What is claimed is:

1. A nonwoven fabric having a binder-adhered region, wherein

the nonwoven fabric comprises a plurality of fiber bundles in each of upper, central and bottom layer portions of the nonwoven fabric,

each of the fiber bundles contains a plurality of single fibers bound by the binder and unified;

the upper, central and bottom layer portions are determined as equally divided three portions in the thickness direction of a randomly selected cross-sectional plane in the binder-adhered region;

the nonwoven fabric satisfies formulae:

1.10 < Nu/Nc < 5.00~~> 1.10~~ and 1.10 < Nb/Nc < 5.00~~> 1.10~~

in which Nu, Nc, and Nb represents the number of fibers in the bundles in the upper, central, and bottom layer portions, respectively; and

the nonwoven fabric has a thickness of 0.1 to 2.0 mm.

2. The nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric has a binder-applied amount (dry weight) of 5 to 50% by mass.

3. The nonwoven fabric according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the binder contains at least one selected from acrylic resins, polyurethane resins, and styrene resins.

4. The nonwoven fabric according to claim 3, wherein the binder further comprises a pigment.

5. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 4, which has a mesh structure with an aperture proportion of 10 to 50%.

6. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the nonwoven fabric comprises hydrophilic fibers as subject fibers.

7. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

the nonwoven fabric satisfies formulae:

Nu/Bu > Nc/Bc and Nb/Bb > Nc/Bc

in which Bu, Bb, and Bc represents the number of bundles in the upper, bottom, and central portions, respectively.

8. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the nonwoven fabric satisfies a formula:

$Nc/Bc \leq 6.00$

in which Bc represents the number of bundles in the central portion.

9. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the nonwoven fabric comprises a non-binder-adhered region.

10. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven fabric have a fineness of 1.0 to 3.5 dtex.

11. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the nonwoven fabric has a basis weight of 10 g/m^2 or more and less than 100 g/m^2.

~~10~~12. The nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to ~~9~~11, wherein the nonwoven fabric is used for cleaning or wiping.

~~11~~13. A method for producing the nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to ~~10~~12, at least comprising:

a coating ~~or dip-nipping~~ step (A) in which at least one surface of a pre-coated ~~or pre-dipped~~ nonwoven fabric having a moisture content adjusted to 50 to 450% is coated ~~or dip-nipped~~ with a binder; and

a drying step (B) of drying the coated ~~or dip-nipped~~ nonwoven fabric using heated rolls by alternately bringing each of the upper and bottom surfaces of the coated ~~or dip-nipped~~ nonwoven fabric into contact with each of the heated rolls in sequence.

14. A method for producing the nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims 1 to 12, at least comprising:

a dip-nipping step (A) of dip-nipping an emulsion binder into a pre-dipped nonwoven fabric so as to adjust the binder content of the dip-nipped nonwoven fabric to have 50 to 800%; and

a drying step (B) of drying the dip-nipped nonwoven fabric using heated rolls by alternately bringing each of the upper and bottom surfaces of the dip-nipped nonwoven fabric into contact with each of the heated rolls in sequence.

~~12~~15. The method for producing a nonwoven fabric according to claim ~~11~~13 or 14, wherein the heated rolls have a temperature of 100°C or higher in the drying step (B), and each of the upper and bottom surfaces of the pre-coated or pre-dipped fabric is dried twice or more.

~~13. The method for producing a nonwoven fabric according to claim 11 or 12, wherein the step (A) comprises applying a binder to one or both surfaces of the pre-coated or pre-dipped nonwoven fabric having a moisture content adjusted to 50 to 450%.~~

~~14. The method for producing a nonwoven fabric according to claim 11 or 12, wherein the step (B) comprises dipping a binder into the pre-coated or pre-dipped nonwoven fabric so as to adjust the binder content of the dipped nonwoven fabric to have 50 to 800%.~~

~~15~~16. The method for producing a nonwoven fabric according to any one of claims ~~11~~ 13 to ~~14~~15, wherein the pre-coated or pre-dipped nonwoven fabric has a basis weight of 10 g/m^2 or more and less than 100 g/m^2.