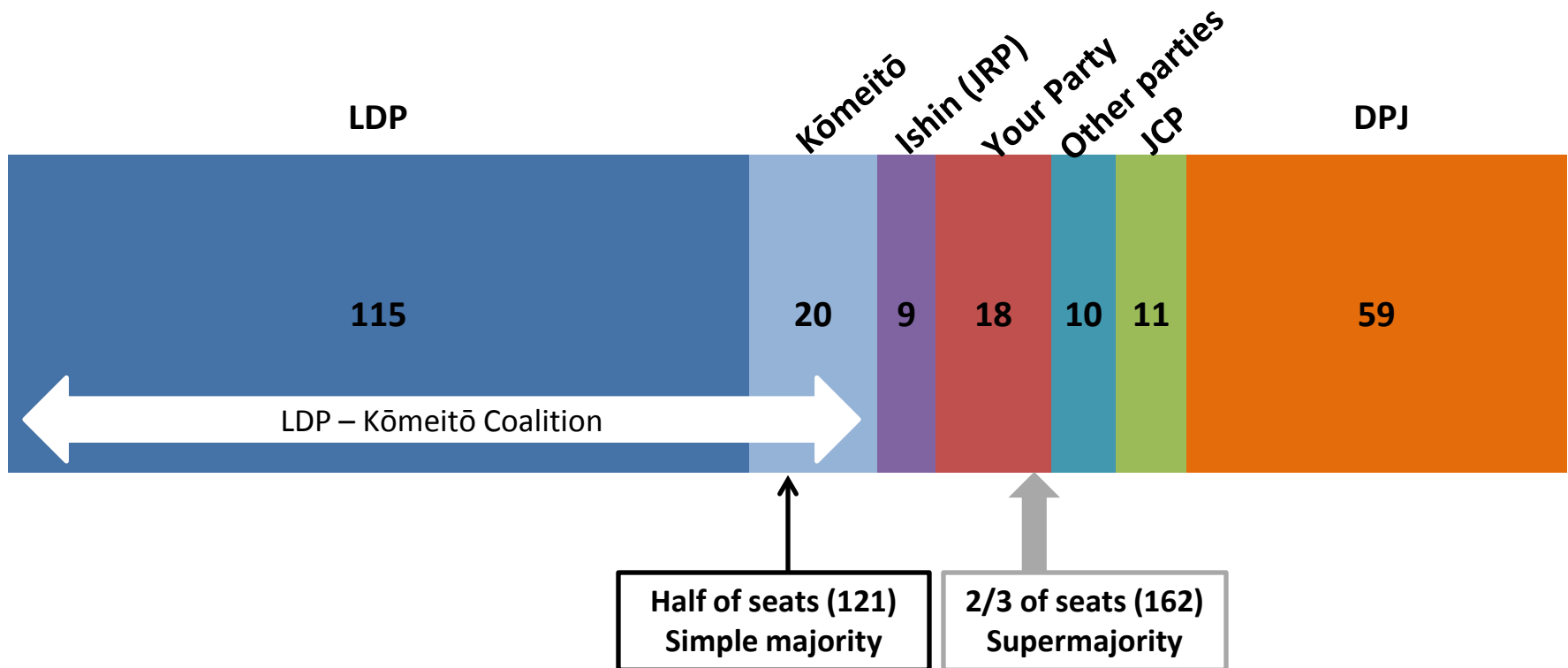


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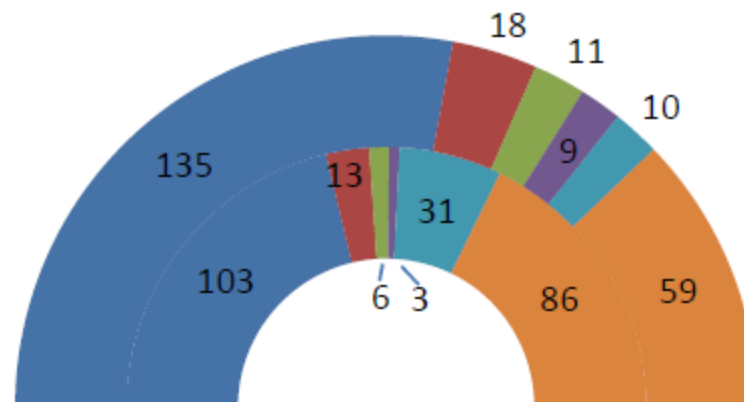
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Huge Seat Swing from DPJ to LDP

Party	Pre-Election	Seats not up until 2016	Seats won in 2013		Post-Election	Gain/Loss
			Dist	PR		
LDP	84	50	47	18	115	+31
Kōmeitō	19	9	4	7	20	+1
DPJ	86	42	10	7	59	-27
All others	48	20	12	16	48	-- *

* 5 seats were vacant at time of election



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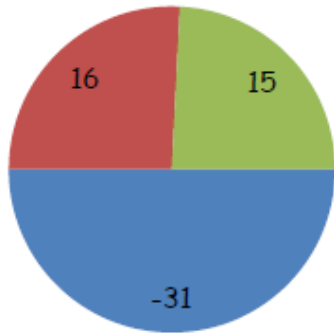
Single-seat swing districts, 2007-2013

	1-seat districts		2-seat districts		3-5 seat districts	
	2007-10 (29/29) 2013 (31/31)		2007-10 (12/24) 2013 (10/20)		2007-10 (6/20) 2013 (6/22)	
LDP	Vote %	Seat %	Vote %	Seat %	Vote %	Seat %
2007	43%	21%	33%	50%	23%	30%
2010	47%	79%	34%	50%	23%	30%
2013	59%	94%	42%	50%	31%	36%
DPJ	Vote %	Seat %	Vote %	Seat %	Vote %	Seat %
2007	47%	76%	49%	50%	40%	55%
2010	38%	28%	41%	50%	38%	40%
2013	16%	0%	21%	35%	13%	14%
Other/Indep	Vote %	Seat %	Vote %	Seat %	Vote %	Seat %
2007	10%	0%	18%	0%	37%	15%
2010	15%	0%	25%	0%	39%	30%
2013	25%	6%	37%	15%	55%	50%

Excludes Kōmeitō votes and seats from LDP's totals, but includes 4 PNP SMD wins via DPJ "stand-down" in 2007.

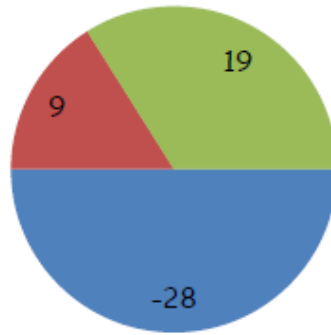
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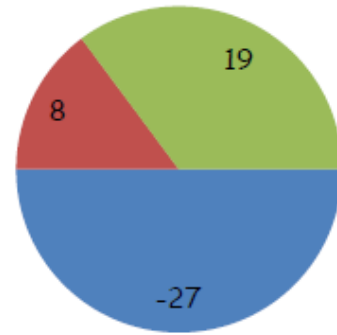
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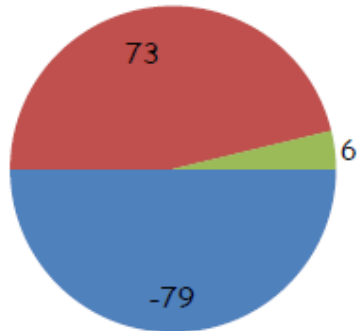
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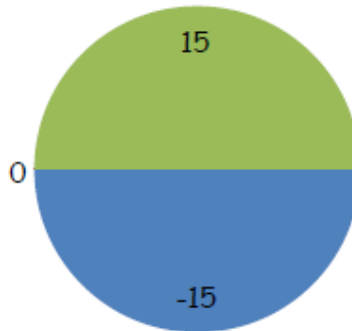
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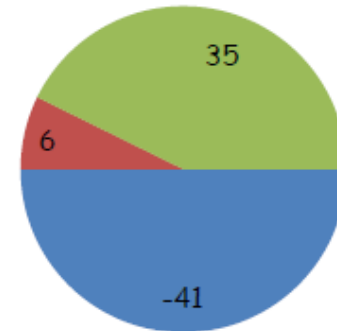
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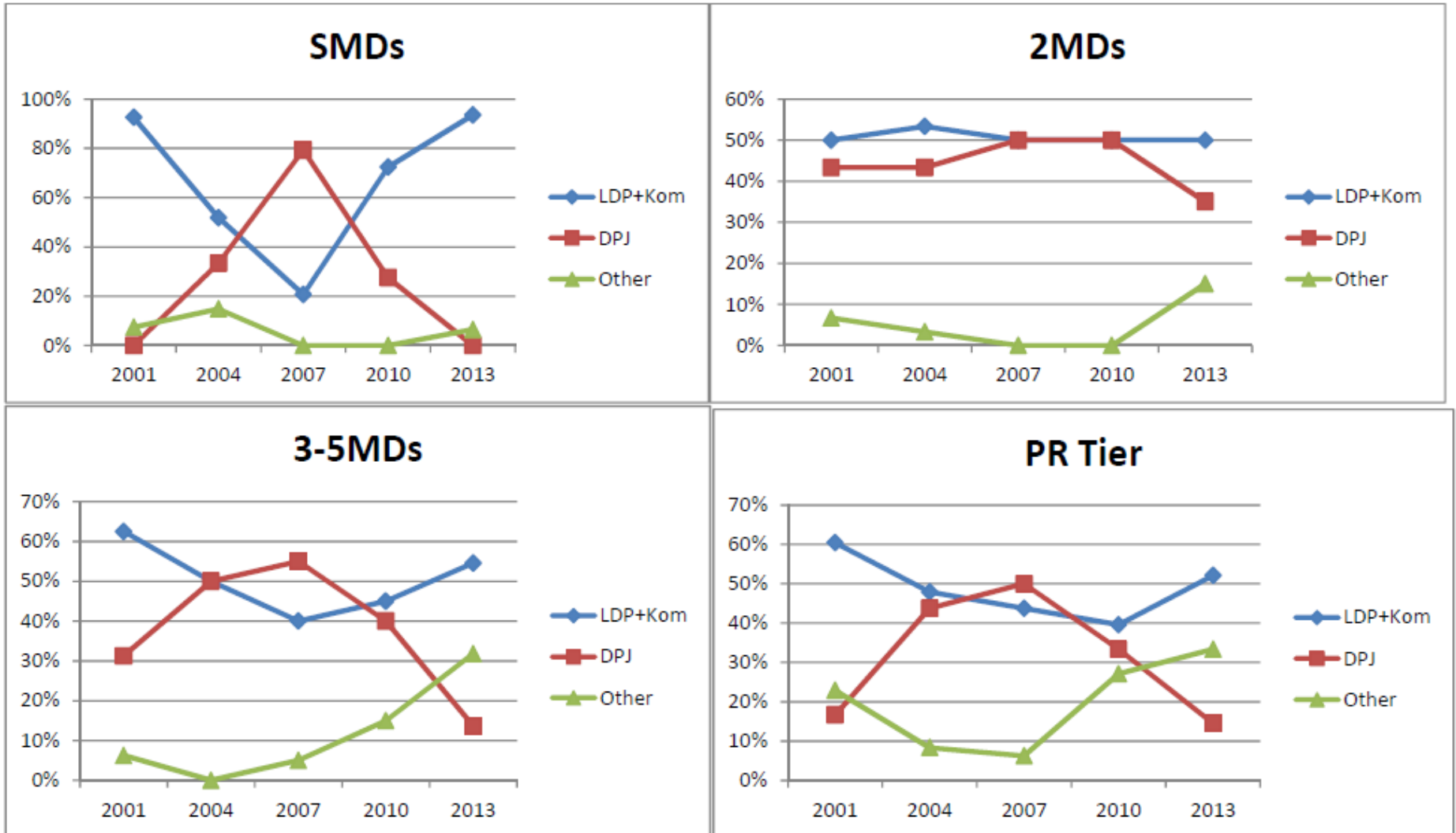
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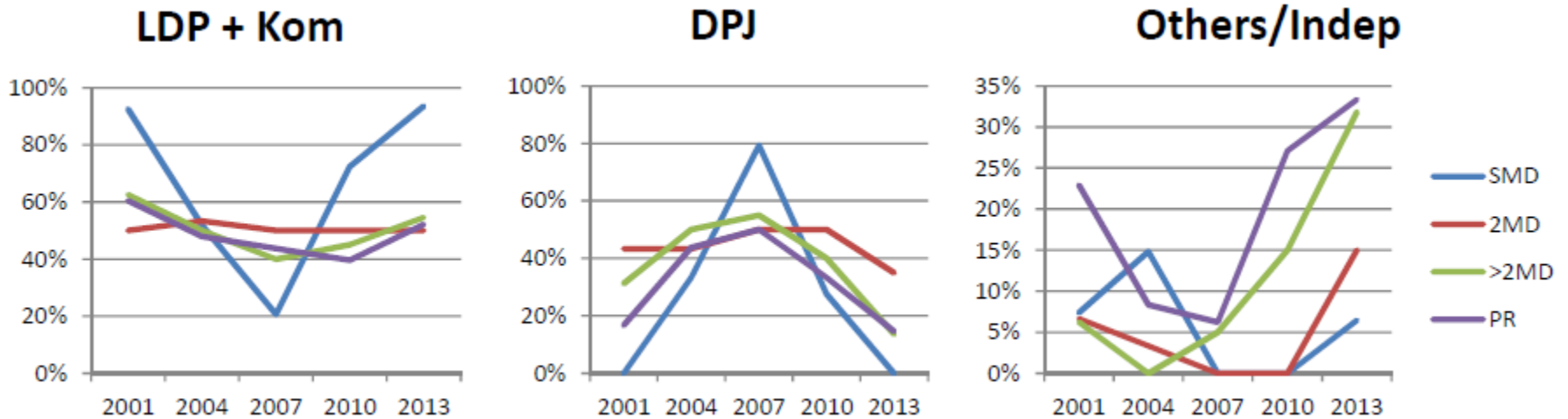
HC Trends by District Type

(Percentage of Seats Won)



HC Trends by Party

(percentage of seats won)



How did the independent voters vote?

Party	Dec 2012 HR Election	Jul 2013 HC Election
LDP	20%	23%
Your Party	15%	15%
Ishin (JRP)	28%	14%
JCP	6%	12%
DPJ	?? (>11%)	11%

Yomiuri Shimbun – Nihon Terebi Joint Exit Poll 21 July 2013

<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/election/sangiin/2013/news/20130722-OYT1T01474.htm>

Candidates' Stance on Key Issues

(Party averages)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
The Constitution should be revised	LDP	Kōmeitō Ishin (JRP) Your Party		DPJ	JCP SDP
Japan should join TPP		Kōmeitō Ishin (JRP) Your Party	LDP DPJ		JCP SDP
Japan should aim for no nuclear power after 2030		Your Party JCP SDP	DPJ Kōmeitō Ishin (JRP)	LDP	
Abenomics will increase employment and income	LDP Kōmeitō		Ishin (JRP) Your Party	DPJ	JCP SDP

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