

# **Taiwanese Public Opinion Backs Government Measures to Counter CCP's United Front Infiltration and Defend National Sovereignty and Security**

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) announced the results of a recently conducted survey today (April 24). The findings showed that the Taiwanese people perceive the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) as unfriendly toward Taiwan and that its infiltration in Taiwan is becoming increasingly severe. Respondents disagree with the CCP's political positions aimed at eliminating the sovereignty of the Republic of China (ROC). Meanwhile, they backed the government's security management measures to counter united front infiltration and to safeguard national sovereignty, security, democracy, and freedom.

The MAC stated that the government is strengthening security management measures to address the threats posed by the CCP's united front tactics. The survey results show that over 70% of the respondents (73.7%) believe the CCP's infiltration in Taiwan is becoming increasingly severe. A majority (70.9%) also supports requiring legislators and elected public representatives at all levels to apply for and obtain government approval before visiting mainland China. Over 67% (67.8%) support the government's policy to revoke residency permits and to deport mainland Chinese spouses in Taiwan who publicly support the CCP's use of military force to unify Taiwan and advocate the elimination of the ROC. Furthermore, over 56% of respondents (56.9%) support using united front affiliations as a criterion when reviewing entry applications from mainland Chinese citizens.

The MAC further pointed out that mainstream public opinion in Taiwan supports the position that neither side of the Taiwan Strait is subordinate to the other and opposes the CCP's policies and actions taken toward Taiwan. According to the survey, nearly 80% of respondents support the view that "neither the ROC nor the People's Republic of China (PRC) is subordinate to the other" (79.1%). Nearly 85% disagree with the CCP's "one country, two systems" framework (84.4%). Over 80% also disagree with the CCP's assertion that "Taiwan is part of China and that Taiwan has never been a country" (82.5%), and disagree with the CCP's promotion of unification under the "one China principle" (80.6%).

The MAC highlighted that the majority of the public perceive the CCP as unfriendly toward both the Taiwanese government (70.9%) and the Taiwanese people (54.4%). The survey indicates that 34.1% of the public believe the current pace of cross-Strait exchanges is "just right," exceeding those who feel it is "too slow" (32.7%) or "too fast" (9.7%). Nearly half of the respondents (49.4%) believe that "maintaining national sovereignty" is more important in cross-Strait exchanges than "promoting economic development" (42.9%). The results also show that over 85% of the public supports the view that Taiwan's future should be decided by its 23 million people (85.8%), and a significant majority favors "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (87.5%), reflecting a stable and long-term trend in mainstream public opinion.

The MAC emphasized that, in response to the CCP's negative actions undermining Taiwan's national sovereignty and security, the government will continue to uphold the "Four Commitments" and "Four Unchanged Commitments," and fully advance the "Four Pillars of Peace Action Plan" along with the "17 major strategies to respond to national security and united front threats". These efforts aim to reinforce whole-of-society defense resilience, safeguard national sovereignty, and secure Taiwan's frontline of defense for democracy and freedom.

The MAC commissioned the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from April 17 to 21, 2025. A total of 1,099 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of  $\pm 2.96\%$  at a 95% level of confidence.

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