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In Sunday's election, Abe's right-wing Liberal Democratic Party won in a landslide, gaining enough seats with its coalition partners to form a supermajority in the upper house.

By picking up more seats, the LDP appears poised to rewrite the country's pacifist constitution, which bars Japan from using — or threatening to use — military force. The rewriting of the constitution was a longtime goal of Shinzo Abe.

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