

# Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the "Public's View on Current Cross-Strait Relations"

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- More than 80% of the public perceive the mainland Chinese government to be "unfriendly" to our government (80.8%), disapprove of the CCP's "one country, two systems" proposal positioning Taiwan as a CCP-ruled local government and special administrative region and rendering the Republic of China non-existent (84.7%), and disagree with the CCP's yet another issuance of a white paper on Taiwan highlighting the "one China" principle that leaves no space for the existence of Taiwan (82.1%).
- Nearly 90% of the public disapprove of the CCP aircraft and warships conducting military exercises around Taiwan and firing multiple missiles (88.3%) and oppose its cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns, and disruption of normal operations of Taiwan's critical infrastructure (88.7%). About 80% disapprove of the CCP's announcement of upcoming criminal punishment against the "Taiwan independence diehards" (77.8%) and of suspending Taiwanese food, agricultural, and fishery imports and of mainland Chinese natural sand exports (82.6%). More than 70% of the public oppose the CCP responding to Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan by emphasizing that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, criticizing Taiwan for "relying on the US to seek independence," and creating tensions in the Taiwan Strait (76.2%).
- More than 80% of the public support the government's strong condemnation and demand for the CCP to stop its provocations against Taiwan (80.3%). A similar percentage support President Tsai's firm stance on not acting rashly, not making provocation, and not backing down and her call for firmly defending national sovereignty, security, and the line of

defense for freedom and democracy (82.6%). The public also welcome the government's advocate for the international society to jointly curb the CCP's unilateral and irrational military actions (82.3%).

- Nearly 80% of the public agree that it is the objective truth and cross-Strait status quo that "the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China are not subordinate to each other" (77.7%). More than 80% of the public support that Taiwan's future and the development of cross-Strait relations must be decided by its 23 million people (84.7%). The great majority of the public continue to advocate for "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (86.1%), maintaining a stable long-term trend. Regarding the current pace of cross-Strait exchanges, 34.3% of the public think it is "just right," while 7.9% and 33.8% think it is "too fast" and "too slow" respectively.

## **I. Survey Background and Methods**

In order to understand the views of Taiwanese people's on issues related to cross-Strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from August 10 to 14, 2022. A total of 1,076 valid samplers were obtained, with a sampling error of plus or minus 2.99% at a 95% confidence level.

## **II. Major Findings**

### **(1) Views on US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan and China's actions towards Taiwan**

More than 70% of the public disapprove of the CCP responding to Speaker Pelosi's visit by emphasizing that Taiwan is an inalienable part of

China's territory and criticizing Taiwan for "relying on the US to seek independence," making provocation against mainland China, and creating tensions in the Taiwan Strait (76.2%). More than 80% of the public disapprove of the CCP's "one country, two systems" proposal positioning Taiwan as a CCP-ruled local government and special administrative region because if Taiwan ever accepts the CCP's rule, the Republic of China will no longer exist (84.7%). A similar percentage disapprove of the CCP's yet another issuance of a white paper on Taiwan highlighting its firm stance on the "one China" principle that leaves no space for Taiwan to survive; the public also rejected the CCP's claim that the "one country, two systems" is the best way to resolve the Taiwan issue and achieve reunification (82.1%). Nearly 90% of the public disapprove of the large-scale military exercises conducted by CCP military aircraft and warships and firing multiple missiles in the air and sea areas around Taiwan for the purpose of intimidation (88.3%). A similar percentage oppose the CCP's cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns, and disruption of the normal operations of Taiwan's critical infrastructure for the purpose of fearmongering (88.7%). More than 80% of the public disapprove of the CCP's announcement of suspending Taiwanese food, agricultural, and fishery imports and of mainland Chinese natural sand exports meant for economic coercion (82.6%). Nearly 80% of the public disapprove of the CCP's announcement of upcoming criminal punishment against the "Taiwan independence diehards" and threat of holding them accountable for life in accordance with its laws (77.8%). Nearly 70% agree with the statement that "The CCP's military actions against Taiwan have undermined the status quo in the Taiwan Strait and encroached on Taiwan's national sovereignty" (68.0%).

## **(2) Views on the government's cross-Strait policy**

Given the CCP's live-fire drills in the air and sea areas around Taiwan for days on end, its normalization of military exercises, its encroachment upon our sovereignty, and its threat for the safety of the Taiwan people, more than 80% of

the public support the government's strong condemnation and demand for the CCP to stop its provocations against Taiwan (80.3%). A similar percentage agree that the future of Taiwan and the development of cross-Strait relations should be decided by Taiwan's 23 million people (84.7%). The public also welcome President Tsai's emphasis that, in light of the CCP's escalating military threat, Taiwan will not act rashly, not make provocation, not back down; instead, Taiwan will firmly safeguard national sovereignty and security and uphold the line of defense for democracy (82.6%). The public agree with the government's call for the international community to support Taiwan and jointly curb the CCP's unilateral and irrational military actions. Taiwan is committed to maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and the region along with our democratic allies around the world (82.3%). Nearly 80% of the public support the government's statement that it is the objective truth and cross-Strait status quo that "the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China are not subordinate to each other" (77.7%).

### **(3) Views on unification or independence**

An overwhelming majority of the public (86.1%) continue to support "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (including "maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later," "maintaining the status quo and moving towards unification later," "maintaining the status quo and moving towards independence later," and "maintaining the status quo indefinitely"). Among the six possible positions, "maintaining the status quo indefinitely" and "maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later" enjoyed the highest level of support (30.5% and 28.0%), followed by "maintaining the status quo and moving towards independence later" (20.4%).

### **(4) Views on the pace of cross-Strait exchanges**

Regarding the current pace of cross-Strait exchanges, 34.3% of the public believe the pace to be "just right," while 7.9% and 33.8% believe it to be "too fast" and "too slow," respectively.

**(5) Public perception on the attitude of the mainland Chinese government toward the ROC**

The percentage of the public believing that the mainland Chinese government's attitude toward the ROC government is "unfriendly" (80.8%) is higher than the percentage believing it is "friendly" (7.4%). Regarding the mainland Chinese government's attitude toward the Taiwanese people, 66.6% of the public believe it is unfriendly, higher than those believe it is "friendly" (21.5%).