (97.8%)

Fresh 2,137 respondents (14.3%)

Total 3,069 respondents

(k) Wave 11 (August 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/8/17 12:06 ~ 2012/8/23 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 904 respondents (97.0%)

Fresh 2,164 respondents (15.6%)

Total 3,068 respondents

(l) Wave 12 (September 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/9/21 16:55 ~ 2012/9/27 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 894 respondents (98.9%)

Fresh 2,138 respondents (15.3%)

Total 3,032 respondents

(m) Wave 13 (October 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/10/19 12:00 ~ 2012/10/26 10:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,238 respondents (88.4%)

Fresh 2,095 respondents (17.2%)

Total 3,333 respondents

(n) Wave 14 (November 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/11/16 18:00 ~ 2012/11/22 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,129 respondents (91.2%)

Fresh 2,137 respondents (15.8%)

Total 3,266 respondents

(o) Wave 15 (December 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/12/19 16:30 ~ 2012/12/27 13:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,067 respondents (94.5%)

Fresh 2,255 respondents (14.4%)

Total 3,322 respondents

(p) Wave 16 (January 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/1/18 11:00 ~ 2013/1/25 10:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 1,028 respondents (96.3%)

Fresh 2,219 respondents (15.2%)

Total 3,247 respondents

(q) Wave 17 (February 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/2/15 19:00 ~ 2013/2/22 10:30

2) Number of effective responses Panel 987 respondents (96.0%)

Fresh 2,195 respondents (16.7%)

Total 3,182 respondents

(r) Wave 18 (March 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/3/15 17:30 ~ 2013/3/25 10:10

2) Number of effective responses Panel 924 respondents (93.6%)

Fresh 2,164 respondents (15.1%)

Total 3,088 respondents

(s) Wave 19 (April 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/4/19 16:30 ~ 2013/4/26 10:30

2) Number of effective responses Panel 857 respondents (95.5%)

Fresh 2,186 respondents (14.3%)

Total 3,043 respondents

(t) Wave 20 (May 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/5/17 10:30 ~ 2013/5/24 10:30

2) Number of effective responses Panel 835 respondents (97.4%)

Fresh 2,135 respondents (14.7%)

Total 2,980 respondents

(u) Wave 21 (June 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/6/21 16:40 ~ 2013/6/28 10:30

2) Number of effective responses Panel 810 respondents (97.0%)

Fresh 2,187 respondents (12.8%)

Total 2,997 respondents

(v) Wave 22 (July 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/7/26 12:00 ~ 2013/8/2 10:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 787 respondents (97.2%)

Fresh 2,256 respondents (13.1%)

Total 3,043 respondents

(w) Wave 23 (August 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/8/23 15:45 ~ 2013/8/30 10:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 757 respondents (96.2%)

Fresh 2,317 respondents (11.5%)

Total 3,074 respondents

(x) Wave 24 (September 2013)

1) Conducted 2013/9/20 20:00 ~ 2013/9/27 10:00

2) Number of effective responses Panel 740 respondents (97.8%)

Fresh 2,466 respondents (11.0%)

Total 3,206 respondents

Mail survey (November 2012)

1) Conducted 2012/11/5 ~ 2012/12/7

2) Number of effective responses 1730 respondents (55.9%)

4. Files and questionnaires

The following data are provided for this survey:

1) Main datasets
   sifcct_hdv_wave1-12.csv (panel & fresh samples, wave 1 through 12)
   sifcct_hdv_wave13-24.csv (panel & fresh samples, wave 13 through 24)
   sifcct_hdv_mail.csv (mail-in survey, 2012 November)

2) Postal-code datasets (variable i54 only, restricted and available upon application)
   sifcct_hdv_wave1-12_i54.csv (panel & fresh samples, wave 1 through 12)
   sifcct_hdv_wave13-24_i54.csv (panel & fresh samples, wave 13 through 24)
   sifcct_hdv_mail_i54.csv (mail-in survey, 2012 November)

3) Study Overview (English and Japanese)
   sifcct_en_overview.pdf (English)
   sifcct_jp_overview.pdf (Japanese)

4) Codebooks (in global variable names, English and original Japanese)
   sifcct_en_hdv_wave1-12_codebook.xlsx (English, Wave 1-12)
   sifcct_en_hdv_wave13-24_codebook.xlsx (English, Wave 13-24)
   sifcct_en_hdv_mail_codebook.xlsx (English, Mail-In)
   sifcct_jp_hdv_wave1-12_codebook.xlsx (Japanese, Wave 1-12)
   sifcct_jp_hdv_wave13-24_codebook.xlsx (Japanese, Wave 13-24)
   sifcct_jp_hdv_mail_codebook.xlsx (Japanese, Mail-In)

5) Questionnaires (in original variable names, English and original Japanese)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_01_2011oct.pdf (English, Wave 1)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_02_2011nov.pdf (English, Wave 2)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_03_2011dec.pdf (English, Wave 3)

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sifcct_en_questionnaire_04_2012jan.pdf (English, Wave 4)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_05_2012feb.pdf (English, Wave 5)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_06_2012mar.pdf (English, Wave 6)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_07_2012apr.pdf (English, Wave 7)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_08_2012may.pdf (English, Wave 8)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_09_2012jun.pdf (English, Wave 9)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_10_2012jul.pdf (English, Wave 10)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_11_2012aug.pdf (English, Wave 11)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_12_2012sep.pdf (English, Wave 12)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_13_2012oct.pdf (English, Wave 13)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_14_2012nov.pdf (English, Wave 14)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_15_2012dec.pdf (English, Wave 15)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_16_2013jan.pdf (English, Wave 16)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_17_2013feb.pdf (English, Wave 17)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_18_2013mar.pdf (English, Wave 18)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_19_2013apr.pdf (English, Wave 19)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_20_2013may.pdf (English, Wave 20)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_21_2013jun.pdf (English, Wave 21)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_22_2013jul.pdf (English, Wave 22)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_23_2013aug.pdf (English, Wave 23)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_24_2013sep.pdf (English, Wave 24)

sifcct_en_questionnaire_mail_2012nov.pdf (English, Mail-In)

sifcct_jp_questionnaire_01_2011oct.pdf (Japanese, Wave 1)

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sifcct_jp_questionnaire_09_2012jun.pdf (Japanese, Wave 9)
sifcct_jp_questionnaire_10_2012jul.pdf (Japanese, Wave 10)
sifcct_jp_questionnaire_11_2012aug.pdf (Japanese, Wave 11)
sifcct_jp_questionnaire_12_2012sep.pdf (Japanese, Wave 12)
sifcct_jp_questionnaire_13_2012oct.pdf (Japanese, Wave 13)
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sifcct_jp_questionnaire_18_2013mar.pdf (Japanese, Wave 18)
sifcct_jp_questionnaire_19_2013apr.pdf (Japanese, Wave 19)
sifcct_jp_questionnaire_20_2013may.pdf (Japanese, Wave 20)
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