U.S. Bases--Japan

Start of Block: Consent

Q1 **Please read this short introduction before accepting the invitation. You are being invited to participate in a research study of Japanese public opinion.** The purpose of the study is to understand how people think about current affairs in Japan. Your participation in the study is voluntary. If you decide to participate, it will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey. You can end your participation at any moment. Your responses will be completely anonymous. Under no circumstances will identifying information will be published. The results will be used for articles and academic publications. **After finishing the last question, you can indicate if you wish to participate in a raffle of a cash prize of 5,000 JPY.** One winner will be chosen from each 80 people who enter the raffle. To sign up for the raffle, you will have to provide your name and e-mail, which will be stored in another database so that it is impossible to link them to your answers to the survey. There is a small risk that your name and email address could be publicly revealed. However, we will minimize this risk by encrypting the names and emails, protecting them with a password, and deleting them after the drawing. This study is being conducted by a doctoral student at Boston University, supervised by a professor of the same institution. **If you have any questions, you can contact:** Claudia Kim (cldk@bu.edu) or Taylor Boas (tboas@bu.edu). To obtain more information about your rights as a participant in this investigation, you can communicate with the Institutional Review Board of Boston University (irb@bu.edu or +1-617-358-6115).

- ○ I understand the information above and I agree to participate in this study. (1)
- ○ I do not want to participate in this study. (2)

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End of Block: Consent

Start of Block: Eligibility 1

Q2 Are you Japanese?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q3 Do you live in Japan?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

End of Block: Eligibility 1

Start of Block: Eligibility 2

Q4 How old are you?

- Under 18 (1)
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- ○ 99 (83)
- ○ 100 or over (84)

Q5 Please identify where you live.

- ○ Hokkaido (1)
- ○ Aomori (2)
- ○ Iwate (3)
- ○ Miyagi (4)
- ○ Akita (5)
- ○ Yamagata (6)
- ○ Fukushima (7)
- ○ Ibaraki (8)
- ○ Tochigi (9)
- ○ Gunma (10)
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- ○ Tokyo (13)
- ○ Kanagawa (14)
- ○ Niigata (15)
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- ○ Ishikawa (17)
- ○ Fukui (18)
- ○ Yamanashi (19)
- ○ Nagano (20)
- ○ Gifu (21)

- Shizuoka (22)
- Aichi (23)
- Mie (24)
- Shiga (25)
- Kyoto (26)
- Osaka (27)
- Hyogo (28)
- Nara (29)
- Wakayama (30)
- Tottori (31)
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- Okayama (33)
- Hiroshima (34)
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- Kagawa (37)
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- Kochi (39)
- Fukuoka (40)
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- Nagasaki (42)

- ○ Kumamoto (43)
- ○ Oita (44)
- ○ Miyazaki (45)
- ○ Kagoshima (46)
- ○ Okinawa (47)

End of Block: Eligibility 2

Start of Block: Political attitudes

Q6 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Citizens have a duty to vote in elections.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)

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Q7 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Generally speaking, people like me don't have the power to influence government policy or actions.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)

End of Block: Political attitudes

Start of Block: Petition

Q8 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Signing a petition to improve conditions:

- ○ Have done (1)
- ○ Might do (2)
- ○ Would never do (3)

End of Block: Petition

Start of Block: Boycott

Q9 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Joining in boycotts:

- ○ Have done (1)
- ○ Might do (2)
- ○ Would never do (3)

End of Block: Boycott

Start of Block: Demonstration

Q10 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Attending lawful demonstrations:

- Have done (1)
- Might do (2)
- Would never do (3)

End of Block: Demonstration

Start of Block: Donate

Q11 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Donating money to a civic group that shares causes I support:

- Have done (1)
- Might do (2)
- Would never do (3)

End of Block: Donate

Start of Block: Vote and Ideology

Q12 In general elections, you cast one ballot for a candidate, and another for a party. Which party did you vote for in the last general election for the House of Representatives?

- ○ Liberal Democratic Party (1)
- ○ Democratic Party (2)
- ○ Komeito (3)
- ○ Japan Innovation Party (4)
- ○ Japanese Communist Party (5)
- ○ Social Democratic Party (6)
- ○ Party for Future Generations (7)
- ○ People's Life Party (8)
- ○ Other (9)
- ○ Did not vote (10)

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Q13 People talk about distinctions between being progressive and being conservative. Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

- ○ Progressive: 1 (1)
- ○ 2 (2)
- ○ 3 (3)
- ○ 4 (4)
- ○ 5 (5)
- ○ 6 (6)
- ○ 7 (7)
- ○ 8 (8)
- ○ 9 (9)
- ○ Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Vote and Ideology

Start of Block: Hyper nationalists

Q18 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: Issuikai? This group, founded in 1972 to carry on the patriotic spirit of martyrs Mishima Yukio and Morita Masakatsu, seeks independence from the United States and Japan's sovereignty in order to restore Japan's pride and dignity.

- ○ Progressive: 1 (1)
- ○ 2 (2)
- ○ 3 (3)
- ○ 4 (4)
- ○ 5 (5)
- ○ 6 (6)
- ○ 7 (7)
- ○ 8 (8)
- ○ 9 (9)
- ○ Conservative: 10 (10)

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End of Block: Hyper nationalists

Start of Block: Govt transparency

Q19 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: Citizens Center for Information Disclosure? The group, founded in 2001, seeks to promote democratic and open administrative practices through supporting disclosure of administrative documents based on the Information Disclosure Act.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Govt transparency

Start of Block: Anti-Base

Q20 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: Peace Forum? The group, founded in 1999, is a peace movement organization devoted to issues such as U.S. military bases, anti-nuclear causes, human rights and the environment. It has regional chapters that seek to challenge U.S. military presence.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Anti-Base

Start of Block: Environmental

Q21 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: Global Environmental Forum? This group, founded in 1990, conducts research on global environmental issues, such as climate change, forest deforestation and desertification.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Environmental

Start of Block: Interest

Q22 How much attention to you pay to local news?

- None: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- A lot: 7 (7)

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Q23 How much attention to you pay to national news?

- None: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- A lot: 7 (7)

End of Block: Interest

Start of Block: Screener

Q25 There are many serious problems in society. We want to know about what you think are serious problems facing your community, but we also want to know if you are actually paying attention to instructions. To show that you read this, please ignore the question below and just choose the '--' option at the very bottom of the list. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing this country that government should address?

- ○ Economy, management of (15)
- ○ Wages, incomes and salaries (16)
- ○ Unemployment (17)
- ○ Land (18)
- ○ Infrastructure / roads (19)
- ○ Education (20)
- ○ Housing (21)
- ○ Water supply (22)
- ○ Health (23)
- ○ Crime and Security (24)
- ○ Corruption (25)
- ○ Gender issues/women's rights (26)
- ○ Other (27)
- ○ -- (28)

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End of Block: Screener

Start of Block: Security

Q28 Do you think that a military conflict will happen in East Asia in the next 10 years?

- Definitely will happen (1)
- Probably will happen (2)
- May happen, may not happen (3)
- Probability will not happen (4)
- Definitely will not happen (5)

Q29 If North Korea attacks Japan, should the United States intervene?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

End of Block: Security

Start of Block: Pure control

Q30a Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Pure control

Start of Block: Regular control

Q30b There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Regular control

Start of Block: Trigger events

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If Please identify where you live. = Okinawa

Q30c_o There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In November 2009, a 27-year-old American soldier in Okinawa Prefecture ran over a Japanese man who was talking a walk. The soldier left the scene, leaving behind the 66-year-old victim who eventually died of a broken neck.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

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Q30c_k There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In November 2006, a 54-year-old civilian employee at a U.S. military base in Kanagawa Prefecture assaulted a 70-year-old Japanese man at a bar. The victim fell to the ground, hitting his head on the sidewalk. Four days later, the Japanese man died of brain contusion.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Trigger events

Start of Block: Status quo disruption

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In May 2006, the government announced that a new U.S. military base will be built in Okinawa Prefecture next to the already existing Marine base, which requires the construction of new runways in an area known for pristine nature.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

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If Please identify where you live. = Kanagawa

Q30d_k There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

Throughout the early-to-mid 2000s, there was a move at one of the U.S. military bases in Kanagawa Prefecture to expand the area where ships are docked, raising the possibility that the base would be become a permanent home port for U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Status quo disruption

Start of Block: Meaning--pragmatic

Q30e There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In particular, one group has been protesting polluted soil at a U.S. military base in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} after a probe found that the soil contamination level around the site far exceeds the national environmental standards.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Meaning--pragmatic

Start of Block: Meaning--ideological

Q30f There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In particular, one group has been protesting the presence of bases as they symbolize American military hegemony in the world; the group claims that the bases promote militarism and support U.S. imperialism.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Meaning--ideological

Start of Block: Meaning--nationalistic

Q30g There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In particular, one group has been protesting the alleged inequality and hierarchy between the U.S. and Japan, which they say is demonstrated by the legal status of U.S. personnel in Japan as specified in the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). The group sees the U.S. bases as a challenge to Japan's sovereignty.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Meaning--nationalistic

Start of Block: Policy misalignment

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In October 2015, the Okinawa prefectural government revoked the approval of land reclamation work required for the relocation of a U.S. military base there. The move was seen as a direct challenge to the longstanding policy objective of the central government and the U.S. military.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

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If Please identify where you live. = Kanagawa

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In May 2005, local government officials delivered a petition signed by 60,000 locals living near one of the U.S. military bases in Kanagawa Prefecture to protest the move by the central government and the U.S. military to relocate an army unit from the U.S. to the local base and and station more troops there.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Policy misalignment

Start of Block: US perceptions

Q31 Generally speaking, how much do you think Japan can trust the United States?

- A great deal (1)
- A fair amount (2)
- Not too much (6)
- Not at all (3)

Q32 Should the U.S. military presence in the Asia-Pacific be increased, maintained at its present level, or decreased?

- ○ Increased (1)
- ○ Maintained at its present level (2)
- ○ Decreased (3)

End of Block: US perceptions

Start of Block: Demographics

Q33 What is your gender?

- ○ Male (1)
- ○ Female (2)

Q34 What is your level of education?

- ○ No formal education (1)
- ○ Elementary school/junior high school/middle school (2)
- ○ High school (3)
- ○ Professional school/technical school (4)
- ○ University/graduate school (5)

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Q35 How satisfied are you with the financial situation of your household?

- ○ Completely dissatisfied: 1 (1)
- ○ 2 (2)
- ○ 3 (3)
- ○ 4 (4)
- ○ 5 (5)
- ○ 6 (6)
- ○ 7 (7)
- ○ 8 (8)
- ○ 9 (9)
- ○ Completely satisfied: 10 (10)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: Raffle

Q36
Would you like to enter the raffle for a cash prize of 5,000 JPY? If so, you will be redirected to another site where we will request your contact information.

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

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If Would you like to enter the raffle for a cash prize of 5,000 JPY? If so, you will be redirected t... = Yes

Q37 In the event that you win the raffle, you can choose to donate some portion of your prize to Peace Forum. The group, founded in 1999, is a peace movement organization devoted to issues such as U.S. military bases, anti-nuclear causes, human rights and the environment. It has regional chapters that seek to challenge U.S. military presence.

What portion of you prize would you like to donate to Peace Forum? Please enter a number from 0 to 5,000 JYP.

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End of Block: Raffle