

Following the campaign the electorate increased the LDP popular vote by 3%. The Party failed to employ the sophisticated tactics required by the complicated multi-member constituency system to turn those extra votes into seats, and they came out of the election with one sea less than they had had earlier. Voter support for the minor centrist parties was improved, the Japan Communist Party experienced a dramatic increase in seats (although not in popular vote) and the principal opposition party, the Japan Socialist Party, lost 13% of their pre-election Diet representation. It was with considerable dexteity that Mr. Ohira handled the ensuring Party discussions and reaffirmed his control over the party structure.