

Opinion Survey Report

On the occasion of Japan-Germany Joint Symposium

***The 70th Anniversary of the End of World War II –
A New Prospect for Peace and Democracy in Japan and Germany***



Survey Overview

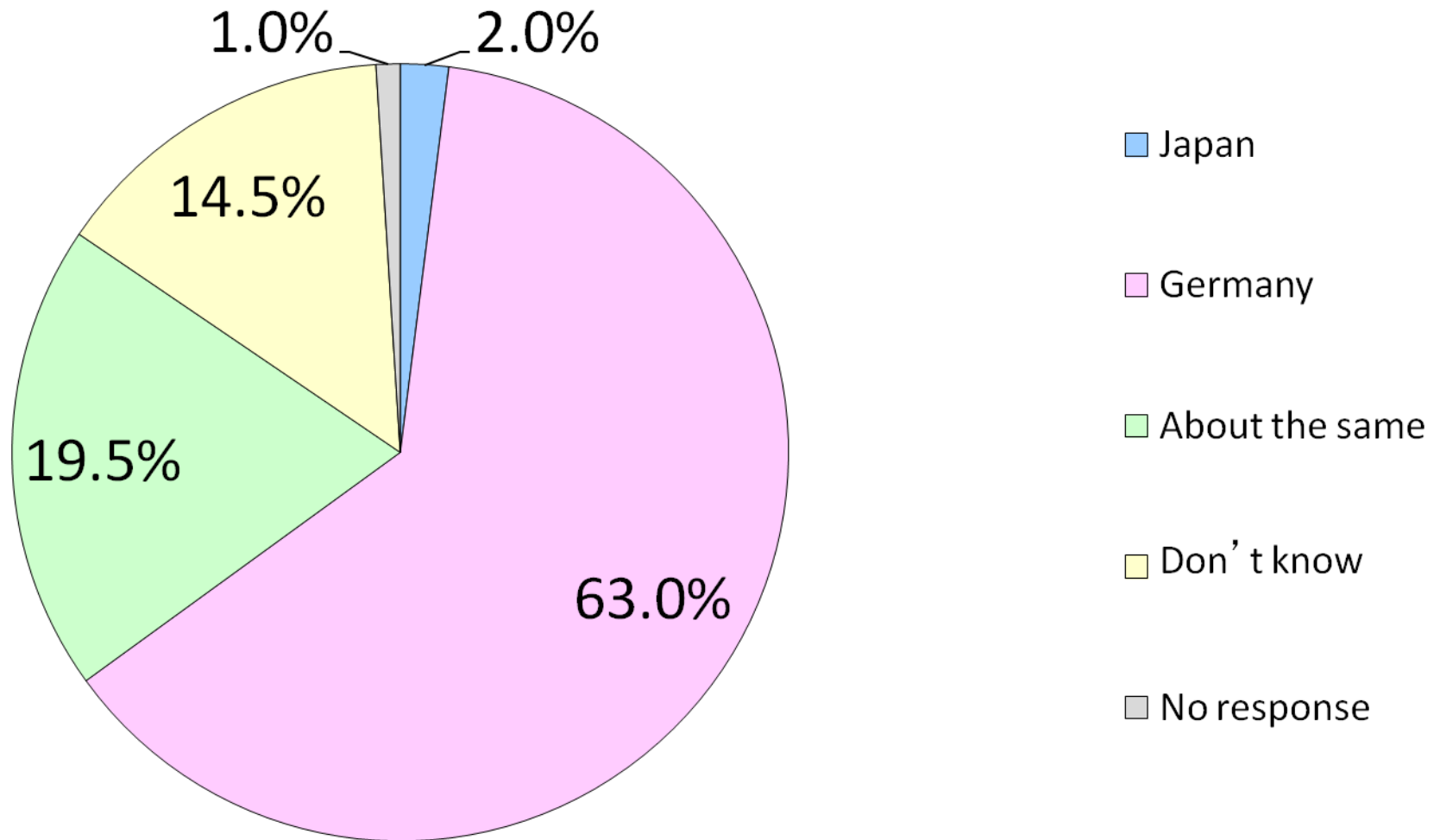
<Survey Methods>

From June 2 to June 4, 2015, The Genron NPO sent an email questionnaire to about 6,000 intellectuals who have participated in its symposiums, events and research programs.

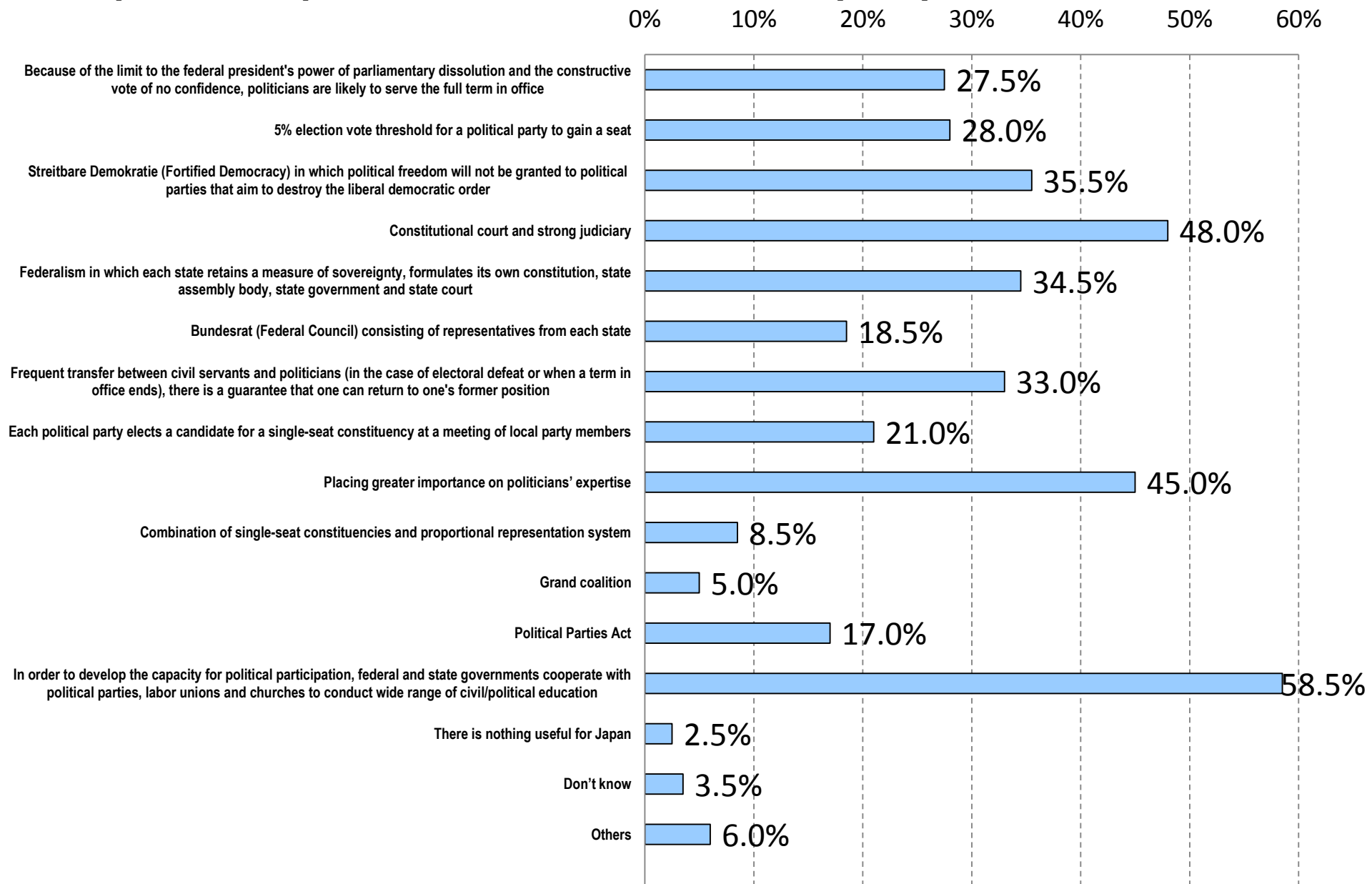
<Demographic Information>

Total response	200	Occupation	Management (Company): 13.5%
Gender	Male: 86.5% Female: 13.0%		Company employee: 9.0%
Age group	less than 19: 0.0% 20-29: 2.0% 30-39: 9.0% 40-49: 11.0% 50-59: 25.0% 60-69: 27.5% 70-79: 22.5% more than 80: 2.5%		Management (Media): 3.5%
			Journalist: 7.0%
			National government employee: 3.0%
			Local government employee: 1.5%
			Diet member: 0.0%
			Local assembly member: 1.5%
			NGO/NPO staff: 9.0%
			Academic/researcher: 15.0%
			Staff at foundations and social benefit organizations: 7.5%
			Student: 1.0%
			Self-employed: 7.5%
			Others: 20.0%

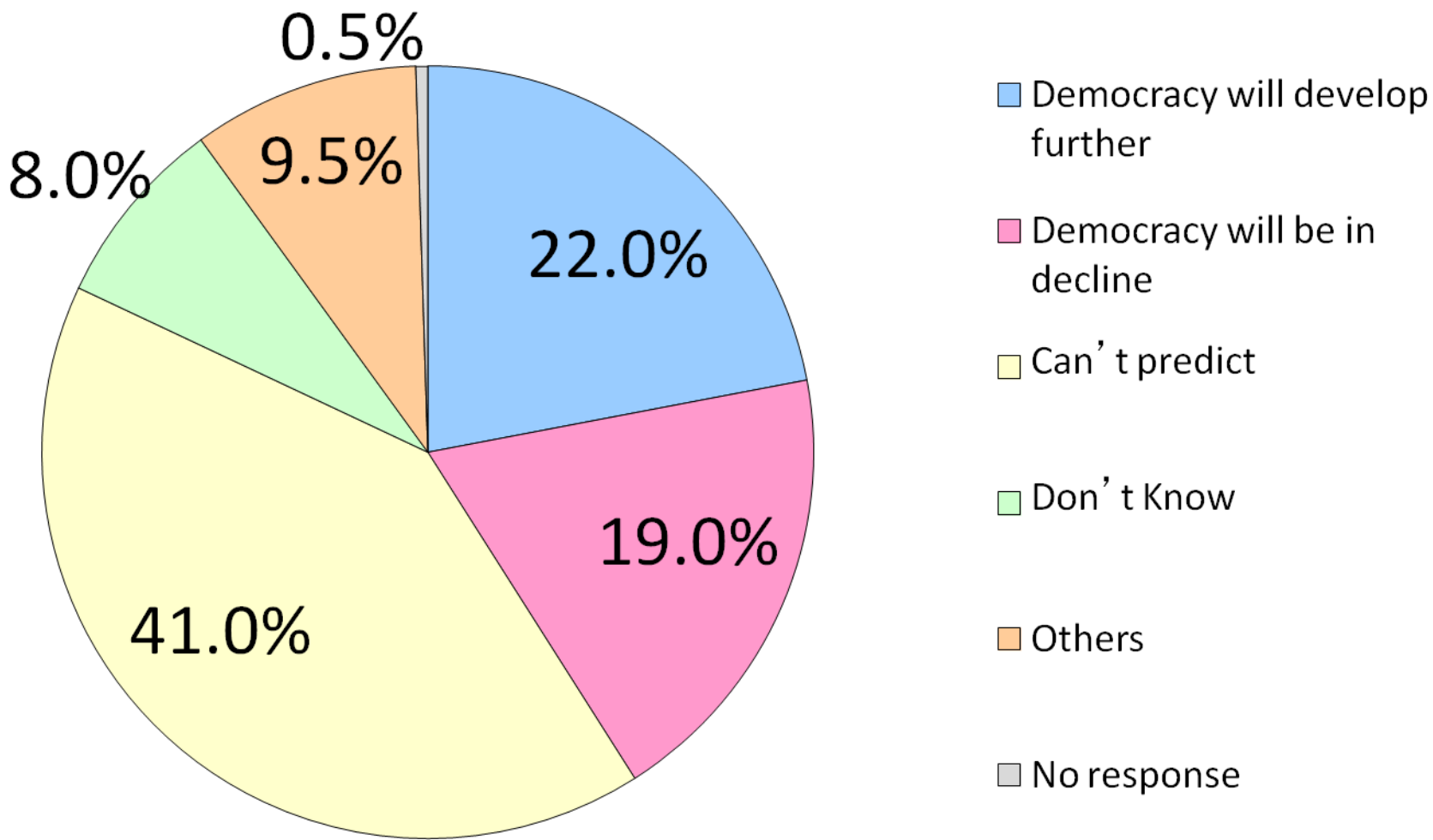
Q1. Which of the following countries has a more advanced democracy: Germany or Japan? 【Please choose one】



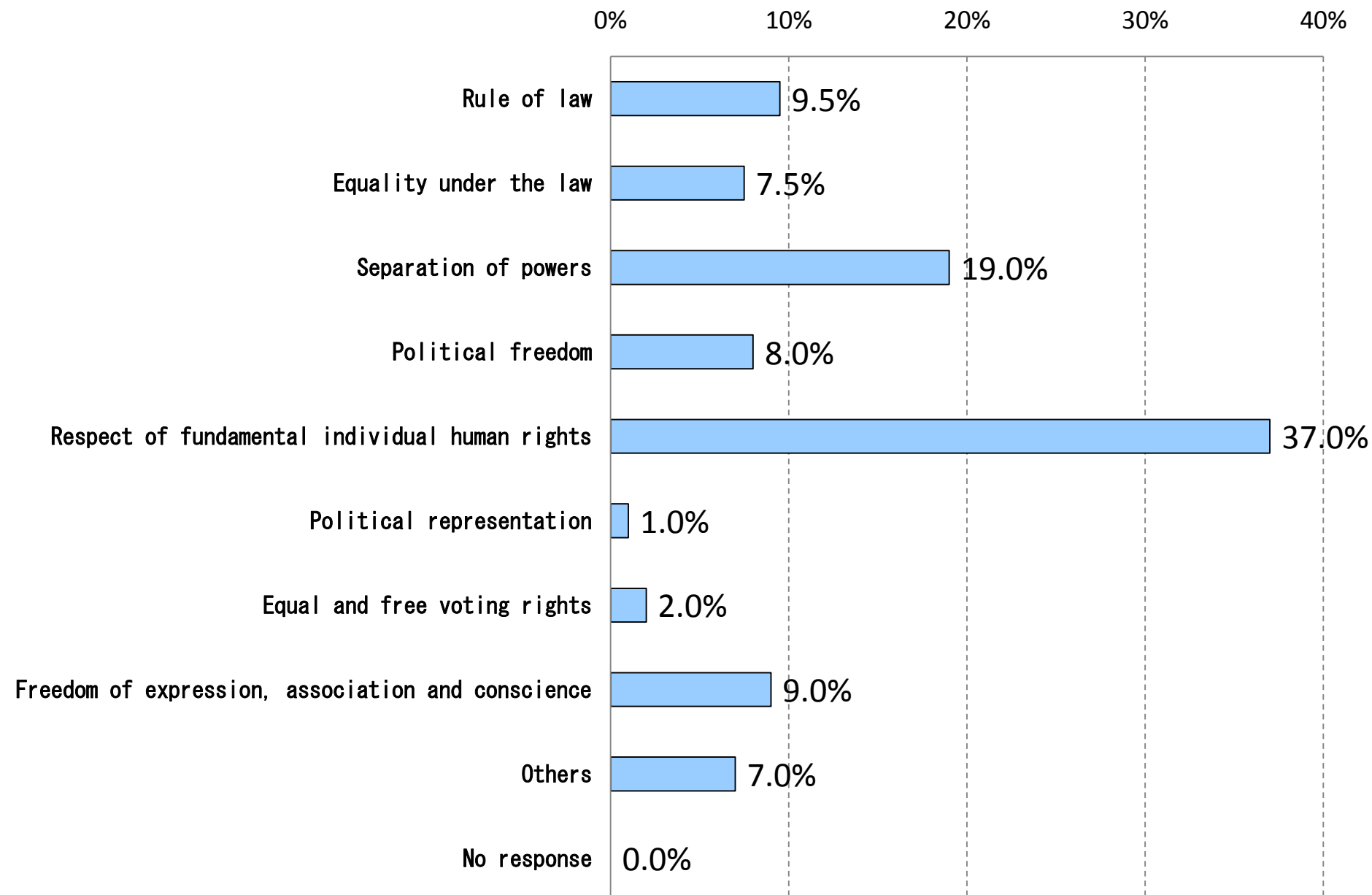
Q2. The following items are notable characteristics of German politics and political systems. Which of them could provide useful examples for Japan? 【Please choose as many as you like】



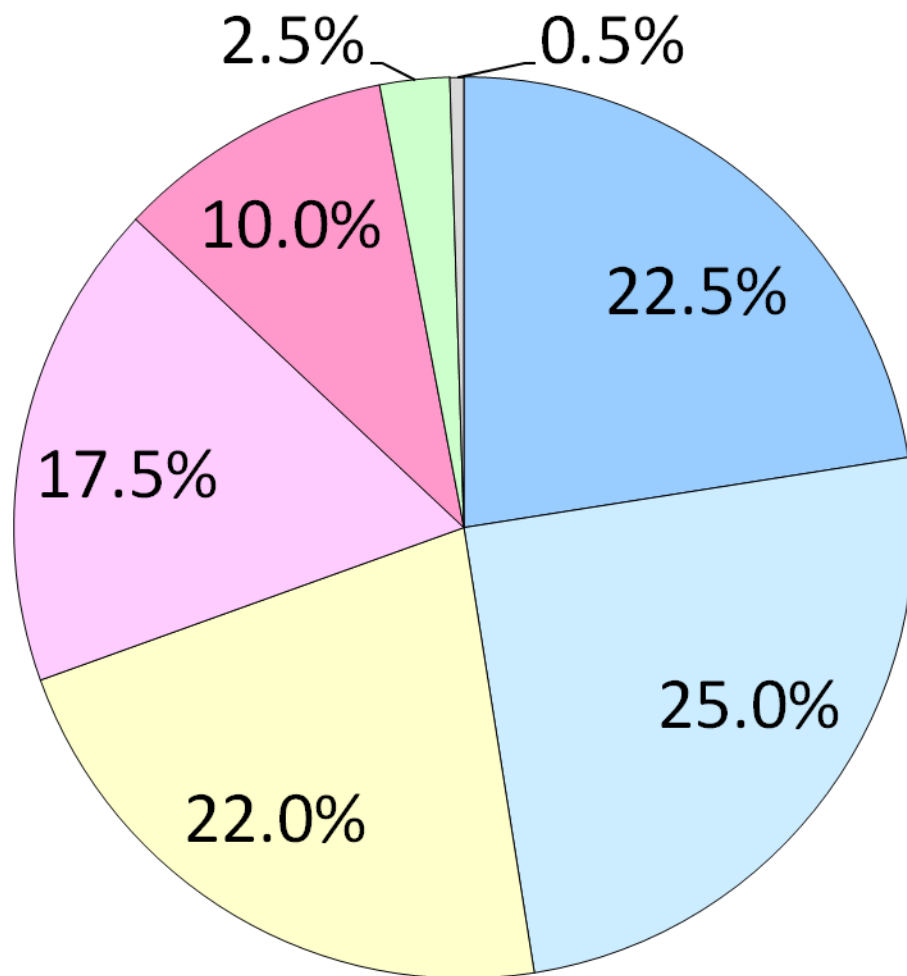
Q3. There is an argument that democracy is in crisis around the world and there are tendencies to move toward nationalism, populism and political parties that hold extreme views. In your view, what is the future of democracy? 【Please choose one】



Q4. In your view, what is the most important aspect of democracy? 【Please choose one】

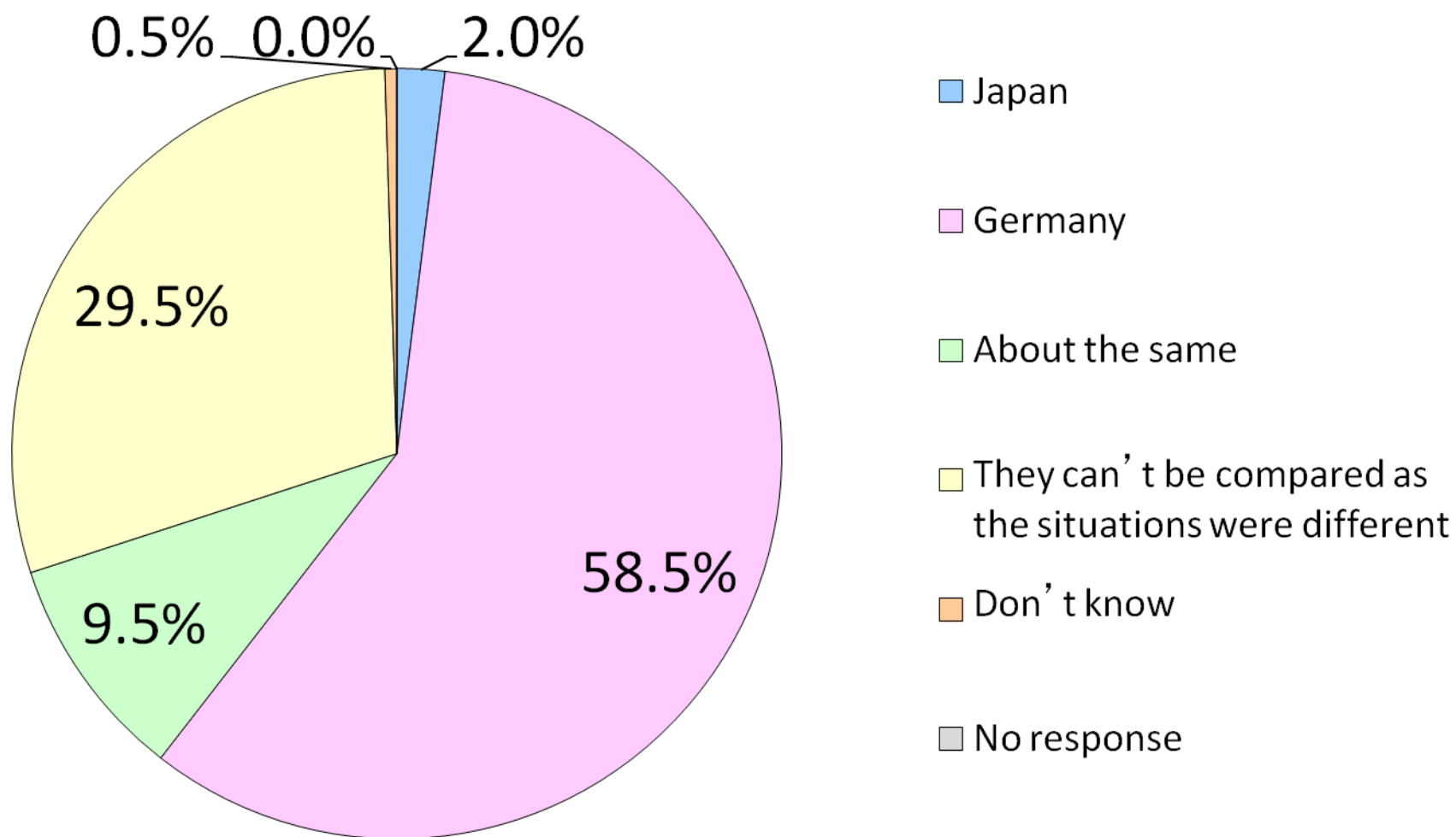


Q5. In the next 20 years, do you think that Japan will be involved in a war or be in a situation to declare war? 【Please choose one】

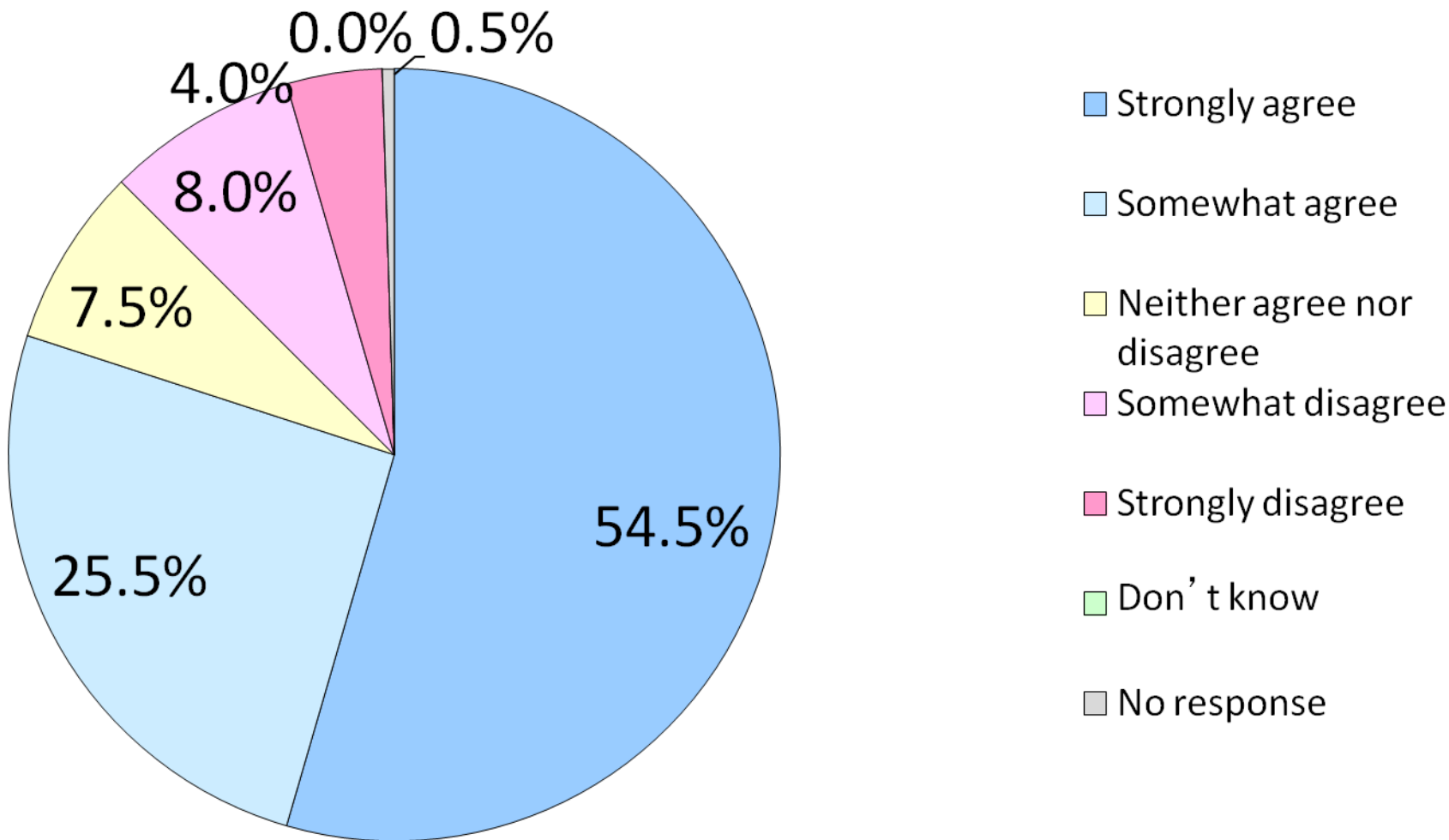


- I think it could happen
- I somewhat think it could happen
- I can't tell
- I somewhat think it won't happen
- I think it won't happen
- Don't Know
- No response

Q6. Which of the following countries has done more to reconcile with countries and people who were victims of their aggression, colonial rule and occupation: Japan or Germany? 【Please choose one】



Q7. In the late 1960s, Germany conducted exchange programs with France and Poland that saw young people staying in ordinary homes for several weeks. For reconciliation with neighboring countries (i.e., China and South Korea), do you think that Japan should conduct similar kinds of grass-roots exchange programs? [Please choose one]



Q 8. Do you count on the role of 'civil diplomacy' in building peace in Northeast Asia? 【Please choose one】

