



# Pre-Election Fact Sheet: 2024 Parliamentary Election

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## THE 2024 ELECTION

**Election Date:** 27 October 2024

**Incumbent Head of State:**

Emperor Naruhito

**Incumbent Head of Government:**

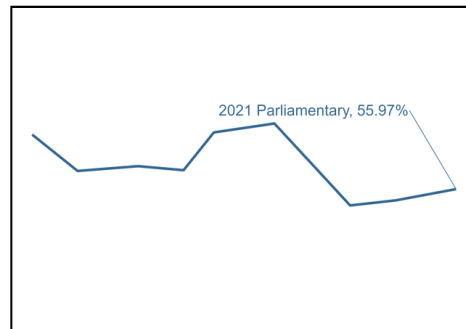
Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba

**Incumbent Head of Government Party:**

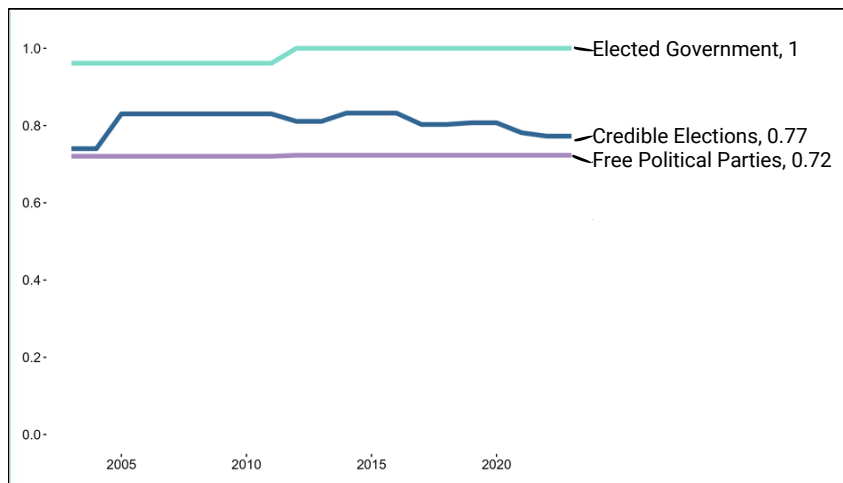
Liberal Democratic Party

**Compulsory voting?** No

## PAST VOTER TURNOUT



## Global State of Democracy Indices data 2003 - 2023



## ELECTORAL PROCESS

**Electoral system for national legislature:**

Parallel

**Voter registration:**

Extracted from a population/civil registry

**Out-of-Country Voting:**

Yes

**Special Voting Arrangements:**

Yes, early, postal and proxy voting



## WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

**Legislated gender quotas?**

Single/lower house: No

Upper house: No

**Proportion of women in legislature:**

Lower house: 50 of 464 seats (10.8%)

Upper house: 66 of 248 seats (26.6%)

## Latest Democracy Developments

**June 2024**

Political funds bill passed following scandal

**February 2024**

Japanese court approves first gender change without surgery

**December 2023**

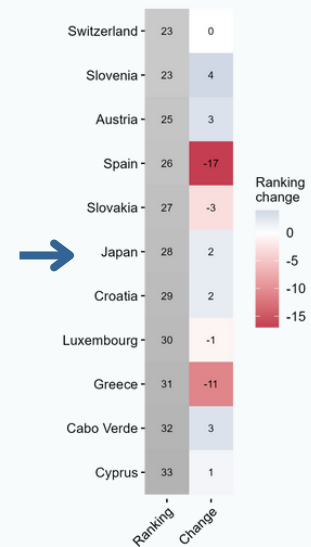
Criminal investigation into political funding scandal

**December 2023**

Government approves new policy steps to tackle declining birthrate

## Global Ranking in Representation

The Representation category comprises six factors to measure contested and inclusive elections, including Credible Elections, Free Political Parties and Elected Government.



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Note: Based on 2023 data, showing ranking change over 1 year.  
See the full country rankings.

## Additional Resources

[Central Election Commission](#)

[The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#)

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