

Key policy positions

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Tax	Raise it from 8 to 10 per cent in Oct 2019; half of increased revenue to be used for social security support for youth, the other half to pay off government debt	Put off hike until the economy gains further momentum
Economy	"Abenomics", with a focus on productivity, human resources and work-style reforms	"Reset" Japan with reforms to boost global profile, including gender diversity and private sector innovation
Constitutional revision	Define and expand role of Self-Defence Force under Article 9 of pacifist Constitution	Revise Constitution with discussions broader than just Article 9
Diplomacy	"Proactive diplomacy for peace"	Based on pacifism, with an exclusively defensive posture
Nuclear power	Restart plants but with lower nuclear dependence	Target zero nuclear reliance