

Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the "Public's View on Current cross-Straits Relations"

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- More than 80% of the public oppose mainland China's attempts to threaten Taiwan with force by sending aircraft and warships to circle Taiwan and the lack of commitment to relinquishing the use of force against Taiwan (82.6%). A similar percentage opposes Mainland China's united front efforts to infiltrate, win over, and divide Taiwan to achieve unification (82.2%).
- More than 80% of the public are against mainland China's political obstruction of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA), which denied the health safety, interests, and rights of the Taiwanese people (87.7%). In addition, 83.8% oppose the Mainland's attempts, through economic incentives, to wrest away Taiwan's diplomatic allies, limit Taiwan's international space and hence adversely affect cross-Straits relations. Over 70% of the public approve the government's position of seeking support in the international community for Taiwan's right of international participation (75.8%).
- The vast majority of the public does not accept the "one country, two systems" proposition (83.6%). Over 70% surveyed support the government's amendment of laws and strengthening of management mechanisms to safeguard national security in accordance with the seven guiding principles (72.8%). A similar percentage approves the prompt completion of relevant measures to create a "security network for democracy" (75%).
- Nearly 80% of the public support the government's firm commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and Taiwan's democratic system (78.5%). Nearly 90% of the public agree that Taiwan's future and the development of cross-Straits relations must be decided by the 23 million people of Taiwan (88.3%).

I. Survey Background and Methods

In order to understand the views of the Taiwanese people on issues related to cross-Strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council commissioned Taiwan Real Survey Co., Ltd. to conduct telephone interviews with adults, aged 20 and over, residing in Taiwan from May 10 to 12, 2019. A total of 1,088 valid samples were collected with a 95% confidence level and a sampling error of plus and minus 2.97%.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on mainland China's Taiwan-related work and the ROC government's response

More than 80% of the public oppose mainland China's attempts to militarily threaten Taiwan by sending aircraft and warships to circle Taiwan and even flying across the median line of the Taiwan Strait (82.0%). A similar percentage of the public surveyed do not accept Xi Jinping's emphasis that China will not commit to renounce the use of force against Taiwan and Xi's numerous past military threats against Taiwan (82.6%). More than 80% of the public do not approve mainland China's political obstruction of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA), which denied the health safety, interests, and rights of the Taiwanese people (87.7%). A similar percentage oppose Mainland China's persistent efforts through economic incentives to wrest away Taiwan's diplomatic allies, limit Taiwan's international space and hence adversely affect cross-Strait relations (83.8%). Over 70% of the public approve the government's position to seek continued support in the international community for Taiwan's international participation rights in the face of mainland China's long-term suppression of Taiwan's international space (75.8%).

More than 80% of the public oppose mainland China's repeated attempts to influence the outcome of general elections in Taiwan through verbal intimidation and saber rattling during the election period (81.2%); and a similar percentage of the public was found to oppose Mainland China's united front work to infiltrate, win over, and divide Taiwanese society to achieve unification (82.2%). Nearly 70% of the public support the government's efforts to promptly complete mechanisms to counter

mainland China's united front infiltration and misinformation campaigns against Taiwan (69.6%).

(2) Views on countermeasures to mainland China's "one country, two systems" and the establishment of a security network for democracy

More than 80% of the public disapprove mainland China's "one country, two systems" formula, under which Taiwan would be treated as a local government and special administrative region and the Republic of China would cease to exist under mainland Chinese rule (83.6%). Over 70% of the public support the government's initiative to amend laws and strengthen management mechanisms to safeguard national security in accordance with the seven guidelines (cross-Strait affairs, democracy and the rule of law, economy, diplomacy, security, national defense, and society) (72.8%). Nearly 70% support the government's approach of accelerating completion of amendments to Article 5-3 of the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area regarding cross-Strait negotiations on political issues to establish a high threshold democratic oversight mechanism involving congressional review and public referendums (68.1%). More than 70% of the public approve the government's completion of draft amendments (to the Classified National Security Information Protection Act and Criminal Code) and follow-up actions to amend the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area and National Security Law to promptly complete the establishment of "security network for democracy" (75%).

(3) Views on the development of cross-Strait relations

Nearly 80% of the public support the government's commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and Taiwan's free and democratic system (78.5%). Nearly 90% support the government's emphasis that Taiwan's future and the development of cross-Strait relations must be decided by the 23 million people of Taiwan (88.3%).