

Taiwanese Public Opposes CCP's So-called Guidelines for Punishing Taiwan Independence Separatists, Supports Promoting Positive Cross-Strait Interactions By Building Goodwill

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) announced the results of a recently conducted survey today (August 1). These results indicate that the Taiwanese public disapproves of mainland Chinese aircraft, warships, and coast guard vessels operating in waters surrounding Taiwan. They also show people's dissatisfaction about mainland China's recently announced "Guidelines on Imposing Criminal Punishments for Diehard Taiwan Independence Separatists" (hereinafter the "Guidelines"). Additionally, the majority of the public supports maintaining the status quo and believes that Taiwan's future must be decided by the Taiwanese people. These survey results reflect that Taiwanese public opinion is firmly on the side of defending national sovereignty and opposing the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) coercive actions against Taiwan.

The MAC stated that this survey focused on the public's views on issues such as recent CCP actions towards Taiwan and cross-Strait exchanges. Nearly 90% of the survey respondents did not agree with mainland Chinese military aircraft and warships continuing to operate around Taiwan and even deliberately crossing the median line of the Taiwan Strait (88.9%). Furthermore, there were disapproval rates of over 85% both for the CCP coast guard conducting their so-called "regular law enforcement patrols" near Taiwanese waters in the Kinmen area (85.1%) and for the CCP's "One Country, Two Systems" model (85.0%).

Additionally, nearly 85% of respondents disagreed with the CCP's introduction of the "Guidelines" and new measures under its national security laws that enable authorities to inspect travelers' personal belongings (84.6%).

Regarding the long-standing issues, the MAC further stated that nearly 90% of respondents support "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (88.5%). Over 85% support the assertion that Taiwan's future must be decided by its 23 million people (85.2%). Furthermore, a significant portion of the respondents believe that the CCP is unfriendly toward our government (72.5%) and people (55.6%), maintaining a stable long-term trend. The MAC emphasized that the government will continue to stand firm on the Republic of China's constitutional system, uphold the "Four Commitments," neither yield nor provoke, and maintain the status quo. The MAC also called on the CCP to face up to the reality of the situation across the Taiwan Strait and respect mainstream public opinion in Taiwan. The CCP should cease its hybrid pressure on Taiwan and promote positive interactions between the two sides by building goodwill. In so doing, the two sides can gradually foster a peaceful and stable relationship across the Taiwan Strait.

The MAC commissioned the Election Study Center at National Chengchi University to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from July 26 to 30, 2024. A total of 1,073 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of plus or minus 2.99% at a 95% level of confidence.