Codebook for Japan 2021 Election Dataset for Digital Society Project

- `COUNTRY NAME` - 'Japan'
- `TIME SPECIFIC COUNTRY NAME` - 'State of Japan'
- `COUNTRY ID` - 9
- `COUNTRY TEXT ID` - 'JPN'
- `COW COUNTRY ID` - 740

- `YEAR-START` - 2021

- `MONTH-START` - 10

- `DAY-START` - 31

- `YEAR-END` - 2021

- `MONTH-END` - 10

- `DAY-END` - 31

- `ELECTION LEVEL` - 'National'

- `ELECTORAL SYSTEM` - 5: Parallel

- `FNAME` - First Name. *Original language characters in parentheses.*
- `LNAME` - Surname. *Original language characters in parentheses.*

- `GOVTWIT` - Government Twitter Account. *As this dataset collects the 'personal' accounts of politicians used for electoral campaigning, not the accounts of any government they may hold, this value is blank in all cases.*

- `PTWIT` - Personal Twitter Account.

- `GENDER` - 1: Female 0: Male

- `BIOID` - New unique ID.

- `CONSTITUENCY 1`

- `CONSTITUENCY 2` - This will only be populated for candidates running in both SMD and PR districts.

- `CONSTITUENCY 1 ELECTORAL SYSTEM` - 0: SMD; 8: List PR with Large MMDs

- `CONSTITUENCY 2 ELECTORAL SYSTEM` - 0: SMD; 8: List PR with Large MMDs

- `LISTNUM 1` - None for SMD; list position for PR. *Note that candidates who also ran in SMDs are ranked equally.*

- `LISTNUM 2`

- `PARTY NAME ENGLISH`, `PARTY NAME ORIGINAL`, `PARTY SHORT NAME`, `NUMERIC PARTY IDENTIFIER`, `PARTY FACTS ID` - These are derived from Party Facts' core parties where possible, or otherwise presented according to common usage - see below. *In all cases, the original party name in Japanese is the one under which they contested this election. Note that parties which got less than 1% of the vote are all grouped as Party Short Name 'perc', Party ID 2750 in Party Facts.*

- `CMPCODE` - party codes from Comparative Manifesto Project, see below.

- `CHES PARTY CODE` - all blank, as Japan isn't included in the Chapel Hill surveys.

- `GPS PARTY CODE` - codes from the Global Party Survey dataset, see below.

PARTY NAME ENGLISH	PARTY NAME ORIGINAL	PARTY SHORT NAME	NUMERIC PARTY IDENTIFIER	PARTY FACTS ID	CMPCODE	GPS PARTY CODE
Liberal Democratic Party	自由民主党	LDP	1746	1746	71620	495
Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan	立憲民主党	KDP	6135	6135	n/a	492
Japan Communist Party	日本共産党	JCP	736	736	71220	493
Japan Restoration [Innovation]	日本維新の会	JReP	2080	2080	n/a	496

Party						
Independent	無所属	indep	2748	2748	n/a	n/a
Clean Government Party / New Komeito	公明党	K	1515	1515	71530	494
The Party to Protect the People from NHK	NHKと裁判してる党弁護士法72条違反で	NHK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Democratic Party for the People	国民民主党	DPFP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reiwa Shinsengumi	れいわ新選組	REIWA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Social Democratic Party	社会民主党	SDP	n/a	n/a	71320	498
New Party Yamato	新党やまと	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Japan First Party	日本第一党	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Strengthen COVID Response Through Regime Change	政権交代によるコロナ対策強化新党	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
New Party Kunimori	新党くにもり	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
No Party Support	政党支持なし	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Nippon	新党日本					

Spirits Party	のこころ	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Future Reform Party	改革未来党	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Love Earth Party	愛地球党	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Japan Success Party	日本成功党	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a
Reformation Party	改新党	perc	n/a	2750	n/a	n/a

(Note regarding Ishin no Kai - Party Facts specifies that JReP/2080 refers only to the original 2012 iteration of the party, but V-Dem's party list applies this ID to the post-2016 iteration as well. This dataset follows V-Dem in using this ID for the contemporary iteration of the party; however, the CMPCODE for the 2012 party (71430) is not used for this reason, and no CMPCODE for the 2016 iteration exists as yet.)

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- `INCUMBENT 1` , `INCUMBENT 2` - Incumbency in each constituency. 0: No Seat; 1: Holds This Seat; 2: Holds Other Seat (e.g. contesting an SMD but holds a PR seat).

- `AGE` - Candidate's age at the beginning of the election period. *Note: this differs from the standard Digital Society Project codebook which specifies Birthdate; this data was unavailable for Japanese candidates.*

- `EDUCATION` - Highest education level.

  1. No Post Secondary;
  2. Technical School;
  3. Bachelors;
  4. Professional Degree;
  5. Grad School.

- `EDUCATION DISCIPLINE`

  1. Agronomy, agriculture
  2. Engineering
  3. Math, Computer Science, Statistics, or other applied math
  4. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or other natural science
  5. Medicine
  6. Economics, Business, Management

7. Social Sciences
   8. Law
   9. Humanities
   10. Education
   11. Military
   12. Other (a residual category)

- `ETHNICITY/RACE` - This variable is left blank in this dataset. Only a handful of non-ethnically Japanese candidates have contested elections in Japan, mostly at local level; to the best of our knowledge none of them contested the present election, but in the absence of detailed information, we prefer to leave this blank.

- `IMMIGRANT` - As above. To the best of our knowledge no naturalised citizen (as distinct from citizens born with Japanese citizenship) is standing in this election, but in the absence of detailed information being available, we prefer to leave this blank.

- `CURRENT PROFESSION` - Coded using ISCO88. *See* *https://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/docs/resol08.pdf*

- `PRE-POLITICAL PROFESSION` - Last non-elected profession, if any. ISCO88 coded.

- `LAST NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE` - Was a candidate in the prior national legislative election (House of Representatives, 2017). *Note that House of Councillors elections are not considered in calculating this value.*

- `PRIOR NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE COUNT` - Number of times they have been a candidate. *Note that House of Councillors elections are not considered in calculating this value.*

- `PRIOR NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE COUNT COMPLETE` - 0: Insufficient official records to check candidate going back 20 years; 1: Candidate was checked going back 20 years.

- `LAST NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE` - n/a

- `PRIOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE COUNT` - n/a

- `PRIOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE COUNT COMPLETE` - n/a

- `PRIOR HIGH PUBLIC OFFICE 1` ... `PRIOR HIGH PUBLIC OFFICE N`

  - `... OFFICE NAME` - in Japanese

- ◦ `... OFFICE NAME ENGLISH`
- ◦ `... OFFICE TYPE`

    1. Legislator, lower chamber
    2. Legislator, upper chamber
    3. Legislator-executive (e.g. PM)
    4. Legislator-minister (cabinet level)
    5. Elected executive (e.g. mayor, governor)
    6. Appointed Executive (not relevant in Japanese system?)
    7. Judge

- ◦ `... OFFICE LEVEL`

    1. Local
    2. Regional
    3. National

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- `OTHER POLITICAL EXPERIENCE` - Multi-selection categorical variable, encoded as a comma-separated string.

    1. Trade Union
    2. Employers Organisation
    3. Interest Group
    4. NGO
    5. Social Movement
    6. Party Youth Org
    7. Local Party Org
    8. Regional Party Org
    9. National Party Org
    10. Party Executive

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