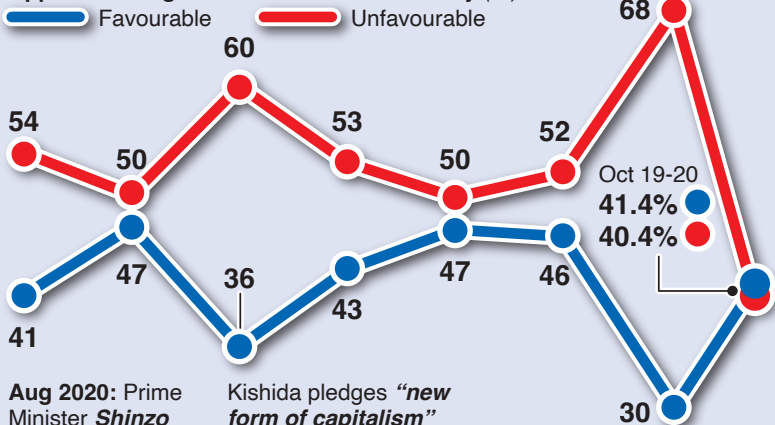


Japan's LDP set to lose majority

Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party may lose its outright majority in the lower house of parliament for the first time since 2009. Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba called a snap election for October 27

Approval rating of Liberal Democratic Party (%)



Aug 2020: Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** (below) resigns due to ill health

Oct 2021: **Fumio Kishida** (centre) becomes PM

Kishida pledges “*new form of capitalism*” to promote fairer distribution of wealth. Policy is widely criticised for lacking concrete strategy and details

Oct 1, 2024: Prime Minister **Shigeru Ishiba** (right) takes office. His cabinet is shaken by low public support

Aug 2024: Kishida announces he will stand down after scandal over campaign funds



2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024