Japan's Economic Woes

Question: What is your prediction concerning the economic climate?

- It will not improve for the time being: 66%
- It will improve gradually: 19%
- Don't know: 13%
- It will get worse: 2%


Question: Do you think the Obuchi Cabinet will succeed in reviving the national economy, or not?

- Will succeed: 11%
- Will not succeed: 78%
- Other/No response: 11%


Question: Are you worried about your job security?

- I am not worried now, but am concerned about future job security: 36%
- I am not worried: 42%
- No response: 21%


Question: Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all about job security for yourself and your family members?

- Concerned: 76%
- Not concerned: 24%
- No response: 1%


JPOLL

• Additional data on Japan are available by accessing the Roper Center's JPOLL database at www.ropercenter.uconn.edu.

• JPOLL is the world's only web-accessible, question-level database of Japanese public opinion translated into English.

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Question: In the future do you think the US and Japan will be able to work together to adopt the same common values about democracy and a market economy?

**US**

- Yes, will be able: 55%
- No, will not be able: 33%
- Other/No response: 12%

**China**

- Yes, will be able: 30%
- No, will not be able: 55%
- Other/No response: 15%


Question: Which relationship do you think is more important for Japan—the relationship with the US or the relationship with China?

**Relationship with the US**

- Both equally: 55%
- Relationship with China: 21%
- Other/No response: 9%

**Relationship with China**

- Both equally: 34%
- Relationship with the US: 33%
- Other/No response: 3%


Question: Which of the following do you think are most important for relations between Japan and the US?

- Cooperation on global issues, such as the environment: 34%
- Economic relations, such as trade and investment: 33%
- Political relations, such as the Japan-US security treaty: 6%
- Other/No response: 27%


Question: Which of the following do you think will threaten peace in Japan?

- Conflict and dispute in the Korean Peninsula: 73%
- Military conflict between China and Taiwan: 27%
- Other conflicts and disputes: 15%


Question: What do you think Japan should put priority on in order to prevent international conflict from occurring among Asian nations?

- Make efforts to strengthen relations with other countries through diplomatic channels: 55%
- Build up personal relations with people in foreign countries: 19%
- Strengthen military ties between Japan and the US: 11%
- Provide financial support to other countries: 9%

Question: Who do you feel most comfortable to be with?

- With my family: 71%
- With my friends: 15%
- All by myself: 9%
- With my coworkers: 3%


Question: Do you think Japanese fathers are the central pillars of the house or not?

- Yes, they are: 66%
- No, they are not: 29%
- Other/No response: 5%


Question: Do you want to build the same kind of family as your parents built, or not?

- Yes, want to build the same kind of family: 54%
- No, don't want to build the same kind of family: 40%
- Other/No response: 6%


Question: What do you think creates family ties?

- Family members who live together: 40%
- Efforts made by each family member: 39%
- Blood relationship: 12%

Note: Top three responses shown.

Question: If you have something you want to do and you are aware that it could bother other family members, would you go ahead and do what you want to do, or would you rather give it up because you don’t want to impose trouble on other family members?

- Give it up: 70%
- Do whatever I want to do: 21%
- Other/No response: 9%


Question: How long do you think parents should keep their responsibility as parents?

- Until children become adults (20 yrs. old): 35%
- Until children get married: 18%
- As long as parents live: 15%
- Until children graduate from high school: 13%
- Until children graduate from college: 12%

Note: Top five responses shown.