Public Opinion Poll on Democracy



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Survey Overviews and Methods



	Japanese Public Opinion	Malaysian Public Opinion
Conducted by	The Genron NPO	Merdeka Center for opinion Research
Survey erea	Japan (nation-wide)	Malaysia (nation-wide)
Target population	18 years of age or oder	21 years of age or oder
Sampling method	Quota sampling: The survey was fielded in 50 regions of Japan, with 20 samples from each region collected based on a quota sampling method at the individual level.	Quota sampling: All of the parliament constituencies (14 states and 222 constituencies) were surveyed and the selection of the respondents is proportional with respect to the adult population in each parliament constituency.
Fielding method	Placement Method	Computer-aided telephone interview
Fielding period	September 1 – 22, 2018	August 7 – 16, 2018
Sample size	1,000	1,211
Respondents	male: 48.6%, female: 51.4%	male: 50.0%, female: 50.0%
	20 years old or younger: 2.5% 20 to 29 years old :11.8% 30 to 39 years old :14.8% 40 to 49 years old :17.4% 50 to 59 years old :14.6% 60 years old or older :38.9%	21 to 30 years old : 24% 31 to 40 years old : 20% 41 to 50 years old : 24% 51 to 60 years old : 20% Over 60 years old:12%

[The view of the future of your country - Japan -]



How do you feel about the future of Japan? (Choose one)

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	Japanese public opinion (Sep. 2018 N=1,000)												
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	Sep. 201	8	1	10.3%	34.29	%	32.8%		21.3%	21.3%			
				[The view	ce (2017 and Ma v of the future of y you feel about	our country ((Japan)]	Choose one	2)				
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inay	May to June, 2018 2.5% 2017 4.0%			27.3%		<u>45.2%</u> 42.0%		6.0%		20.5%	0.2%		

[The view of the future of your country - Malaysia -]



How do you feel about the future of Malaysia? (Choose one)

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	Optimistic	Rather optimistic	Rather pessimistic	Pessimistic	Don't know	No response
2018	29.9%	44.5%	10.6%	3.9%	10.3%	0.7%
2017	15.9%	34.8%	21.7%	15.2%	11.3%	1.0%

[Reasons for pessimism about the future –Malaysia-]

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(For those who select in the previous question either "rather pessimistic" or "pessimistic") What are the reasons why you are pessimistic about the future of Japan? (Choose one)



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[Reasons for optimism about the future –Malaysia-]

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(For those who select in the previous question either "rather optimistic" or "optimistic") What are the reasons why you are optimistic about the future of Japan? (Choose one)



	o what extent, are you worried with?		ach liem)					Ŭ
Sep/.	■Very worried Somewhat	worried 🛛 🖬 No [.]		Not worried at al			o response	
2018	0%	10% 20%	30% 40%	50%	60% 70%	80%	90% 10	10%
N=1,0	00 Unemployment	17.5%	43.2%		25.8	3%	5.7% 6.6%	1.2%
	Crime	34.5%		46.5	%	13	.1% 1.9%3.1%	0.9%
	Foreigners working in Japan	15.9%	41.3%		29.4%	Į.	3.6% 8.9%	0.9%
	Economic inequality	22.4%		48.7%		18.3%	1.6% 7.8%	1.2%
	Economic crisis	23.6%		48.8%		17.0%	1.9% 7.2%	1.5%
	Social benefits such as pension and		62.9%			28.7%	4.7% 2.5%	0.5%
Sov	ereign default and economic collapse	32.8%		40.3%		15.4%	1.8% 8.8%	0.9%
	The way politics is working	32.2%		40.7%		15.8%	1.3% 9.3%	0.7%
	Future of rural areas	24.9%		44.8%		19.0%	1.9% 8.6%	0.8%
	The quality of media reports	19.1%	34.9%		30.4%	2.9%	11.9%	0.8%
	Rapid aging society and decreasing	I I.	55.3%		34.2%	0	5.0%,9%	0.7%
		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Notvoruworrigd	Not worried at all	Don't know	No Response	
	Unemployment	17.5%	43.2%	Not very worried 25.8%	5.7%	6.6%	1.2%	;
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To what extent, are you worried with ...? (Choose one for each item)

[Source of anxiety]

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[Is democracy in your country functioning? –Japan-]

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Do you think democracy in your country is functioning well? (choose one)

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[Is Democracy in your country functioning? – Malaysia-]



Do you think democracy in your country is functioning well?(Choose one)



	Functioning well	Functioning to some extent	Relatively not functioning	Not functioning at all	Don't know	No response
2018	21.4%	43.4%	22.5%	4.4%	7.8%	0.5%
2017	8.8%	28.5%	33.9%	22.2%	5.9%	0.6%

[Reasons why democracy not functioning –Malaysia-]

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(For those who replied in the previous question either "Not functioning at all" or "Relatively not functioning,") why do you think so? (Choose one)



[Reasons why democracy is functioning –Malaysia-]

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(For those who replied in the previous question either "functioning" or "Functioning to some extent,") why do you think so? (Choose one)



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[Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? –Japan-] 言論

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【Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? -Malaysia 言論 13

14 [Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? – Change over the years • Japan 1–]



For each institutions, how much trust do you have in them? (Choose one)



15 [Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? —Change over the years · Japan 2—]

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For each institutions, how much trust do you have in them? (Choose one)



16 [Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? —Change over the years · Japan 3—]



For each institutions, how much trust do you have in them? (Choose one)



17 [Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? —Change over the years · Malaysia 1—]





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18 [Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? —Change over the years · Malaysia 2—]

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For each institutions, how much trust do you have in them? (Choose one)



19 [Which institutions which support democratic systems do you have trust in? —Change over the years · Malaysia 3—]



For each institutions, how much trust do you have in them? (Choose one)



⁸ [Expectations on the political parties to solve the problems –Japan-]

Do you have expectations on the political parties of your country to solve the problems facing your country now or to steer economic development? (Choose one)

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	l have	Relatively I have	Relatively I don't have	l don't have	Don't know	No response
May to June, 2018	1.8%	16.3%	38.0%	21.0%	22.2%	0.7%
2017	4.0%	18.5%	39.6%	19.1%	17.1%	1.7%

【※Reference Reasons why people are not able to expect political parties t言論 solve problems –Japan-】

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(For those who replied in the previous question either "I don't have" or "Relatively I don't have,") Why can't you expect your country's political parties to solve issues? (Please choose two)



[Expectations on the political parties to solve the problems – Malaysia-]

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Do you have expectations on the political parties of your country to solve the problems facing your country now or to steer economic development? (Choose one)

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	l have	Relatively I have	Relatively I don't have	l don't have	Don't know	No response
2018	60.0%	30.8%	3.1%	2.2%	3.5%	0.4%
2017	63.2%	23.1%	5.8%	5.3%	2.5%	0.1%

23 [Reasons why people are not able to expect political parties to solve problems – Malaysia-]

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[Reasons why people are able to expect political parties to solve problems –Malaysia-]

(For those who replied in the previous question either "I have" or "Relatively I have,") Why can't you expect your country's political parties to solve issues? (Choose one)

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[Important values for a further development of democracy –Japan-]

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In your idea, which values are important for a further development of democracy in your country? (Choose three)

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20% -				17.170							13.69	%		
0%	7.7%	9.2%	2.0%		0.0% 8.7	%	3.1%	1.1%	2.4% 3.6	^{5%} 0.	.1%		1.6%	
070 1	Individual freedom	Equality between citizens	Rule of law	- Human rights	Economic growth Social stability, social order	Justice and fairness of social and political system	People's ownership	Repect to minorities' opinions	speech Minority diversity	- Freedom of	Don't know Others		No response	1
	Individual freedom	Equality between citizens	Rule of law	Human rights	Social stability, social order	Economic growth	Justice and fairness of social and political system	People's ownership	Respect to minorities' opinions	Minority diversity	Freedom of speech	Others	Don't know	No response
17年	7.7%	9.2%	2.0%	17.1%	10.0%	8.7%	19.8%	3.1%	1.1%	2.4%	3.6%	0.1%	13.6%	1.6%
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[Important values for a further development of democracy – Malaysia-]



In your idea, which values are important for a further development of democracy in your country? (Choose one)



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[Sections to need reform in order to further improve democracy -Japan-] NPO

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To further improve democracy in Japan, which sections need reform and improvement (Choose three)



※Reference(May to June, 2018)【Sections to need reform in order to further improve democracy -Japan-】

To further improve democracy in Japan, which section need to reform and improvement (Choose one)

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言論 [Sections to need reform in order to further improve democracy -Malaysia-NPO

To further improve democracy in Malaysia, which sections need reform and improvement (Choose one)



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[Individual freedom and political equality, or social stability and governance –Japan-]

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The fundamental value of democracy includes the individual freedom and political equality. On the other hand, some people place more importance to the social stability over freedom and equality. Which do you think is more important, freedom and political equality or social stability? (Choose one)



	Individual freedom and political equality	Social stability and governance	Don't know	No response
Sep. 2018	31.4%	42.0%	26.2%	0.4%

["social stability and governance" or "Economic, political freedom"?]

Which is more important for you, social stability and governance, or economic, political freedom? (Choose one)

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	Social stability and governance	Economic, political freedom	Don't know	No response
2018	47.5%	41.4%	6.8%	4.2%

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[The view of current state of democracy in the world –Japan-]



How do you see the current state of democracy in the world? (Choose one)

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There are many issues in democracy around Since democracy has suffered from too No Very strong in the most Democracy is in crisis due to rise of populism Don't the world, but not serious enough to deny the many challenges, it would not recover from respons part of the world and xenophobia know value of democracy itself this crisis е 2017 9.2% 28.8% 10.7% 15.9% 34.7% 0.7%

³³ **[The view of current state of democracy in the world – Malaysia-]** How do you see the current state of democracy in the world? (Choose one)



Very strong in the most part of the world

There are many issues in democracy around the world, but not serious enough to deny the value of democracy itself

Democracy is in crisis due to rise of populism and xenophobia

Since democracy has suffered from too many challenges, it would not recover from this crisis

ڬ Don't know

No response

0	0% 10	.0% 2	20% 30	 40%	50%	60%	% 70	0%	80%	90%	% 100%
Malaysian public opinion (2018 N=1,211)	15.0%		24.8%	14.1%	5		20.6%		2	23.8%	1.8%
Malaysian public opinion (2017 N=1,204)	9.8%		23.8%	15.3%		2	6.0%		2	22.7%	2.4%

	Very strong in the most part of the world	There are many issues in democracy around the world, but not serious enough to deny the value of democracy itself	Democracy is in crisis due to rise of populism and xenophobia	Since democracy has suffered from too many challenges, it would not recover from this crisis		No response
2018	15.0%	24.8%	14.1%	20.6%	23.8%	1.8%
2017	9.8%	23.8%	15.3%	26.0%	22.7%	2.4%

17年の選択肢は、※1「民主主義における問題は頻出しているが民主主義自体を否定する大きな問題ではない」、※2「ポピュリズムや排外主義の高まりなど民主主義は危機的状況にあ る」、※3「民主主義はほとんどの国で問題を抱えており、この状況を改善することは困難である」

[The Future of Democracy –Japan-]

How do you see the future of democracy? (Choose one)



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5月~6月の選択肢は、※1「問題は頻出しているが、民主主義自体を否定する大きな流れにはならない」、※2「先進国でもポピュリズムが一般化し、民主主義は信頼を失い退潮していく」、 ※3「先進国でもポピュリズムが一般化し、民主主義は信頼を失い退潮していく」、※4「民主主義は魅力的な仕組みではなくなっており、権威主義など民主主義を否定する仕組みにとって代 わられる」 Copyright(c) 2018 The Genron NPO All Rights Reserved.

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[The future of democracy – Malaysia-]

What do you think will become of democracy from now on? (Choose one)



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[Is Democracy is a Favorable Political System? – Japan-]

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What is your view about democracy? (Choose one)



Data of 2017 and May to June, 2018

 Democracy is always preferable to any other kind of government Democracy is not a desirable political system 					It does not matter whether we have a democratic or a nondemocratic regime Don't know					
⊠No response	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	6	0%	70%	80%	90% 100
Japanese public opinion (May to June, 2018 N=1,000)		47.1	%			17.1%	5.1%		30.2%	0.59
Japanese public opinion (2017 N=1,000)		45.7%				18.9%	3.1%		31.5%	0.89
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	Democracy is always preferable It does not matter whether we have to any other kind of.			,		e political	Don't know	No response		
May to June, 2018	47.1%)		17.1%			5.1%		30.2%	0.5%
2017	45.7%)		18.9%			3.1%		31.5%	0.8%

[Is Democracy is a Favorable Political System?-Malaysia-]

What is your view about democracy? (Choose one)



	Democracy is always preferable to any other kind of	Under some circumstances, an authoritarian government can be preferable to a democratic one	It does not matter whether we have a democratic or a nondemocratic regime	Don't know	No response
2018	55.7%	19.0%	12.5%	11.4%	1.5%
2017	44.3%	24.5%	16.0%	13.0%	2.2%

[Do we need strong political leaders? –Japan-]



Today, the public is inclined to seek strong political leadership in many countries of the world amid the globalization and the growing instability of international order. What is your view about the desired modality of leadership by political leaders of your country? (Choose one)

Political leaders should show strong leadership within the scope of democratic institution

To some extent, I don't mind their strong leadership in a non-democratic manner, if that will help develop the economy and society of my country further.

A strong leadership is important, and it does not matter much whether it is democratic or not.

🛯 Don't know

U Other



	Political leaders should show strong leadership within the scope of democratic institution	To some extent, I don't mind their strong leadership in a non-democratic manner, if that will help develop the economy and society of my country further.	A strong leadership is important, and it does not matter much whether it is democratic or not.	Don't know	Other	No response
Sep. 2018	46.0%	20.4%	3.1%	0.7%	29.2%	0.6%
2017	56.1%	21.0%	3.1%	-	19.6%	0.2%

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[Do we need strong political leaders? –Malaysia-]



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🛯 Don't know

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	Political leaders should show strong leadership within the scope of democratic institution	To some extent, I don't mind their strong leadership in a non-democratic manner, if that will help develop the economy and society of my country further.	A strong leadership is important, and it does not matter much whether it is democratic or not.	Don't know	No response
2018	55.0%	23.7%	10.3%	8.7%	2.4%
2017	48.5%	23.7%	17.4%	7.8%	2.6%

[Which countries are democracy in Asia? –Japan-]



Please select countries that you consider to be democracy (as many as you like)



[Which countries are democracy in Asia? –Malaysia-]



Please select countries that you consider to be democracy (as many as you like)

