

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 1996

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                    | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                               |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                       | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                        |
| Deregulation                       | Oppose deregulation, and<br>delegation of power to<br>private sector       | Promote deregulation, and<br>delegation of power to<br>private sector  |
| Deficit bonds                      | Promote public services,<br>even if this means issuing<br>deficit bonds    | Oppose deficit bonds, even if<br>this means cutting public<br>services |
| Social                             | Promote policies aimed at<br>creating greater equality for<br>women        | Oppose policies aimed at<br>creating greater equality for<br>women     |
| Environment                        | Promote environmental<br>protection, even if this slows<br>economic growth | Promote economic growth,<br>even if this damages<br>environment        |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>decision-making to local<br>bodies          | Oppose decentralization of<br>decision-making to local<br>bodies       |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose close relationship<br>with USA                                      | Promote close relationship<br>with USA                                 |
| Citizens' right                    | Promote policies increasing<br>public access to information                | Oppose policies increasing<br>public access to information             |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                     | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                               |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                          | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                             |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                       | Right                                                                  |

Response rate=28.46%

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2000

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Promote public services,<br>even if this means issuing<br>deficit bonds                     | Oppose deficit bonds, even if<br>this means cutting public<br>services                      |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Promote environmental<br>protection, even if this slows<br>economic growth                  | Promote economic growth,<br>even if this damages<br>environment                             |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>decision-making to local<br>bodies                           | Oppose decentralization of<br>decision-making to local<br>bodies                            |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Citizens' right                    | Promote policies increasing<br>public access to information                                 | Oppose policies increasing<br>public access to information                                  |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |

Response rate=17%

### Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2003

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |
| Sympathetic/Close to Respondent    | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=16.52%

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2005

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |
| Sympathetic/Close to Respondent    | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=12.94%

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2009

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |
| Sympathetic/Close to Respondent    | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=13.44%

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2010

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |
| Sympathetic/Close to Respondent    | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=9.37%

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2012

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |
| Sympathetic/Close<br>to Respondent | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=9.22%

## Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2014

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Left-Right                         | Left                                                                                        | Right                                                                                       |
| Sympathetic/Close to Respondent    | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=9.22%

### Eleven substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2017

| <i>Policy</i>                      | <i>'Left' end point</i>                                                                     | <i>'Right' end point</i>                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic<br>(Spending v.<br>Taxes) | Promote raising taxes to<br>increase public services                                        | Promote cutting public<br>services to cut taxes                                             |
| Deregulation                       | Favour high levels of state<br>regulation and control of the<br>market                      | Favour deregulation of<br>markets at every opportunity                                      |
| Deficit bonds                      | Support the issuing of deficit<br>bonds rather than the<br>increasing of taxes              | Support the increasing of<br>taxes rather than the issuing<br>of deficit bonds              |
| Social                             | Favour liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia | Oppose liberal policies on<br>matters such as abortion,<br>homosexuality, and<br>euthanasia |
| Environment                        | Support protection of the<br>environment, even at the cost<br>of economic growth            | Support economic growth,<br>even at the cost of damage to<br>the environment                |
| Decentralization                   | Promote decentralization of<br>all administration and<br>decision-making                    | Oppose any decentralization<br>of administration and<br>decision-making                     |
| Immigration                        | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants integrate<br>into Japanese society           | Favour policies designed to<br>help immigrants return to<br>their country of origin         |
| US Affairs                         | Oppose an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                 | Support an expanded U.S.<br>military and political role in<br>world affairs.                |
| Defence policy                     | Promote reduced spending on<br>defence                                                      | Promote increased spending<br>on defence                                                    |
| National identity                  | Do not encourage increased<br>respect for Emperor                                           | Encourage increased respect<br>for Emperor                                                  |
| Sympathetic/Close to Respondent    | Same as respondent                                                                          | Farthest from respondent                                                                    |

Response rate=24.74%

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 1996**

| <i>Cabinet portfolio</i>  | <i>Importance score</i> |                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | <i>Mean</i>             | <i>Standard error</i> |
| Home affairs              | 2.81                    | 0.13                  |
| Post & telecommunications | 2.72                    | 0.14                  |
| Justice                   | 2.49                    | 0.17                  |
| Foreign affairs           | 4.06                    | 0.14                  |
| Finance                   | 4.55                    | 0.14                  |
| Education                 | 2.47                    | 0.14                  |
| Welfare                   | 3.30                    | 0.13                  |
| Labour                    | 2.24                    | 0.14                  |
| Agriculture               | 2.78                    | 0.12                  |
| Trade & industry          | 3.62                    | 0.12                  |
| Construction              | 3.02                    | 0.11                  |
| Transportation            | 2.81                    | 0.13                  |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2000**

| <i>Cabinet portfolio</i>  | <i>Importance score</i> |                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | <i>Mean</i>             | <i>Standard error</i> |
| Home affairs              | 2.83                    | 0.12                  |
| Post & telecommunications | 2.78                    | 0.15                  |
| Justice                   | 2.41                    | 0.14                  |
| Foreign affairs           | 4.28                    | 0.11                  |
| Finance                   | 4.67                    | 0.13                  |
| Education                 | 2.81                    | 0.16                  |
| Welfare                   | 3.36                    | 0.11                  |
| Labour                    | 2.14                    | 0.14                  |
| Agriculture               | 2.86                    | 0.11                  |
| Trade & industry          | 3.77                    | 0.12                  |
| Construction              | 3.17                    | 0.13                  |
| Transportation            | 2.81                    | 0.12                  |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2003**

| <i>Cabinet portfolio</i>                           | <i>Importance score</i> |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                    | <i>Mean</i>             | <i>Standard error</i> |
| Internal Affairs and Communications                | 3.94                    | 0.14                  |
| Justice                                            | 2.40                    | 0.18                  |
| Foreign Affairs                                    | 4.25                    | 0.14                  |
| Finance                                            | 4.66                    | 0.11                  |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology | 2.52                    | 0.15                  |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                         | 3.62                    | 0.14                  |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                | 2.92                    | 0.15                  |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                        | 3.70                    | 0.16                  |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                  | 3.51                    | 0.17                  |
| Environment                                        | 2.34                    | 0.17                  |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2005**

| <i><b>Cabinet portfolio</b></i>                       | <i><b>Importance score</b></i> |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                       | <i><b>Mean</b></i>             | <i><b>Standard error</b></i> |
| Internal Affairs and Communication:                   | 3.93                           | 0.17                         |
| Justice                                               | 2.28                           | 0.17                         |
| Foreign Affairs                                       | 4.02                           | 0.15                         |
| Finance                                               | 4.26                           | 0.19                         |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science<br>and Technology | 2.79                           | 0.16                         |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                            | 3.39                           | 0.14                         |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                   | 2.62                           | 0.14                         |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                           | 3.39                           | 0.14                         |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                     | 3.18                           | 0.14                         |
| Environment                                           | 2.66                           | 0.20                         |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2009**

| <i>Cabinet portfolio</i>                              | <i>Importance score</i> |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                       | <i>Mean</i>             | <i>Standard error</i> |
| Internal Affairs and Communication:                   | 3.83                    | 0.14                  |
| Justice                                               | 2.17                    | 0.14                  |
| Foreign Affairs                                       | 4.35                    | 0.12                  |
| Finance                                               | 4.58                    | 0.12                  |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science<br>and Technology | 2.79                    | 0.15                  |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                            | 3.87                    | 0.11                  |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                   | 2.73                    | 0.13                  |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                           | 3.26                    | 0.13                  |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                     | 3.38                    | 0.14                  |
| Environment                                           | 2.47                    | 0.15                  |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2010**

| <i><b>Cabinet portfolio</b></i>                       | <i><b>Importance score</b></i> |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                       | <i><b>Mean</b></i>             | <i><b>Standard error</b></i> |
| Internal Affairs and Communication:                   | 3.68                           | 0.16                         |
| Justice                                               | 2.27                           | 0.17                         |
| Foreign Affairs                                       | 4.19                           | 0.19                         |
| Finance                                               | 4.49                           | 0.19                         |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science<br>and Technology | 2.73                           | 0.19                         |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                            | 3.68                           | 0.16                         |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                   | 2.86                           | 0.16                         |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                           | 3.30                           | 0.17                         |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                     | 3.30                           | 0.11                         |
| Environment                                           | 2.41                           | 0.16                         |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2012**

| <i>Cabinet portfolio</i>                           | <i>Importance score</i> |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                    | <i>Mean</i>             | <i>Standard error</i> |
| Internal Affairs and Communication:                | 3.61                    | 0.21                  |
| Justice                                            | 2.21                    | 0.23                  |
| Foreign Affairs                                    | 4.21                    | 0.19                  |
| Finance                                            | 4.62                    | 0.19                  |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology | 2.68                    | 0.19                  |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                         | 3.62                    | 0.16                  |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                | 2.89                    | 0.17                  |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                        | 3.69                    | 0.21                  |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                  | 3.34                    | 0.14                  |
| Environment                                        | 2.39                    | 0.21                  |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2014**

| <i><b>Cabinet portfolio</b></i>                    | <i><b>Importance score</b></i> |                              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                    | <i><b>Mean</b></i>             | <i><b>Standard error</b></i> |
| Internal Affairs and Communication:                | 3.54                           | 0.20                         |
| Justice                                            | 2.11                           | 0.21                         |
| Foreign Affairs                                    | 4.07                           | 0.16                         |
| Finance                                            | 4.68                           | 0.15                         |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology | 2.57                           | 0.20                         |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                         | 3.43                           | 0.20                         |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                | 2.86                           | 0.18                         |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                        | 3.50                           | 0.20                         |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                  | 2.75                           | 0.21                         |
| Environment                                        | 1.75                           | 0.24                         |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 5.

**Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2017**

| <b><i>Cabinet portfolio</i></b>                      | <b><i>Importance score</i></b> |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b><i>Mean</i></b>             | <b><i>Standard error</i></b> |
| Internal Affairs and Communications                  | 7.75                           | 0.18                         |
| Justice                                              | 4.63                           | 0.23                         |
| Foreign Affairs                                      | 8.68                           | 0.13                         |
| Finance                                              | 9.17                           | 0.12                         |
| Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology   | 5.66                           | 0.22                         |
| Health, Labour and Welfare                           | 7.10                           | 0.17                         |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                  | 5.79                           | 0.17                         |
| Economy, Trade and Industry                          | 7.35                           | 0.16                         |
| Land Infrastructure and Transport                    | 6.28                           | 0.18                         |
| Environment                                          | 4.63                           | 0.24                         |
| Defense                                              | 7.32                           | 0.17                         |
| Chief Cabinet Secretary                              | 9.15                           | 0.14                         |
| Reconstruction                                       | 4.18                           | 0.24                         |
| Chairperson of the National Public Safety Commission | 4.33                           | 0.22                         |

*Note* : Lowest possible ranking = 1; highest possible ranking = 10.

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 1996

| Policy                   | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Sak.        | Sun         | LDP         | NFP         | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 10.03       | 8.94        | 10.37       | 10.19       | 10.22       | 7.84        | 10.77       | 9.76        |
|                          | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.21</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 5.06        | 8.04        | 13.90       | 14.77       | 14.26       | 11.65       | 14.75       | 11.76       |
|                          | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 7.54        | 8.51        | 11.62       | 12.10       | 12.10       | 12.12       | 12.57       | 10.95       |
|                          | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.21</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 4.57        | 5.93        | 6.26        | 8.04        | 12.49       | 14.86       | 13.64       | 9.41        |
|                          | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 5.06        | 6.46        | 7.61        | 8.38        | 12.76       | 14.76       | 14.52       | 9.92        |
|                          | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 8.74        | 7.58        | 4.99        | 5.39        | 8.24        | 10.69       | 8.06        | 7.68        |
|                          | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.20</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 3.01        | 8.79        | 13.96       | 14.70       | 16.76       | 18.26       | 17.74       | 13.30       |
|                          | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.28</i> | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.24</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Citizens' rights</b>  | 4.30        | 5.74        | 4.54        | 6.21        | 11.01       | 13.75       | 11.93       | 8.22        |
|                          | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 2.49        | 5.46        | 8.83        | 9.96        | 14.57       | 15.65       | 16.14       | 10.43       |
|                          | <i>0.26</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 2.01        | 6.81        | 10.56       | 12.92       | 16.64       | 18.11       | 17.33       | 12.05       |
|                          | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.24</i> | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>        | 2.79        | 7.46        | 9.68        | 11.22       | 14.47       | 16.01       | 16.61       | 11.15       |
|                          | <i>0.24</i> | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.24</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Sak.= New Party Sakigake; Sun= The Sun Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; NFP= New Frontier Party

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2000

| Policy                   | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | LDP         | CP          | LP          | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 8.96        | 9.04        | 10.25       | 8.89        | 8.52        | 11.58       | 13.12       | 10.04       |
|                          | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 5.54        | 6.65        | 13.14       | 9.68        | 10.29       | 12.60       | 16.37       | 10.60       |
|                          | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 8.71        | 8.19        | 12.90       | 6.69        | 6.69        | 8.53        | 13.53       | 9.32        |
|                          | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 4.54        | 3.00        | 4.96        | 8.47        | 12.93       | 12.50       | 11.81       | 8.31        |
|                          | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.28</i> | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 5.40        | 4.94        | 7.44        | 9.66        | 14.99       | 13.68       | 13.97       | 9.98        |
|                          | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 8.61        | 7.60        | 4.04        | 9.16        | 11.61       | 10.16       | 6.03        | 8.16        |
|                          | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.28</i> | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 3.22        | 6.51        | 13.33       | 13.20       | 17.78       | 16.59       | 16.08       | 12.36       |
|                          | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.26</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Citizens' rights</b>  | 4.88        | 4.09        | 3.83        | 9.25        | 14.21       | 12.27       | 9.97        | 8.36        |
|                          | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 2.34        | 2.95        | 8.84        | 10.53       | 15.98       | 15.81       | 17.16       | 10.49       |
|                          | <i>0.21</i> | <i>0.26</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.31</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 2.25        | 4.57        | 10.26       | 9.09        | 17.70       | 17.13       | 16.81       | 11.12       |
|                          | <i>0.22</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.25</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>        | 2.98        | 5.24        | 9.53        | 11.91       | 15.08       | 15.89       | 16.89       | 11.07       |
|                          | <i>0.24</i> | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.28</i> | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.27</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party;

Kom.=Komeito; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; CP= Conservative Party; LP= Liberal Party

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2003

| Policy                                 | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | LDP         | NCP         | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 8.74        | 8.86        | 10.61       | 9.46        | 10.14       | 11.74       | 9.87        |
|                                        | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 3.79        | 5.53        | 12.71       | 10.16       | 12.95       | 13.58       | 9.67        |
|                                        | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 7.45        | 7.64        | 11.86       | 8.98        | 9.54        | 10.67       | 9.32        |
|                                        | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 8.66        | 6.93        | 8.89        | 12.88       | 15.77       | 16.26       | 11.42       |
|                                        | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 5.34        | 5.47        | 10.26       | 10.71       | 15.02       | 14.60       | 10.10       |
|                                        | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 10.36       | 8.76        | 5.03        | 9.43        | 10.57       | 10.32       | 9.04        |
|                                        | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 7.73        | 6.50        | 8.50        | 11.04       | 14.37       | 15.26       | 10.44       |
|                                        | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 1.55        | 3.05        | 10.67       | 12.19       | 17.40       | 16.96       | 10.10       |
|                                        | <i>0.14</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.37</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 2.12        | 2.88        | 11.57       | 11.23       | 17.00       | 17.04       | 10.10       |
|                                        | <i>0.23</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.36</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 3.98        | 7.37        | 14.43       | 12.49       | 17.67       | 17.04       | 12.03       |
|                                        | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.35</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>                      | 3.10        | 5.12        | 11.59       | 12.22       | 15.81       | 16.71       | 10.58       |
|                                        | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.31</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 13.98       | 11.61       | 8.91        | 15.98       | 11.64       | 14.59       | 12.71       |
|                                        | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.35</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party;

Kom.=Komeito; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; NCP= New Conservative Party

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2005

| Policy                                 | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | Nippon      | Daichi      | PNP         | LDP         | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 8.85        | 8.91        | 10.26       | 9.63        | 9.95        | 9.13        | 9.13        | 11.38       | 9.67        |
|                                        | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 3.30        | 5.28        | 12.38       | 11.72       | 10.71       | 9.46        | 10.29       | 15.62       | 9.85        |
|                                        | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 6.91        | 7.22        | 12.72       | 9.61        | 9.08        | 8.38        | 8.85        | 12.13       | 9.40        |
|                                        | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 8.87        | 6.96        | 9.45        | 12.49       | 11.48       | 13.18       | 13.83       | 14.51       | 11.29       |
|                                        | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 5.48        | 5.38        | 9.74        | 10.23       | 9.30        | 11.62       | 12.80       | 14.28       | 9.80        |
|                                        | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 10.53       | 9.21        | 5.47        | 8.93        | 8.35        | 9.13        | 10.58       | 8.28        | 8.78        |
|                                        | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 7.13        | 6.09        | 9.85        | 10.93       | 10.90       | 11.45       | 13.85       | 14.39       | 10.49       |
|                                        | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 1.90        | 3.13        | 11.63       | 12.30       | 10.88       | 12.30       | 14.59       | 17.54       | 10.42       |
|                                        | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 2.62        | 3.33        | 12.57       | 11.48       | 11.73       | 13.92       | 14.63       | 17.04       | 10.75       |
|                                        | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.33</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 3.83        | 6.91        | 14.13       | 12.61       | 14.18       | 15.10       | 15.88       | 16.62       | 12.28       |
|                                        | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.33</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>                      | 2.90        | 4.43        | 11.65       | 12.38       | 12.95       | 14.28       | 15.86       | 16.33       | 11.19       |
|                                        | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 15.03       | 11.22       | 8.97        | 15.03       | 13.03       | 13.87       | 14.19       | 11.78       | 12.83       |
|                                        | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>1.04</i> | <i>0.32</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito;

Nippon=New Party Nippon; Daichi=New Party Daichi; PNP=People's New Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2009

| Policy                                 | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | Daichi      | PNP         | YP          | RC          | LDP         | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 8.69        | 8.62        | 8.77        | 9.27        | 8.98        | 8.63        | 13.33       | 11.08       | 9.28        | 9.61        |
|                                        | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.19</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 3.76        | 5.22        | 10.11       | 9.41        | 8.04        | 7.43        | 14.86       | 11.16       | 12.95       | 9.16        |
|                                        | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 5.93        | 5.48        | 8.57        | 7.81        | 7.47        | 5.57        | 12.50       | 9.86        | 10.50       | 8.16        |
|                                        | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 7.81        | 6.07        | 8.74        | 12.62       | 13.10       | 15.50       | 11.66       | 13.96       | 15.26       | 11.59       |
|                                        | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 5.43        | 4.65        | 7.25        | 9.52        | 10.74       | 13.08       | 12.67       | 13.39       | 15.05       | 10.15       |
|                                        | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 10.66       | 9.37        | 4.88        | 9.04        | 8.00        | 10.80       | 6.02        | 9.70        | 10.21       | 8.75        |
|                                        | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 7.18        | 5.62        | 7.22        | 8.94        | 11.70       | 14.43       | 10.94       | 13.25       | 14.31       | 10.34       |
|                                        | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 1.75        | 2.66        | 9.23        | 11.60       | 10.57       | 12.26       | 13.18       | 13.56       | 17.13       | 10.14       |
|                                        | <i>0.19</i> | <i>0.23</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 2.36        | 2.73        | 9.59        | 9.65        | 12.10       | 12.94       | 12.90       | 14.04       | 16.35       | 10.21       |
|                                        | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.24</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 3.79        | 6.57        | 13.54       | 12.67       | 15.20       | 16.47       | 15.33       | 15.81       | 17.27       | 12.86       |
|                                        | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>                      | 2.67        | 4.22        | 9.24        | 11.09       | 12.40       | 13.85       | 13.94       | 14.87       | 16.04       | 10.87       |
|                                        | <i>0.24</i> | <i>0.27</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 14.95       | 12.22       | 8.18        | 15.00       | 13.82       | 13.75       | 11.11       | 14.72       | 12.24       | 12.89       |
|                                        | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.27</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito; Daichi=New Party Daichi; PNP=People's New Party; YP=Your Party; RC=Reform Club; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2010

| Policy                                 | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | Nippon      | Daichi      | NPR         | YP          | PNP         | LDP         | SPJ         | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 8.97        | 9.14        | 6.92        | 8.16        | 10.06       | 8.70        | 11.10       | 14.78       | 8.76        | 7.77        | 8.50        | 9.32        |
|                                        | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 2.32        | 4.19        | 10.46       | 9.03        | 10.94       | 8.00        | 14.23       | 17.51       | 6.86        | 13.38       | 9.81        | 9.61        |
|                                        | <i>0.25</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 6.58        | 6.56        | 12.21       | 9.42        | 9.35        | 7.77        | 12.32       | 11.57       | 5.76        | 13.00       | 12.10       | 9.69        |
|                                        | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.48</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 9.24        | 6.64        | 9.03        | 12.38       | 10.65       | 14.19       | 14.59       | 13.03       | 16.23       | 15.90       | 17.57       | 12.59       |
|                                        | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 6.46        | 5.87        | 8.90        | 9.11        | 10.33       | 11.83       | 13.55       | 13.49       | 13.82       | 13.69       | 14.06       | 10.83       |
|                                        | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 12.55       | 10.35       | 5.86        | 9.36        | 8.17        | 8.81        | 8.45        | 5.41        | 11.79       | 8.66        | 10.67       | 9.13        |
|                                        | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 8.03        | 5.97        | 7.53        | 8.74        | 10.97       | 12.57       | 12.87       | 12.06       | 15.29       | 13.53       | 16.74       | 11.14       |
|                                        | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 1.92        | 2.67        | 10.74       | 10.15       | 10.07       | 10.29       | 14.19       | 13.97       | 12.18       | 15.77       | 14.57       | 10.43       |
|                                        | <i>0.31</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 2.38        | 2.92        | 10.42       | 9.00        | 11.30       | 13.03       | 13.94       | 12.73       | 14.91       | 16.08       | 16.86       | 11.05       |
|                                        | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 5.03        | 7.56        | 14.13       | 13.29       | 14.35       | 15.55       | 15.23       | 15.24       | 16.88       | 16.74       | 15.63       | 13.43       |
|                                        | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>1.01</i> | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>                      | 2.42        | 4.03        | 9.45        | 10.30       | 10.81       | 13.28       | 13.94       | 14.57       | 14.82       | 15.16       | 17.88       | 11.32       |
|                                        | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 14.56       | 11.40       | 8.52        | 14.33       | 13.19       | 14.23       | 13.86       | 13.43       | 14.05       | 11.92       | 14.87       | 13.07       |
|                                        | <i>0.89</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>1.22</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>1.01</i> | <i>1.12</i> | <i>1.06</i> | <i>1.19</i> | <i>1.11</i> | <i>0.33</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito; Nippon=New Party Nippon; Daichi=New Party Daichi; NPR=New Party Reform; YP=Your Party; PNP=People's New Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; SPJ=Sunrise Party of Japan

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2012

| Policy                                 | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | PLP         | Kom.        | Daichi      | YP          | PNP         | LDP         | JRP         | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 8.67        | 9.00        | 6.40        | 11.79       | 8.67        | 10.76       | 16.47       | 10.26       | 8.20        | 14.31       | 10.44       |
|                                        | <i>1.09</i> | <i>0.98</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>1.07</i> | <i>0.31</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 2.41        | 3.93        | 10.41       | 8.62        | 10.45       | 8.75        | 17.90       | 8.43        | 14.34       | 15.50       | 10.11       |
|                                        | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.33</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 7.14        | 7.18        | 12.76       | 7.11        | 9.55        | 8.25        | 10.69       | 7.78        | 10.79       | 12.81       | 9.42        |
|                                        | <i>1.02</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>1.01</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>1.14</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 7.93        | 7.13        | 8.83        | 12.86       | 12.10       | 12.68       | 10.57       | 14.75       | 15.90       | 15.07       | 11.75       |
|                                        | <i>0.90</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 3.80        | 3.33        | 9.72        | 8.76        | 10.33       | 9.39        | 13.37       | 13.19       | 16.31       | 14.97       | 10.28       |
|                                        | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.50</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 12.48       | 11.50       | 6.42        | 9.07        | 8.97        | 8.71        | 4.30        | 12.89       | 9.20        | 3.39        | 8.62        |
|                                        | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 7.00        | 5.53        | 8.28        | 11.66       | 10.40       | 12.07       | 10.57       | 14.07       | 14.23       | 15.30       | 10.89       |
|                                        | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.51</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 1.63        | 2.43        | 11.43       | 9.69        | 12.93       | 11.41       | 14.13       | 13.19       | 18.27       | 14.60       | 10.95       |
|                                        | <i>0.21</i> | <i>0.25</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.35</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 2.40        | 2.57        | 11.40       | 10.44       | 10.86       | 11.25       | 10.79       | 13.78       | 17.20       | 16.07       | 10.64       |
|                                        | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.36</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 5.40        | 7.40        | 12.28       | 11.79       | 12.73       | 12.18       | 13.20       | 12.70       | 14.57       | 13.21       | 11.52       |
|                                        | <i>1.05</i> | <i>1.08</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>1.09</i> | <i>1.32</i> | <i>0.35</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>                      | 1.87        | 3.07        | 9.60        | 10.38       | 11.14       | 11.55       | 14.55       | 14.57       | 16.57       | 18.23       | 11.12       |
|                                        | <i>0.20</i> | <i>0.30</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 11.58       | 8.68        | 14.26       | 12.16       | 11.16       | 14.11       | 13.26       | 12.89       | 14.50       | 13.42       | 12.59       |
|                                        | <i>1.32</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>1.48</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>1.16</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>1.47</i> | <i>1.46</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.38</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; PLP=People's Life Party; Kom.=Komeito; Daichi=New Party Daichi; YP=Your Party; PNP=People's New Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; JRP=Japan Restoration Party

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2014

| Policy                                 | JCP         | SDP         | PLP         | DP          | Kom.        | LDP         | JRP(Ishin.) | PFG         | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 2.33        | 4.15        | 9.04        | 10.93       | 10.63       | 13.96       | 16.78       | 11.85       | 9.91        |
|                                        | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.40</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.37</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 13.33       | 10.44       | 7.70        | 6.74        | 9.44        | 10.33       | 2.81        | 12.04       | 9.11        |
|                                        | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 7.74        | 7.93        | 9.19        | 7.59        | 6.92        | 7.89        | 13.37       | 10.92       | 9.02        |
|                                        | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>1.11</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.33</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 1.59        | 2.56        | 9.15        | 11.56       | 12.23       | 18.15       | 16.00       | 16.93       | 10.97       |
|                                        | <i>0.19</i> | <i>0.34</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.44</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 4.59        | 3.70        | 9.78        | 10.04       | 10.37       | 16.44       | 15.19       | 15.81       | 10.73       |
|                                        | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>0.98</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.39</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 4.35        | 6.67        | 14.20       | 14.04       | 13.40       | 15.44       | 16.32       | 15.60       | 12.45       |
|                                        | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>1.19</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>1.36</i> | <i>0.44</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 8.37        | 5.70        | 11.78       | 8.33        | 11.48       | 14.52       | 11.81       | 16.22       | 11.03       |
|                                        | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>1.07</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>0.38</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 2.33        | 2.23        | 9.52        | 11.38       | 10.19       | 17.81       | 16.19       | 19.11       | 11.14       |
|                                        | <i>0.32</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.43</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.28</i> | <i>0.46</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 7.48        | 5.85        | 11.22       | 9.37        | 9.81        | 14.48       | 13.11       | 18.37       | 11.22       |
|                                        | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.36</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 7.59        | 7.11        | 7.56        | 10.33       | 9.07        | 9.85        | 11.85       | 10.07       | 9.21        |
|                                        | <i>0.96</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>1.15</i> | <i>1.02</i> | <i>1.16</i> | <i>0.35</i> |
| <b>Left-Right</b>                      | 2.26        | 3.33        | 9.56        | 9.89        | 11.22       | 16.59       | 16.63       | 18.93       | 11.04       |
|                                        | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.36</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.47</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.42</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 10.06       | 9.53        | 12.00       | 8.24        | 13.56       | 13.22       | 15.28       | 16.56       | 12.35       |
|                                        | <i>1.29</i> | <i>1.48</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>1.02</i> | <i>1.09</i> | <i>1.28</i> | <i>1.21</i> | <i>1.10</i> | <i>0.46</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; PLP=People's Life Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; JRP(Ishin.)= Japan Restoration Party(Ishin no to); PFG= Party for Future

### Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2017

| Policy                                 | LDP         | CDP         | Minshin     | Kom.        | JCP         | Ishin.      | SDP         | Hope        | Mean        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b>               | 8.27        | 7.96        | 9.13        | 8.30        | 8.68        | 14.04       | 8.91        | 11.78       | 9.63        |
|                                        | <i>3.87</i> | <i>3.10</i> | <i>3.09</i> | <i>3.18</i> | <i>4.50</i> | <i>4.85</i> | <i>4.24</i> | <i>4.13</i> | <i>3.87</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>                    | 12.08       | 7.58        | 9.21        | 9.05        | 3.72        | 15.65       | 4.53        | 13.45       | 9.41        |
|                                        | <i>3.61</i> | <i>2.62</i> | <i>2.88</i> | <i>2.86</i> | <i>3.28</i> | <i>3.89</i> | <i>3.05</i> | <i>3.09</i> | <i>3.16</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>                   | 8.52        | 9.37        | 9.26        | 8.41        | 7.28        | 9.75        | 7.25        | 9.34        | 8.65        |
|                                        | <i>4.50</i> | <i>3.53</i> | <i>3.41</i> | <i>4.05</i> | <i>4.48</i> | <i>4.57</i> | <i>4.44</i> | <i>3.91</i> | <i>4.11</i> |
| <b>Social</b>                          | 15.78       | 5.72        | 7.81        | 10.88       | 7.15        | 13.18       | 6.05        | 10.54       | 9.64        |
|                                        | <i>3.45</i> | <i>2.83</i> | <i>2.93</i> | <i>3.75</i> | <i>3.94</i> | <i>4.53</i> | <i>3.69</i> | <i>4.15</i> | <i>3.66</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>                     | 14.96       | 7.31        | 9.06        | 9.90        | 5.14        | 14.20       | 5.16        | 11.65       | 9.67        |
|                                        | <i>3.17</i> | <i>2.76</i> | <i>3.05</i> | <i>3.05</i> | <i>2.97</i> | <i>3.58</i> | <i>2.78</i> | <i>3.49</i> | <i>3.11</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>                | 10.40       | 7.97        | 8.19        | 9.51        | 11.17       | 3.56        | 10.25       | 5.96        | 8.38        |
|                                        | <i>3.75</i> | <i>3.19</i> | <i>3.12</i> | <i>2.70</i> | <i>4.41</i> | <i>3.01</i> | <i>4.24</i> | <i>3.65</i> | <i>3.51</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>                     | 14.11       | 6.74        | 8.28        | 10.27       | 7.60        | 13.17       | 6.85        | 11.52       | 9.82        |
|                                        | <i>4.28</i> | <i>3.03</i> | <i>2.87</i> | <i>3.67</i> | <i>3.56</i> | <i>4.94</i> | <i>3.61</i> | <i>4.18</i> | <i>3.77</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>                      | 17.43       | 6.92        | 9.44        | 12.18       | 1.96        | 15.95       | 2.73        | 14.84       | 10.18       |
|                                        | <i>2.94</i> | <i>3.35</i> | <i>3.64</i> | <i>3.10</i> | <i>1.90</i> | <i>3.64</i> | <i>2.67</i> | <i>3.83</i> | <i>3.13</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>                  | 18.20       | 7.10        | 9.44        | 11.02       | 2.59        | 16.26       | 2.96        | 14.88       | 10.31       |
|                                        | <i>2.41</i> | <i>3.66</i> | <i>3.51</i> | <i>3.34</i> | <i>2.63</i> | <i>3.56</i> | <i>2.45</i> | <i>3.39</i> | <i>3.12</i> |
| <b>National identity</b>               | 16.16       | 14.70       | 14.53       | 14.45       | 6.90        | 15.91       | 9.94        | 15.57       | 13.52       |
|                                        | <i>5.25</i> | <i>4.58</i> | <i>4.03</i> | <i>4.74</i> | <i>5.80</i> | <i>4.74</i> | <i>6.22</i> | <i>4.56</i> | <i>4.99</i> |
| <b>Sympathetic/Close to Respondent</b> | 11.50       | 8.07        | 10.60       | 12.36       | 13.02       | 13.85       | 12.49       | 12.49       | 11.80       |
|                                        | <i>5.48</i> | <i>4.92</i> | <i>4.16</i> | <i>4.59</i> | <i>5.47</i> | <i>5.51</i> | <i>5.21</i> | <i>4.37</i> | <i>4.96</i> |

Note : Most left-wing position = 1; most right-wing position = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: LDP=Liberal Democratic Party; CDP=Constitutional Democratic Party; Minshin.=Minshintō; Kom.=Komeitō;

JCP=Japan Communist Party; Ishin.= Japan Restoration Party; SDP=Social Democratic Party; Hope=Hope Party

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 1996

| <b>Policy</b>            | <b>JCP</b><br>23seats | <b>SDP</b><br>15seats | <b>DP</b><br>52seats | <b>Sak.</b><br>2seats | <b>Sun</b><br>0seats | <b>LDP</b><br>239seats | <b>NFP</b><br>156seats | <b>Mean</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 12.67                 | 13.00                 | 13.47                | 13.51                 | 13.69                | 14.36                  | 15.16                  | 13.70       |
|                          | <i>0.66</i>           | <i>0.48</i>           | <i>0.43</i>          | <i>0.45</i>           | <i>0.43</i>          | <i>0.51</i>            | <i>0.47</i>            | <i>0.19</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 9.17                  | 11.19                 | 15.01                | 14.54                 | 13.51                | 13.08                  | 14.76                  | 13.05       |
|                          | <i>0.64</i>           | <i>0.52</i>           | <i>0.43</i>          | <i>0.48</i>           | <i>0.44</i>          | <i>0.52</i>            | <i>0.43</i>            | <i>0.21</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 10.51                 | 10.68                 | 12.83                | 13.36                 | 12.85                | 15.03                  | 14.23                  | 12.79       |
|                          | <i>0.64</i>           | <i>0.50</i>           | <i>0.45</i>          | <i>0.38</i>           | <i>0.47</i>          | <i>0.53</i>            | <i>0.48</i>            | <i>0.20</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 16.16                 | 15.24                 | 14.81                | 12.86                 | 8.80                 | 8.07                   | 8.14                   | 12.00       |
|                          | <i>0.40</i>           | <i>0.44</i>           | <i>0.45</i>          | <i>0.49</i>           | <i>0.48</i>          | <i>0.57</i>            | <i>0.49</i>            | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 14.17                 | 14.41                 | 14.42                | 13.38                 | 9.59                 | 7.93                   | 8.15                   | 11.73       |
|                          | <i>0.53</i>           | <i>0.43</i>           | <i>0.43</i>          | <i>0.43</i>           | <i>0.49</i>          | <i>0.47</i>            | <i>0.46</i>            | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 11.13                 | 12.58                 | 15.78                | 15.07                 | 11.88                | 10.46                  | 12.34                  | 12.74       |
|                          | <i>0.66</i>           | <i>0.52</i>           | <i>0.43</i>          | <i>0.45</i>           | <i>0.53</i>          | <i>0.52</i>            | <i>0.56</i>            | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 13.07                 | 11.99                 | 12.92                | 13.31                 | 14.71                | 17.63                  | 17.24                  | 14.41       |
|                          | <i>0.69</i>           | <i>0.51</i>           | <i>0.46</i>          | <i>0.47</i>           | <i>0.49</i>          | <i>0.36</i>            | <i>0.33</i>            | <i>0.20</i> |
| <b>Citizens' rights</b>  | 15.79                 | 15.25                 | 16.46                | 14.76                 | 9.79                 | 7.94                   | 8.97                   | 12.71       |
|                          | <i>0.47</i>           | <i>0.34</i>           | <i>0.39</i>          | <i>0.44</i>           | <i>0.48</i>          | <i>0.51</i>            | <i>0.57</i>            | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 14.69                 | 13.13                 | 11.97                | 12.76                 | 14.93                | 17.31                  | 17.48                  | 14.62       |
|                          | <i>0.70</i>           | <i>0.53</i>           | <i>0.42</i>          | <i>0.42</i>           | <i>0.42</i>          | <i>0.38</i>            | <i>0.37</i>            | <i>0.20</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 11.17                 | 10.52                 | 10.14                | 11.75                 | 14.83                | 17.24                  | 16.20                  | 13.12       |
|                          | <i>0.85</i>           | <i>0.54</i>           | <i>0.49</i>          | <i>0.48</i>           | <i>0.44</i>          | <i>0.37</i>            | <i>0.39</i>            | <i>0.23</i> |

Note : Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Sak.= New Party Sakigake; Sun= The Sun Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; NFP= New Frontier Party

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2000

| Policy                   | JCP<br>20seats | SDP<br>19seats | DP<br>127seats | Kom.<br>31seats | LDP<br>233seats | CP<br>7seats | LP<br>22seats | Mean        |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 13.51          | 12.71          | 14.16          | 12.65           | 13.47           | 12.21        | 15.46         | 13.45       |
|                          | <i>0.59</i>    | <i>0.57</i>    | <i>0.43</i>    | <i>0.46</i>     | <i>0.48</i>     | <i>0.57</i>  | <i>0.49</i>   | <i>0.20</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 8.67           | 9.68           | 14.98          | 9.47            | 12.75           | 11.45        | 16.78         | 11.97       |
|                          | <i>0.72</i>    | <i>0.64</i>    | <i>0.35</i>    | <i>0.50</i>     | <i>0.55</i>     | <i>0.61</i>  | <i>0.48</i>   | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 10.58          | 10.75          | 15.59          | 11.56           | 15.00           | 11.93        | 15.34         | 12.95       |
|                          | <i>0.65</i>    | <i>0.66</i>    | <i>0.42</i>    | <i>0.61</i>     | <i>0.66</i>     | <i>0.68</i>  | <i>0.44</i>   | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 15.73          | 18.02          | 15.42          | 12.27           | 7.46            | 8.05         | 8.05          | 12.16       |
|                          | <i>0.44</i>    | <i>0.30</i>    | <i>0.33</i>    | <i>0.47</i>     | <i>0.50</i>     | <i>0.49</i>  | <i>0.41</i>   | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 15.04          | 16.40          | 15.54          | 10.90           | 7.68            | 7.52         | 7.85          | 11.56       |
|                          | <i>0.39</i>    | <i>0.35</i>    | <i>0.41</i>    | <i>0.53</i>     | <i>0.55</i>     | <i>0.51</i>  | <i>0.53</i>   | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 11.64          | 12.67          | 17.07          | 10.70           | 9.60            | 9.81         | 14.89         | 12.36       |
|                          | <i>0.65</i>    | <i>0.65</i>    | <i>0.28</i>    | <i>0.52</i>     | <i>0.62</i>     | <i>0.56</i>  | <i>0.56</i>   | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 14.11          | 12.55          | 13.23          | 9.63            | 16.16           | 11.68        | 15.78         | 13.30       |
|                          | <i>0.65</i>    | <i>0.65</i>    | <i>0.41</i>    | <i>0.53</i>     | <i>0.54</i>     | <i>0.71</i>  | <i>0.55</i>   | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Citizens' rights</b>  | 15.97          | 16.98          | 17.57          | 11.17           | 7.25            | 7.46         | 9.76          | 12.32       |
|                          | <i>0.45</i>    | <i>0.30</i>    | <i>0.31</i>    | <i>0.55</i>     | <i>0.59</i>     | <i>0.50</i>  | <i>0.57</i>   | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 14.26          | 14.07          | 11.82          | 10.24           | 16.64           | 14.09        | 17.21         | 14.04       |
|                          | <i>0.75</i>    | <i>0.73</i>    | <i>0.48</i>    | <i>0.51</i>     | <i>0.37</i>     | <i>0.64</i>  | <i>0.41</i>   | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 11.48          | 10.85          | 9.91           | 9.87            | 16.83           | 15.10        | 14.90         | 12.69       |
|                          | <i>0.96</i>    | <i>0.77</i>    | <i>0.45</i>    | <i>0.54</i>     | <i>0.42</i>     | <i>0.50</i>  | <i>0.51</i>   | <i>0.27</i> |

Note : Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party;

Kom.=Komeito; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; CP= Conservative Party; LP= Liberal Party

**Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2003**

| <b>Policy</b>            | <b>JCP</b><br>9seats | <b>SDP</b><br>6seats | <b>DP</b><br>177seats | <b>Kom.</b><br>34seats | <b>LDP</b><br>237seats | <b>NCP</b><br>4seats | <b>Mean</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 13.00                | 12.53                | 14.95                 | 13.11                  | 14.31                  | 12.92                | 13.49       |
|                          | <i>0.69</i>          | <i>0.56</i>          | <i>0.44</i>           | <i>0.51</i>            | <i>0.58</i>            | <i>0.59</i>          | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 9.47                 | 8.97                 | 14.68                 | 10.23                  | 14.90                  | 12.46                | 11.77       |
|                          | <i>0.86</i>          | <i>0.66</i>          | <i>0.42</i>           | <i>0.52</i>            | <i>0.45</i>            | <i>0.69</i>          | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 10.71                | 10.34                | 14.44                 | 11.56                  | 15.02                  | 12.60                | 12.44       |
|                          | <i>0.65</i>          | <i>0.57</i>          | <i>0.52</i>           | <i>0.64</i>            | <i>0.60</i>            | <i>0.74</i>          | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 11.35                | 12.80                | 11.02                 | 10.29                  | 9.12                   | 8.77                 | 10.59       |
|                          | <i>0.59</i>          | <i>0.61</i>          | <i>0.57</i>           | <i>0.63</i>            | <i>0.70</i>            | <i>0.77</i>          | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 14.65                | 15.46                | 13.64                 | 10.90                  | 8.59                   | 7.75                 | 11.93       |
|                          | <i>0.51</i>          | <i>0.46</i>          | <i>0.55</i>           | <i>0.61</i>            | <i>0.64</i>            | <i>0.63</i>          | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 9.93                 | 11.02                | 16.00                 | 9.98                   | 11.64                  | 10.02                | 11.50       |
|                          | <i>0.67</i>          | <i>0.61</i>          | <i>0.49</i>           | <i>0.55</i>            | <i>0.57</i>            | <i>0.72</i>          | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 10.54                | 11.95                | 11.59                 | 9.59                   | 10.82                  | 9.93                 | 10.76       |
|                          | <i>0.54</i>          | <i>0.61</i>          | <i>0.48</i>           | <i>0.57</i>            | <i>0.61</i>            | <i>0.68</i>          | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 12.50                | 12.29                | 14.29                 | 12.58                  | 17.91                  | 15.60                | 14.16       |
|                          | <i>0.96</i>          | <i>0.79</i>          | <i>0.48</i>           | <i>0.66</i>            | <i>0.45</i>            | <i>0.69</i>          | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 14.38                | 14.00                | 14.93                 | 11.96                  | 18.28                  | 17.26                | 15.08       |
|                          | <i>0.90</i>          | <i>0.86</i>          | <i>0.45</i>           | <i>0.57</i>            | <i>0.31</i>            | <i>0.50</i>          | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 11.53                | 11.07                | 11.64                 | 10.67                  | 17.47                  | 16.13                | 13.00       |
|                          | <i>0.95</i>          | <i>0.69</i>          | <i>0.55</i>           | <i>0.53</i>            | <i>0.42</i>            | <i>0.58</i>          | <i>0.30</i> |

*Note* : Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party;

Kom.=Komeito; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; NCP= New Conservative Party

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2005

| <b>Policy</b>            | <b>JCP</b><br>9 seats | <b>SDP</b><br>7 seats | <b>DP</b><br>113 seats | <b>Kom.</b><br>31 seats | <b>Nippon</b><br>1 seats | <b>Daichi</b><br>1 seats | <b>PNP</b><br>4 seats | <b>LDP</b><br>296 seats | <b>Mean</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 14.30                 | 12.98                 | 14.70                  | 13.83                   | 12.24                    | 9.82                     | 11.29                 | 15.81                   | 13.24       |
|                          | <i>0.74</i>           | <i>0.69</i>           | <i>0.53</i>            | <i>0.53</i>             | <i>0.63</i>              | <i>0.80</i>              | <i>0.66</i>           | <i>0.58</i>             | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 8.49                  | 8.50                  | 14.51                  | 11.70                   | 9.85                     | 9.73                     | 10.02                 | 15.74                   | 11.14       |
|                          | <i>0.98</i>           | <i>0.81</i>           | <i>0.52</i>            | <i>0.63</i>             | <i>0.75</i>              | <i>0.87</i>              | <i>0.86</i>           | <i>0.66</i>             | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 11.64                 | 11.30                 | 15.22                  | 12.70                   | 11.61                    | 10.78                    | 11.74                 | 16.09                   | 12.73       |
|                          | <i>0.77</i>           | <i>0.73</i>           | <i>0.47</i>            | <i>0.56</i>             | <i>0.78</i>              | <i>0.78</i>              | <i>0.74</i>           | <i>0.42</i>             | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 12.65                 | 14.82                 | 11.53                  | 11.11                   | 9.63                     | 8.00                     | 8.33                  | 9.85                    | 10.83       |
|                          | <i>0.68</i>           | <i>0.58</i>           | <i>0.66</i>            | <i>0.68</i>             | <i>0.76</i>              | <i>0.86</i>              | <i>0.84</i>           | <i>0.77</i>             | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 14.63                 | 15.37                 | 12.61                  | 10.91                   | 11.75                    | 10.26                    | 7.90                  | 8.85                    | 11.60       |
|                          | <i>0.58</i>           | <i>0.49</i>           | <i>0.60</i>            | <i>0.72</i>             | <i>0.81</i>              | <i>0.85</i>              | <i>0.75</i>           | <i>0.74</i>             | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 10.06                 | 11.49                 | 15.02                  | 10.27                   | 12.73                    | 12.56                    | 10.34                 | 13.13                   | 11.96       |
|                          | <i>0.74</i>           | <i>0.74</i>           | <i>0.53</i>            | <i>0.66</i>             | <i>0.74</i>              | <i>0.81</i>              | <i>0.83</i>           | <i>0.71</i>             | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 12.12                 | 13.24                 | 12.24                  | 10.04                   | 8.95                     | 7.95                     | 7.10                  | 11.63                   | 10.53       |
|                          | <i>0.57</i>           | <i>0.52</i>           | <i>0.60</i>            | <i>0.72</i>             | <i>0.86</i>              | <i>0.93</i>              | <i>0.77</i>           | <i>0.77</i>             | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 12.39                 | 13.24                 | 15.41                  | 13.38                   | 10.93                    | 10.08                    | 11.60                 | 18.65                   | 13.37       |
|                          | <i>1.06</i>           | <i>0.86</i>           | <i>0.49</i>            | <i>0.55</i>             | <i>0.89</i>              | <i>0.90</i>              | <i>0.96</i>           | <i>0.41</i>             | <i>0.31</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 13.02                 | 13.47                 | 15.64                  | 13.04                   | 10.64                    | 10.24                    | 11.41                 | 18.23                   | 13.39       |
|                          | <i>0.92</i>           | <i>0.85</i>           | <i>0.46</i>            | <i>0.58</i>             | <i>0.89</i>              | <i>0.84</i>              | <i>0.85</i>           | <i>0.29</i>             | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 9.66                  | 9.09                  | 11.35                  | 10.60                   | 11.07                    | 10.78                    | 13.69                 | 16.81                   | 11.65       |
|                          | <i>1.05</i>           | <i>0.83</i>           | <i>0.60</i>            | <i>0.64</i>             | <i>0.87</i>              | <i>0.94</i>              | <i>0.85</i>           | <i>0.53</i>             | <i>0.31</i> |

Note: Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito;

Nippon=New Party Nippon; Daichi=New Party Daichi; PNP=People's New Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2009

| Policy                   | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | Daichi      | PNP         | YP          | RC          | LDP         | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 8.06        | 8.12        | 6.51        | 8.02        | 11.35       | 9.36        | 6.57        | 9.96        | 6.55        | 8.24        |
|                          | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 9.80        | 9.76        | 8.80        | 11.06       | 11.10       | 9.26        | 5.53        | 9.94        | 7.60        | 8.52        |
|                          | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 9.67        | 9.57        | 6.11        | 8.71        | 11.24       | 9.24        | 6.98        | 9.68        | 5.72        | 8.16        |
|                          | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 8.85        | 6.13        | 8.67        | 10.40       | 13.10       | 11.20       | 12.60       | 12.42       | 10.70       | 10.37       |
|                          | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 7.55        | 5.82        | 5.20        | 8.83        | 11.22       | 13.31       | 11.88       | 13.94       | 11.24       | 9.76        |
|                          | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.49</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.56</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.23</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 11.43       | 10.41       | 5.48        | 10.89       | 9.58        | 11.15       | 6.80        | 11.57       | 9.98        | 9.70        |
|                          | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.53</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 9.27        | 7.49        | 7.13        | 9.31        | 12.49       | 11.67       | 12.33       | 11.84       | 8.98        | 9.99        |
|                          | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.45</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.22</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 6.96        | 6.73        | 6.15        | 9.82        | 11.00       | 9.81        | 10.15       | 9.90        | 3.07        | 8.09        |
|                          | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.35</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 6.54        | 6.54        | 6.82        | 9.37        | 10.48       | 8.62        | 9.38        | 8.92        | 4.00        | 7.79        |
|                          | <i>0.93</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.62</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.60</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.37</i> | <i>0.24</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 9.00        | 9.65        | 9.71        | 11.02       | 11.24       | 7.49        | 10.19       | 9.76        | 4.18        | 9.10        |
|                          | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.44</i> | <i>0.26</i> |

Note: Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito; Daichi=New Party Daichi; PNP=People's New Party; YP=Your Party; RC=Reform Club; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2010

| Policy                   | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | Kom.        | Nippon      | Daichi      | NPR         | YP          | PNP         | LDP         | SPJ         | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 7.71        | 8.49        | 5.08        | 7.92        | 10.94       | 11.87       | 9.35        | 6.54        | 10.21       | 5.63        | 9.03        | 8.31        |
|                          | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.27</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 8.89        | 9.44        | 9.43        | 12.91       | 11.13       | 12.94       | 8.21        | 4.12        | 9.71        | 8.53        | 10.59       | 9.59        |
|                          | <i>1.21</i> | <i>1.06</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 11.13       | 11.72       | 5.95        | 9.39        | 10.77       | 11.97       | 9.14        | 6.80        | 9.36        | 5.95        | 7.73        | 9.01        |
|                          | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 11.38       | 8.49        | 10.58       | 11.21       | 11.19       | 14.23       | 12.97       | 14.10       | 11.56       | 10.69       | 9.77        | 11.37       |
|                          | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 8.97        | 6.87        | 7.67        | 9.11        | 11.45       | 12.93       | 12.94       | 13.73       | 14.09       | 10.76       | 14.00       | 10.92       |
|                          | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 11.87       | 11.30       | 6.43        | 10.81       | 10.04       | 11.26       | 11.00       | 7.44        | 13.18       | 9.13        | 13.27       | 10.47       |
|                          | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.69</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 12.41       | 10.53       | 9.62        | 11.62       | 12.20       | 14.74       | 12.00       | 12.27       | 10.91       | 10.05       | 8.83        | 11.30       |
|                          | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.61</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.71</i> | <i>0.96</i> | <i>0.25</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 6.92        | 7.23        | 7.84        | 10.89       | 10.89       | 12.83       | 9.03        | 9.80        | 10.67       | 4.26        | 7.50        | 8.71        |
|                          | <i>1.13</i> | <i>1.06</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.70</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 6.13        | 6.74        | 8.05        | 10.08       | 10.65       | 11.53       | 9.68        | 10.47       | 8.50        | 5.23        | 6.09        | 8.31        |
|                          | <i>1.03</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.82</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 10.29       | 10.97       | 11.89       | 11.29       | 11.58       | 11.67       | 11.10       | 11.91       | 7.35        | 6.56        | 4.91        | 9.92        |
|                          | <i>1.11</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.74</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.30</i> |

Note: Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito; Nippon=New Party Nippon; Daichi=New Party Daichi; NPR=New Party Reform; YP=Your Party; PNP=People's New Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; SPJ=Sunrise Party of Japan

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2012

| Policy                   | JCP         | SDP         | DP          | PLP         | Kom.        | Daichi      | YP          | PNP         | LDP         | JRP         | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 7.87        | 8.77        | 6.60        | 9.39        | 8.24        | 11.82       | 5.47        | 13.25       | 5.90        | 7.23        | 8.39        |
|                          | <i>1.05</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.59</i> | <i>0.98</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 11.07       | 11.55       | 9.60        | 10.59       | 10.17       | 12.39       | 4.58        | 12.00       | 7.33        | 7.13        | 9.57        |
|                          | <i>1.29</i> | <i>1.13</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>1.05</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>1.09</i> | <i>0.33</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 8.30        | 7.97        | 5.38        | 8.55        | 7.87        | 11.00       | 6.73        | 10.85       | 5.30        | 8.27        | 7.99        |
|                          | <i>1.09</i> | <i>1.14</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>1.07</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>1.09</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>1.08</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 8.50        | 6.33        | 9.50        | 14.07       | 11.10       | 15.04       | 13.53       | 15.29       | 12.37       | 13.80       | 11.89       |
|                          | <i>0.98</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>1.02</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 6.20        | 5.53        | 9.83        | 9.93        | 11.43       | 11.54       | 14.07       | 14.31       | 13.47       | 14.27       | 11.00       |
|                          | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.96</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.32</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 13.29       | 12.10       | 7.26        | 11.24       | 10.57       | 9.24        | 5.69        | 14.96       | 9.83        | 3.32        | 9.66        |
|                          | <i>1.16</i> | <i>1.06</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.58</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 9.89        | 8.62        | 9.80        | 14.21       | 10.60       | 14.10       | 11.30       | 14.71       | 10.37       | 11.13       | 11.45       |
|                          | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.76</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>1.04</i> | <i>1.11</i> | <i>0.30</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 7.47        | 6.90        | 6.32        | 13.26       | 8.90        | 13.24       | 10.27       | 13.63       | 2.33        | 8.80        | 9.03        |
|                          | <i>1.37</i> | <i>1.22</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.77</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.33</i> | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.35</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 7.60        | 7.50        | 7.50        | 12.10       | 8.80        | 12.14       | 9.55        | 10.68       | 3.03        | 4.83        | 8.32        |
|                          | <i>1.37</i> | <i>1.30</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.96</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 11.03       | 11.45       | 12.89       | 19.46       | 11.78       | 13.32       | 12.97       | 12.96       | 5.28        | 6.72        | 11.74       |
|                          | <i>1.40</i> | <i>1.21</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>5.60</i> | <i>0.92</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>1.06</i> | <i>1.17</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>0.67</i> |

Note: Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; DP= Democratic Party; PLP=People's Life Party; Kom.=Komeito; Daichi=New Party Daichi; YP=Your Party; PNP=People's New Party; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; JRP=Japan Restoration Party

### Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2014

| Policy                   | JCP         | SDP         | PLP         | DP          | Kom.        | LDP         | JRP(Ishin.) | PFG         | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 8.85        | 10.81       | 11.23       | 7.96        | 11.85       | 5.89        | 3.96        | 12.70       | 9.25        |
|                          | <i>1.40</i> | <i>1.25</i> | <i>0.98</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>0.63</i> | <i>0.79</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.38</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 12.93       | 11.37       | 10.21       | 6.52        | 10.40       | 8.93        | 2.59        | 14.85       | 9.71        |
|                          | <i>0.95</i> | <i>1.03</i> | <i>1.07</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.55</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.38</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 5.93        | 6.93        | 7.12        | 6.56        | 8.38        | 7.22        | 8.30        | 12.35       | 7.93        |
|                          | <i>0.98</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.75</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>1.18</i> | <i>0.94</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 4.81        | 4.89        | 10.00       | 7.81        | 8.40        | 3.04        | 8.22        | 6.70        | 6.67        |
|                          | <i>1.13</i> | <i>1.04</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>0.57</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.88</i> | <i>0.34</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 5.96        | 4.42        | 10.59       | 9.93        | 10.48       | 14.04       | 14.93       | 15.74       | 10.79       |
|                          | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.67</i> | <i>1.09</i> | <i>0.80</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.66</i> | <i>0.73</i> | <i>0.38</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 7.92        | 9.67        | 11.56       | 11.92       | 11.28       | 5.48        | 8.76        | 5.20        | 8.98        |
|                          | <i>1.36</i> | <i>1.27</i> | <i>1.20</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>0.93</i> | <i>1.32</i> | <i>1.28</i> | <i>0.43</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 8.78        | 5.12        | 13.41       | 9.96        | 10.56       | 11.04       | 12.41       | 11.00       | 10.26       |
|                          | <i>0.81</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.95</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>1.01</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>1.26</i> | <i>0.36</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 5.00        | 5.44        | 10.11       | 8.67        | 7.78        | 3.41        | 7.48        | 2.59        | 6.26        |
|                          | <i>1.21</i> | <i>1.23</i> | <i>1.08</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.83</i> | <i>0.52</i> | <i>1.19</i> | <i>0.41</i> | <i>0.36</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 11.52       | 9.27        | 12.44       | 11.65       | 10.85       | 9.52        | 11.40       | 7.70        | 10.47       |
|                          | <i>0.93</i> | <i>1.05</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>0.84</i> | <i>0.97</i> | <i>1.09</i> | <i>1.06</i> | <i>1.13</i> | <i>0.35</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 8.63        | 9.48        | 10.96       | 7.07        | 9.85        | 6.70        | 10.35       | 12.00       | 9.40        |
|                          | <i>1.26</i> | <i>1.21</i> | <i>1.15</i> | <i>0.91</i> | <i>1.01</i> | <i>1.00</i> | <i>1.10</i> | <i>1.16</i> | <i>0.39</i> |

Note: Least important = 1; most important = 20. Standard errors are shown in italics.

Abbreviations: JCP= Japan Communist Party; SDP= Social Democratic Party; PLP=People's Life Party; DP= Democratic Party; Kom.=Komeito; LDP= Liberal Democratic Party; JRP(Ishin.)= Japan Restoration Party(Ishin no to); PFG= Party for Future

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| Policy                   | LDP         | CDP         | Minshin.    | Kom.        | JCP         | Ishin.      | SDP         | Hope        | Mean        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Spending v. Taxes</b> | 6.89        | 7.77        | 8.26        | 7.29        | 7.62        | 6.27        | 8.70        | 7.75        | 7.57        |
|                          | <i>4.16</i> | <i>3.87</i> | <i>3.51</i> | <i>3.80</i> | <i>5.35</i> | <i>4.75</i> | <i>4.87</i> | <i>4.37</i> | <i>4.34</i> |
| <b>Deregulation</b>      | 8.30        | 11.17       | 10.50       | 10.66       | 11.90       | 5.88        | 12.01       | 8.15        | 9.82        |
|                          | <i>4.12</i> | <i>3.92</i> | <i>3.47</i> | <i>3.55</i> | <i>6.68</i> | <i>5.41</i> | <i>5.92</i> | <i>4.46</i> | <i>4.69</i> |
| <b>Deficit bonds</b>     | 7.53        | 8.63        | 9.00        | 9.04        | 9.98        | 8.40        | 10.35       | 9.30        | 9.03        |
|                          | <i>4.84</i> | <i>4.45</i> | <i>4.21</i> | <i>4.25</i> | <i>5.58</i> | <i>5.03</i> | <i>5.50</i> | <i>4.65</i> | <i>4.81</i> |
| <b>Social</b>            | 10.77       | 6.50        | 8.62        | 9.26        | 8.14        | 11.47       | 6.49        | 10.62       | 8.98        |
|                          | <i>5.93</i> | <i>3.77</i> | <i>3.78</i> | <i>4.26</i> | <i>5.02</i> | <i>5.21</i> | <i>4.50</i> | <i>4.51</i> | <i>4.62</i> |
| <b>Environment</b>       | 13.99       | 8.67        | 9.90        | 10.22       | 8.54        | 13.76       | 7.92        | 11.14       | 10.52       |
|                          | <i>4.61</i> | <i>4.01</i> | <i>3.62</i> | <i>4.36</i> | <i>4.66</i> | <i>4.24</i> | <i>4.44</i> | <i>4.49</i> | <i>4.30</i> |
| <b>Decentralization</b>  | 10.88       | 10.48       | 9.91        | 11.50       | 12.60       | 3.97        | 12.21       | 7.04        | 9.82        |
|                          | <i>4.43</i> | <i>3.85</i> | <i>3.32</i> | <i>4.01</i> | <i>4.46</i> | <i>4.01</i> | <i>4.29</i> | <i>4.53</i> | <i>4.11</i> |
| <b>Immigration</b>       | 9.44        | 8.90        | 9.48        | 10.12       | 10.19       | 9.83        | 9.46        | 10.20       | 9.70        |
|                          | <i>4.95</i> | <i>3.64</i> | <i>3.47</i> | <i>4.09</i> | <i>4.49</i> | <i>4.90</i> | <i>4.76</i> | <i>4.45</i> | <i>4.34</i> |
| <b>US Affairs</b>        | 4.03        | 8.04        | 8.25        | 7.94        | 7.77        | 7.64        | 7.82        | 7.29        | 7.35        |
|                          | <i>4.95</i> | <i>4.49</i> | <i>3.73</i> | <i>4.01</i> | <i>7.10</i> | <i>5.33</i> | <i>6.45</i> | <i>4.70</i> | <i>5.10</i> |
| <b>Defence policy</b>    | 3.58        | 7.80        | 8.45        | 8.58        | 7.04        | 6.94        | 7.16        | 6.81        | 7.05        |
|                          | <i>4.16</i> | <i>4.28</i> | <i>4.05</i> | <i>4.11</i> | <i>6.52</i> | <i>5.26</i> | <i>6.14</i> | <i>4.18</i> | <i>4.84</i> |
| <b>National identity</b> | 6.09        | 10.39       | 10.95       | 10.38       | 9.10        | 9.29        | 10.06       | 10.06       | 9.54        |
|                          | <i>5.49</i> | <i>4.45</i> | <i>3.98</i> | <i>4.86</i> | <i>5.76</i> | <i>5.90</i> | <i>5.30</i> | <i>5.07</i> | <i>5.10</i> |

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