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Public opinion polls can provide a unique view into the attitudes of the public regarding events, people, policies, and more. Polling data is available for all conflicts that the United States has been involved in since 1935.

For best results in locating polling questions and the data on answers do the following:

➢ From the main page of the database click on the iPoll logo in the middle of the page.

➢ Enter a simple search term or two in the “search” line for the form. Example: Japan

Enter a date range (this will keep the results list from being too large at any one time – a smaller set of results will questions rather than survey titles). Example: 1944-1945

➢ Browse through the resulting list of questions. Each item will have the question, survey title, and date administered.

Click on the magnifying glass icon to question responses and click on the X icon to view survey instrument if available. Picture below:
1) □ Do you feel that you have a fairly clear idea of what our government's policy is toward... Japan? (If 'Yes,' ask:) In general, would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with our policy toward... Japan? (If 'No,' ask:) Is that because our policy isn't very clear, or because you haven't followed it very closely?

Source: Foreign Affairs Survey
Field Dates: Dec, 1945 - Dec, 1945

2) □ Which of the following statements comes closest to describing how you feel, on the whole, about the people who live in Japan? The Japanese people will always want to go to war to make themselves as powerful as possible. The Japanese people may not like war, but they have shown that they are too easily led into war by powerful leaders. The Japanese people do not like war. If they could have the same chance as people in other countries, they would become good citizens of the world.

Source: Draft, World Organization, Free Speech Survey
Field Dates: Nov, 1945 - Nov, 1945

3) □ Everyone agrees that every branch of the armed forces did a wonderful job in the war, but which of them do you think did most toward winning the war against... Japan?

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