

Percentage Distribution of the Questionnaire on "Mainland Policy and Cross-Strait Negotiations"

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1. Do you know that the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS) are semiofficial intermediary organizations set up by Taiwan and mainland China, respectively, to coordinate and handle issues related to cross-strait exchanges?

Know	Don't know
82.61%	17.39%

2. In June this year, SEF Chairman Chiang Pin-kung and mainland China's ARATS Chairman Chen Yunlin signed two agreements on "weekend charter flights" and "Mainland tourist visits to Taiwan." Do you think this is conducive or unconducive to the development of cross-strait relations?

Extremely conducive	Conducive	Unconducive	Extremely unconducive	No opinion
14.99%	43.20%	21.92%	8.42%	11.47%
58.19%		30.34%		11.47%

3. The SEF and the ARATS resumed regular negotiations in June this year. Do you believe that this development is conducive or unconducive to peaceful and stable cross-strait relations?

Extremely conducive	Conducive	Unconducive	Extremely unconducive	No opinion
15.17%	44.68%	20.72%	9.25%	10.18%
59.85%		29.97%		10.18%

4. The ROC government and mainland Chinese government are now holding discussions on the high-level talks to be held soon in Taiwan between the SEF and the ARATS (the Chiang-Chen Talks) so that cross-strait negotiations can be carried out more smoothly. Do you approve of the government's plans and arrangements?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
16.93%	47.36%	14.71%	9.81%	11.19%
64.29%		24.52%		11.19%

5. Some people say that the mainland Chinese authorities should first apologize for the sale of contaminated milk powder to Taiwan before Chen Yunlin visits Taiwan. Do you approve or disapprove of this position?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
11.75%	40.61%	23.22%	14.62%	9.81%
52.36%		37.84%		9.81%

6. The government has included in this round of cross-strait negotiations the issue concerning the safety of food imported from mainland China to Taiwan. Do you approve of the government's approach?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
41.44%	37.93%	10.45%	5.27%	4.90%
79.37%		15.72%		4.90%

7. If the two sides hold talks and reach an agreement on arrangements to further facilitate passenger charter flights (including extending the four-day flight period to daily flights, increasing the number of flights, opening up more Mainland airports, and arranging ways to shorten the flight distance between the two sides), do you believe this would be beneficial or detrimental to Taiwan?

Extremely beneficial	Beneficial	Detrimental	Extremely detrimental	No difference	No opinion
16.10%	40.98%	16.19%	9.16%	8.88%	8.70%
57.08%		25.35%		8.88%	8.70%

8. If the two sides hold talks and reach an agreement on implementing direct shipping links, do you believe this would be beneficial or detrimental to Taiwan?

Extremely beneficial	Beneficial	Detrimental	Extremely detrimental	No difference	No opinion
16.56%	40.52%	17.58%	9.71%	6.29%	9.34%
57.08%		27.29%		6.29%	9.34%

9. Some people say that allowing Chen Yunlin to visit Taiwan for SEF-ARATS talks could harm the national dignity and interests of Taiwan. Do you agree with this position?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
12.03%	20.17%	44.59%	10.92%	12.30%
32.20%		55.51%		12.30%

10. Do you agree to allow Mainland pandas to come to Taiwan if the issue is handled consistent with ROC laws and regulations and the requirements set forth in international wildlife conservation agreements?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
22.94%	42.28%	18.41%	12.12%	4.26%
65.22%		30.53%		4.26%

11. Regarding relations between Taiwan and mainland China, there are the following different views: 1. unification as soon as possible; 2. independence as soon as possible; 3. maintaining the status quo and unification later; 4. maintaining the status quo and independence later; 5. maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later; and 6. maintaining the status quo indefinitely. Which of these positions do you lean toward?

Unification as soon as possible	Independence as soon as possible	Maintaining the status quo and unification later	Maintaining the status quo and independence later	Maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later	Maintaining the status quo indefinitely	Don't know / no opinion
1.76%	14.80%	4.44%	12.49%	36.17%	25.53%	4.81%
Unification as soon as possible	Independence as soon as possible	Maintaining the status quo as broadly defined				Don't know / no opinion
1.76%	14.80%	78.63%				4.81%

12. Over the past several years, the government has been gradually opening up exchanges between Taiwan and mainland China. Do you feel that the pace of current cross-strait civilian exchanges is too fast, too slow or just right?

Too fast	Too slow	Just right	Don't know /No opinion
30.06%	20.54%	38.58%	10.82%

13. Do you believe that the mainland Chinese government's attitude toward the ROC government is friendly or unfriendly?

Extremely unfriendly	Unfriendly	Friendly	Extremely friendly	Don't know /No opinion
41.26%	23.59%	0.93%	23.96%	10.27%
64.85%		24.89%		10.27%

14. Do you believe that the mainland Chinese government's attitude toward the Taiwan people is friendly or unfriendly?

Extremely unfriendly	Unfriendly	Friendly	Extremely friendly	Don't know /No opinion
12.40%	33.58%	36.73%	2.87%	14.43%
45.98%		39.6%		14.43%