

Twelve substantive policy scales and their end-points in 1996

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

Response rate=28.46%

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

Response rate=24.74%

Eleven substantive policy scales and their end-points in 2021

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

Response rate=33.33%

Additional questions related to Covid-19, 2021

<i>Policy</i>	<i>'Left' end point</i>	<i>'Right' end point</i>
Economy v. infection control	Priority given to economy	Priority given to infection control
Autonomy in public health measures	Government measures should be strengthened	Citizens' voluntary reinforcement of measures is desired
Importance of science in the public policy	Scientific expertise is not essential in policymaking	Scientific expertise is essential in policymaking

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>Cabinet portfolio</i>	<i>Importance score</i>	
	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard error</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 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 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>Cabinet portfolio</i>	<i>Importance score</i>	
	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard error</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 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>Cabinet portfolio</i>	<i>Importance score</i>	
	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard error</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

<i>Cabinet portfolio</i>	<i>Importance score</i>	
	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard error</i>
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.

Estimated relative importance of cabinet portfolios in Japan, 2021

<i>Cabinet portfolio</i>	<i>Importance score</i>	
	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard error</i>
Internal Affairs and Communications	6.62	0.17
Justice	4.71	0.16
Foreign Affairs	7.71	0.18
Finance	8.15	0.20
Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	5.29	0.17
Health, Labour and Welfare	6.68	0.16
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	5.20	0.14
Economy, Trade and Industry	6.71	0.16
Land Infrastructure and Transport	5.94	0.15
Environment	4.54	0.17
Defense	6.23	0.18
Chief Cabinet Secretary	8.35	0.19
Reconstruction	3.79	0.18
Chairperson of the National Public Safety Commission	3.92	0.19

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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
US Affairs	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>
Citizens' rights	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
US Affairs	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>
Citizens' rights	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>

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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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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>

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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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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>

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Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2010

Policy	JCP	SDP	DP	Kom.	Nippon	Daichi	NPR	YP	PNP	LDP	SPJ	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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>

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Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2012

Policy	JCP	SDP	DP	PLP	Kom.	Daichi	YP	PNP	LDP	JRP	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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>

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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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Left-Right	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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>

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Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2017

Policy	LDP	CDP	Minshin	Kom.	JCP	Ishin.	SDP	Hope	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>
Sympathetic/Close to Respondent	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>

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Party positions on policy scales in Japan, 2021

Policy	LDP	CDP	Ishin.	Kom.	PDP	JCP	Reiwa.	SDP	Mean
Deregulation	12.09	7.42	16.22	9.03	11.13	3.08	4.58	3.90	8.48
	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.21</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.21</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.21</i>	<i>0.41</i>
Urban v. Rural	13.16	8.42	4.38	8.39	7.38	8.93	7.21	9.82	8.46
	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.22</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.32</i>
Decentralization	11.15	8.33	4.07	9.83	8.33	11.20	9.73	10.35	9.09
	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.21</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.34</i>
Spending v. Taxes	9.30	7.86	15.03	8.34	10.34	8.19	9.17	8.32	9.61
	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.36</i>
US Affairs	16.82	8.60	15.44	11.17	13.38	2.55	4.50	2.88	9.51
	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.49</i>
Environment	14.95	7.62	14.60	9.92	11.42	5.82	6.01	5.26	9.51
	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.38</i>
Nationalism	16.58	7.69	15.65	9.61	11.89	5.56	6.77	5.54	9.98
	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.43</i>
National identity	17.05	13.87	16.07	14.36	15.57	5.54	9.48	8.47	12.61
	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>0.43</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>0.47</i>
Social	16.18	5.56	12.69	10.14	9.72	5.42	4.26	4.51	8.62
	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.42</i>
Defence policy	17.57	7.88	15.23	10.45	12.74	2.65	3.48	2.84	9.18
	<i>0.21</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.22</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.49</i>
Immigration	13.79	6.59	13.03	9.25	9.68	6.13	5.94	5.56	8.81
	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.24</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.38</i>
Deficit bonds	7.83	7.98	8.97	7.38	7.91	6.56	4.66	5.91	7.18
	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.33</i>
Left-Right	15.21	7.05	16.25	10.54	11.80	2.57	3.53	3.45	8.85
	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.44</i>
Sympathetic/Close to	13.03	8.53	15.68	13.11	9.99	11.89	12.07	11.56	11.99
	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.45</i>	<i>0.46</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>0.44</i>

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PDP=Peoples' Democratic Party; JCP=Japan Communist Party; Reiwa.=Reiwa Shinsen Gumi; SDP=Social Democratic Party

Three additional questions about Covid-19, 2021

Policy	LDP	CDP	Ishin.	Kom.	PDP	JCP	Reiwa.	SDP	Mean
Economy v. infection control	3.57	6.61	3.44	5.16	4.84	7.34	6.79	6.93	5.54
	<i>0.12</i>	<i>0.12</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.12</i>	<i>0.11</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.18</i>
Autonomy in public health measures	5.86	3.66	5.85	4.80	4.77	3.08	3.53	3.27	4.38
	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.13</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.13</i>	<i>0.13</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.18</i>
Importance of science in the public policy field	4.56	6.21	3.88	5.03	5.51	6.28	5.58	5.85	5.35
	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.18</i>

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Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 1996

Policy	JCP 23seats	SDP 15seats	DP 52seats	Sak. 2seats	Sun 0seats	LDP 239seats	NFP 156seats	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
US Affairs	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>
Citizens' rights	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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

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

Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2003

Policy	JCP 9seats	SDP 6seats	DP 177seats	Kom. 34seats	LDP 237seats	NCP 4seats	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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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

Policy	JCP 9 seats	SDP 7 seats	DP 113 seats	Kom. 31 seats	Nippon 1 seats	Daichi 1 seats	PNP 4 seats	LDP 296 seats	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2010

Policy	JCP	SDP	DP	Kom.	Nippon	Daichi	NPR	YP	PNP	LDP	SPJ	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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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
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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>

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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-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2017

Policy	LDP	CDP	Minshin.	Kom.	JCP	Ishin.	SDP	Hope	Mean
Spending v. Taxes	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>
Deregulation	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>
Deficit bonds	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>
Social	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>
Environment	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>
Decentralization	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>
Immigration	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>
US Affairs	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>
Defence policy	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>
National identity	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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Party-specific salience of policy dimensions in Japan, 2021

Policy	LDP	CDP	Ishin.	Kom.	PDP	JCP	Reiwa.	SDP	Mean
Deregulation	8.54	10.58	5.67	10.43	8.91	9.91	10.72	10.88	9.44
	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.45</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.54</i>	<i>0.49</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.43</i>
Urban v. Rural	5.13	8.94	5.33	8.52	8.81	10.16	9.79	10.19	8.32
	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.37</i>
Decentralization	10.70	10.28	4.17	11.35	10.00	11.63	11.52	11.49	10.09
	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.38</i>
Spending v. Taxes	7.60	7.55	4.60	7.93	7.42	6.15	5.78	7.11	6.77
	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.34</i>
US Affairs	3.49	8.02	8.80	8.66	7.33	6.01	10.84	6.99	7.47
	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.48</i>	<i>0.40</i>
Environment	13.45	8.98	14.57	10.51	11.82	8.48	9.01	7.87	10.63
	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.38</i>
Nationalism	4.15	10.10	6.77	10.03	8.66	9.14	11.42	9.94	8.74
	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.43</i>	<i>0.39</i>
National identity	4.64	10.54	8.48	10.30	9.41	9.50	12.24	10.75	9.44
	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>0.41</i>
Social	9.80	5.68	11.67	8.83	9.50	5.97	5.25	5.12	7.76
	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.38</i>
Defence policy	3.78	8.13	7.79	8.93	7.97	5.97	9.95	6.57	7.36
	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.48</i>	<i>0.41</i>
Immigration	8.74	8.17	11.45	10.55	9.93	8.63	8.61	8.17	9.30
	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.36</i>
Deficit bonds	6.72	7.94	8.14	8.77	8.40	8.66	7.42	9.07	8.13
	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>0.36</i>

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Three additional questions about Covid-19, 2021

Policy	LDP	CDP	Ishin.	Kom.	PDP	JCP	Reiwa.	SDP	Mean
Economy v. infection control	2.63	3.21	3.36	3.52	3.55	3.29	3.61	3.83	3.37
	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.13</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.15</i>
Autonomy in public health	3.98	4.02	4.27	4.42	4.43	3.88	4.34	4.20	4.19
	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.18</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.18</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.16</i>
Importance of science in the public policy field	6.03	4.71	6.35	5.49	5.20	4.59	5.30	5.02	5.34
	<i>0.18</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.19</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>0.18</i>

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