

# Percentage Distribution of the Questionnaire for the Survey on “Public’s View on the President’s Inaugural Address” \*

Survey Date: May 23 to May 26, 2024

Sample Size: 1,073

Sampling Error Rate:  $\pm 2.99\%$

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Survey Conducted by: Ipsos Limited

Instructions:

We are going to ask you a few questions regarding President Lai’s May 20 Inaugural Address.

1. President Lai emphasized that the new government will uphold the “Four Commitments,” (commitment to a free and democratic constitutional system, the commitment that the Republic of China and the People’s Republic of China should not be subordinate to each other, the commitment to resist annexation or encroachment upon our sovereignty, and the commitment that the future of the Republic of China (Taiwan) must be decided in accordance with the will of the Taiwanese people), neither yield nor provoke, and maintain the status quo. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don’t know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 29.7%          | 45.4% | 6.8%     | 4.8%              | 13.3%                      |
| 75.1%          |       | 11.6%    |                   | 13.3%                      |

2. President Lai stressed that, in the face of mainland China’s threats and

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\* Percentage calculations are rounded up to the first decimal point. Therefore, the sum of the individual percentages may not add up to 100%.

infiltration, he will actively promote the “Four Pillars of Peace Action Plan,” which includes strengthening national defense, improving economic security, demonstrating stable and principled leadership in cross-Strait relations, and exerting deterrence by forming a peaceful community with global democracies. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 34.5%          | 45.0% | 6.1%     | 5.3%              | 9.0%                       |
| 79.5%          |       | 11.5%    |                   | 9.0%                       |

3. President Lai stated that the future of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will be decided by its 23 million people. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 50.1%          | 38.4% | 3.2%     | 3.0%              | 5.4%                       |
| 88.5%          |       | 6.1%     |                   | 5.4%                       |

4. President Lai stated that all political parties ought to oppose annexation and protect sovereignty, and no one should entertain the idea of giving up our national sovereignty in exchange for political power. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 45.1%          | 37.9% | 5.7%     | 4.0%              | 7.3%                       |
| 83.0%          |       | 9.7%     |                   | 7.3%                       |

5. President Lai urged mainland China to cease its military and political intimidation against Taiwan and share with Taiwan the global responsibility

of maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait as well as the greater region. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 44.3%          | 40.7% | 5.1%     | 3.0%              | 6.9%                       |
| 85.0%          |       | 8.1%     |                   | 6.9%                       |

6. President Lai expressed hopes for mainland China to face the reality of the Republic of China's existence, choose dialogue over confrontation, exchange over containment, and under the principles of parity and dignity, engage in cooperation with the legitimate government chosen by Taiwan's people. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 44.4%          | 41.4% | 4.7%     | 2.4%              | 7.2%                       |
| 85.7%          |       | 7.1%     |                   | 7.2%                       |

7. President Lai expressed hopes for cross-Strait collaboration to start from the resumption of tourism on a reciprocal basis, and enrollment of degree students (mainland Chinese students) in Taiwanese institutions as a means to jointly pursue peace and mutual prosperity. Do you support this position?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 32.6%          | 47.7% | 9.9%     | 3.7%              | 6.3%                       |
| 80.2%          |       | 13.5%    |                   | 6.3%                       |

8. The CCP claimed in its response to President Lai's inaugural address that "mainland China and Taiwan both belong to one China, Taiwan is part of

China, and Taiwan independence and foreign interference must be opposed.”

Do you agree with the CCP’s claim?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don’t know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 4.2%           | 10.0% | 29.7%    | 46.9%             | 9.2%                       |
| 14.2%          |       | 76.6%    |                   | 9.2%                       |

9. The CCP claimed that Taiwan's exclusion from World Health Organization (WHO) activities is due to its refusal to adhere to “the 1992 Consensus embodying the one China Principle.” Do you agree with the CCP’s claim?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don’t know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 3.2%           | 9.9%  | 33.7%    | 45.2%             | 8.1%                       |
| 13.1%          |       | 78.8%    |                   | 8.1%                       |

10. The government asserts that same health rights enjoyed by other people around the world should be afforded to the Taiwanese people, and Taiwan should not be excluded from the WHO or any other global health systems. Do you support this assertion?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don’t know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 53.9%          | 34.0% | 4.1%     | 2.1%              | 5.9%                       |
| 87.9%          |       | 6.2%     |                   | 5.9%                       |

11. The CCP has engaged in long-term military threats and economic coercion toward Taiwan, has lured our diplomatic allies into severing ties with us, and has engaged in comprehensive obstruction of our participation in international organizations. Do you agree with their actions?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.1%           | 3.2%  | 30.4%    | 58.5%             | 6.7%                       |
| 4.4%           |       | 89.0%    |                   | 6.7%                       |

12. The CCP has been conducting continuous military aircraft and warship activities around Taiwan, some even deliberately crossing the median line of the Taiwan Strait. Do you agree with the CCP's actions?

| Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.0%           | 2.8%  | 27.3%    | 62.4%             | 6.5%                       |
| 3.8%           |       | 89.7%    |                   | 6.5%                       |

13. The CCP has made continuous amendments to its national security laws and has expanded their enforcement powers, which may result in potential inspections of personal belongings such as cellphones. Will this affect your willingness to visit mainland China?

| Agree | Disagree | Don't know /<br>No opinion |
|-------|----------|----------------------------|
| 65.1% | 27.9%    | 7.0%                       |

## Respondents' Basic Information

1. What is your most frequent source of information? (If the answer is “social media,” please proceed to questions 2 and 3; for all other answers, please skip to question 4.)

| Social media | Digital newspapers and magazines | Newspapers and magazines | Television or radio broadcast | Don't know / No opinion |
|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 36.2%        | 13.1%                            | 3.8%                     | 43.7%                         | 3.1%                    |

2. What social media platform do you use most frequently?

| Instagram | Facebook | X (Twitter) | LINE | TikTok | RED  | YouTube | Don't know / No opinion | Skipped |
|-----------|----------|-------------|------|--------|------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| 4.8%      | 14.5%    | 0.5%        | 4.3% | 0.9%   | 0.5% | 10.3%   | 0.3%                    | 63.8%   |

3. How many days a week do you spend on social media platforms?

| 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 5 days | 6 days | 7 days | No response | Skipped |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|
| 0.4%  | 0.5%   | 1.0%   | 1.1%   | 2.3%   | 0.4%   | 30.2%  | 0.3%        | 63.8%   |

4. Party affiliation

| Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) | Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) | New Party (NP) | People First Party (PFP) | Taiwan Solidarity Union (TSU) | New Power Party (NPP) | Taiwan People's Party (TPP) | Neutral / Depends on situation | No response / Other parties |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 13.0%                           | 31.6%                              | 0.0%           | 0.0%                     | 0.3%                          | 0.1%                  | 5.1%                        | 41.3%                          | 8.5%                        |

### 5. Age

|       |       |       |       |              |             |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60 and above | No response |
| 14.5% | 16.5% | 19.8% | 18.1% | 30.9%        | 0.2%        |

### 6. What is your highest level of education?

|                            |               |                                  |         |                     |             |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|
| Elementary school or below | Middle school | High school or vocational school | College | University or above | No response |
| 10.3%                      | 11.1%         | 26.9%                            | 11.5%   | 39.3%               | 1.0%        |

### 7. Where do you reside?

|                                  |                            |                             |                               |                           |                                |                            |             |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Greater Taipei Metropolitan Area | New Taipei City or Keelung | Taoyuan, Hsinchu, or Miaoli | Taichung, Changhua, or Nantou | Yunlin, Chiayi, or Tainan | Kaohsiung, Pingtung, or Penghu | Yilan, Hualien, or Taitung | No response |
| 10.7%                            | 18.9%                      | 16.0%                       | 19.1%                         | 14.1%                     | 15.6%                          | 4.3%                       | 1.1%        |

### 8. Gender

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| Male  | Female |
| 48.8% | 51.2%  |