How We See Our Two Countries' Relations
A Growing Sense That There Are Problems...

Question: Do you think that relations between the United States and Japan are very good, just fair, or poor at present?
...But the Japanese Like the U.S.

Question: What countries do you like? Choose up to three from the list.

Japanese Responses

Note: In every year, Switzerland was listed side by side with the US as the top choice (not shown in this chart).

Question: What countries do you dislike? Choose up to three from the list.

Japanese Responses

Question: To what degree do you feel tied to the following nations?
Responses shown are of those saying "strongly" or "somewhat" combined

Japanese Responses

in the years shown

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Japan and America
And Americans Give Japan Good Marks and Call Our Relationship “Friendly”

Question: ...How far up the scale or down the scale would you rate the following countries? ...Japan (the favorable score was from +1 to +5 (combined in chart below) and -1 to -5 unfavorable (combined responses below).

[Graph showing U.S. Responses: % Favorable and % Unfavorable from 1974 to 1994]

Question: In your opinion, do you think Japan is or is not a dependable ally of the United States?

[GALLUP, February 17-23, 1995 For the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs]

[Graph showing U.S. Responses: Japan is a dependable ally. Japan is not]

Question: How would you describe relations between Japan and the United States today...?

[CBS/NYT (U.S. responses) in the years shown]

[Graph showing Percent responding "unfriendly" in the years shown]
Bilateral Relations: The Japanese Think the Fundamentals are Sound

**Question:** In your opinion, how good or bad is the relationship between Japan and the United States?

- 1988: 68% Good, 20% Bad
- 1994: 64% Good, 25% Bad

**Question:** How useful do you think the US-Japan Security Treaty is in maintaining the peace and safety of Japan?

- 1978: 64% Useful, 11% Not Useful
- 1988: 68% Useful, 11% Not Useful
- 1994: 67% Useful, 14% Not Useful

**Question:** What do you think should be done to maintain the peace and safety of Japan?

- Abolish the US-Japan Security Treaty and defend Japan with its own increased forces.
- Abolish the US-Japan Security Treaty and either decrease the offensive capacity of the Forces or eliminate the Forces entirely.

**in percent**

- 1969: 12% (Abolish), 40% (Maintain), 48% (Abolish, decrease)
- 1994: 9% (Abolish), 7% (Maintain, decrease), 84% (Maintain, no decrease)
People, Opinions, & Polls

**Japan and America**

**How We See Each Other: Americans Say “Rival”, Japanese Say “Friend”, Neither Say “Enemy”**

**Question:** Please choose the one word from the list which best completes this sentence: To Japan (U.S.), the United States (Japan) is like a...

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**Gallup** (US responses)  
September-October 1994

**Yomiuri** (Japanese responses)  
September 1994

**On Economic Relations: Even Americans Say the U.S. is Scapegoating**

**Question:** Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion—Japanese companies are competing unfairly with American companies, or the US is blaming Japan for its own economic problems?

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**Pluralities in Both Countries Now See Continuing U.S. Ascendancy**

**Question:** In the next century, which country do you think will be the number one economic power in the world—the US, Japan, or some other country?

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**CBS/NYT**  
(U.S. responses) in the years shown

**TBS**  
(Japanese responses) in the years shown