

The 2022 Taiwan National Security Studies (TNSS) Survey

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Questionnaire

1. How do you compare Taiwan's current economic situation to last year?

- 01. Better
- 02. Worse
- 03. Almost same
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

2. Some people believe Taiwan should strengthen its economic ties with Mainland China, but some believe Taiwan should the ties. Which position do you agree with the most?

- 01. Should strengthen
- 02. Should weaken
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

3. Some say that if Taiwan's economy relies too heavily on Mainland China, then Mainland China will use the economy as leverage to coerce Taiwan into making political concessions in the future. Do you agree with this?

- 01. Strongly disagree
- 02. Disagree
- 03. Agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

4. In the last few years, Mainland China passed several policies to attract Taiwanese investment and to open more job opportunities for people from Taiwan. In your opinion, do you think those policies are good or bad for Taiwan's future?

- 01. Very bad
- 02. Bad
- 03. Very good
- 04. Good

- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

5. Which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view about Taiwan's relationship with the mainland China?

- 01. Unification as soon as possible
- 02. Independence as soon as possible
- 03. Maintain status quo now, move towards unification later
- 04. Maintain status quo now, move towards independence later
- 05. Maintain status quo now, decide between unification or independence later
- 06. Maintain status quo indefinitely
- 90. Other _____
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

6. Please rate the relationship between Mainland China and Taiwan from 0 to 10: 0 being very antagonistic and ten being very peaceful.

Answer: _____

- 95. Prefer not to answer
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know

7. If a Taiwanese declaration of independence will lead to attacks from Mainland China, would you agree with becoming independent?

- 01. Strongly disagree
- 02. Disagree
- 03. Agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

8. If a Taiwanese declaration of independence will **NOT** lead to attacks from Mainland China, would you agree with becoming independent?

- 01. Strongly disagree
- 02. Disagree
- 03. Agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion

- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

9. Would you agree with unification if there is a significant difference between Taiwan and Mainland China in terms of their economic, political, and social conditions?

- 01. Strongly disagree
- 02. Disagree
- 03. Agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

10. Would you agree with unification if there is **not** a significant difference between Taiwan and Mainland China in terms of their economic, political, and social conditions?

- 01. Strongly disagree
- 02. Disagree
- 03. Agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

11. Mainland China wants Taiwan to accept the "One Country, Two Systems" solution for a peaceful unification with China. Do you agree that this is an acceptable solution?

- 01. Strongly disagree
- 02. Disagree
- 03. Agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

12. Regarding Taiwan and Mainland China's future relations, some people think that unification is more likely, and some believe Taiwan independence is more likely. What do you agree with more?

- 01. Unification more likely
- 02. Independence more likely
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

13. If Taiwan deviates from the status quo by declaring independence, do you think Mainland China will attack Taiwan?

- 01. Definitely will not
- 02. Will not
- 03. Will
- 04. Definitely will
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

14. Suppose a Taiwanese declaration of independence leads to an attack from Mainland China. What do you think the United States will do: deploy troops to help Taiwan, provide weapons only, provide non-military assistance only, or do nothing?

- 01. To deploy troops to help Taiwan
- 02. To provide weapons only
- 03. To provide non-military assistance only
- 04. Do nothing
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

15. Suppose Mainland China deviates from the status quo by attacking Taiwan. What do you think the United States will do: deploy troops to help Taiwan, provide weapons only, provide non-military assistance only, or do nothing?

- 01. To deploy troops to help Taiwan
- 02. To provide weapons only
- 03. To provide non-military assistance only
- 04. Do nothing
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

16. If Mainland China attacks Taiwan, but the US decides not to help, do you think our military is powerful enough to defend Taiwan?

- 01. Yes
- 02. No
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

17. To deal with the military threat from Mainland China, some people advocate that every man in Taiwan should be required to give a year of military service. Do you support this policy?

- 01. Strongly not supportive
- 02. Not supportive
- 03. Supportive
- 04. Strongly supportive
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

18. To follow the practice adopted in Ukraine, if Mainland China invades Taiwan, would you support our government in enlisting all males between 18-60 to fight against the invasion?

- 01. Strongly not supportive
- 02. Not supportive
- 03. Supportive
- 04. Strongly supportive
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

19. If Taiwan and Mainland China go to war, what would you do?

- 01. Remain as normal
- 02. Support government decisions
- 03. Surrender
- 04. Flee to another country
- 05. Join the military
- 06. Join the war effort
- 90. Other_____
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

20. If Taiwan and Mainland China go to war, do you think the majority of Taiwanese citizens will join the war effort?

- 01. Definitely will not
- 02. Will not
- 03. Will
- 04. Definitely will
- 96. Hard to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Don't know
- 95. Prefer not to answer

21. Some argue that “Taiwan should strengthen its military ties with the United States.” Do you support this statement?

- 01. Strongly Disagree
- 02. Somewhat Disagree
- 03. Somewhat agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Depends on conditions
- 97. No opinion
- 98. I do not know
- 95. I decline to answer

22. Regarding the threat of the Chinese military, do you think Taiwan should increase its military capabilities or pursue more moderate policies to de-escalate Cross-Strait tensions?

- 01. Increase military capabilities
- 02. Pursue more moderate policies
- 03. Pursue both policies
- 04. Do neither
- 96. Difficult to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. I do not know
- 95. I decline to answer

23. In anticipation of a military invasion from Mainland China, do you think the Tsai administration has taken the necessary steps to safeguard Taiwan’s survival?

- 01. Extremely not ready
- 02. Not ready
- 03. Ready
- 04. Very ready
- 96. Difficult to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. I do not know
- 95. I decline to answer

24. Some people believe in “no war, no peace”; that is, war is the only way to solve international disputes. Do you agree with this thesis?

- 01. Strongly Disagree
- 02. Somewhat Disagree
- 03. Somewhat agree
- 04. Strongly agree
- 96. Depends on conditions
- 97. No opinion
- 98. I do not know
- 95. I decline to answer

****Finally, we would like to ask you some personal questions****

25. Among the domestic political parties, which party do you support?

- 01. Kuomintang
- 02. Democratic Progressive Party
- 03. New Party
- 04. People First Party
- 05. Taiwan Solidarity Union
- 20. Green Party
- 21. New Power Party
- 23. Social Democratic Party
- 36. Taiwan Statebuilding Party
- 38. Taiwan's People Party
- 06. Support all
- 07. Support none
- 96. Depends on the situation
- 97. No opinion
- 98. I do not know
- 95. I decline to answer
- 90. Others ____

25a. To what extent do you support the party you answered in the previous question, ranging from strongly supportive to a moderate extent?

- 01. Strongly supportive
- 02. Moderate supportive

26. Some people identify themselves as "Taiwanese," some identify as "Chinese, and others as both. Would you identify yourself as Taiwanese, Chinese, or both?

- 01. Taiwanese
- 02. Both
- 03. Chinese
- 96. Difficult to say
- 97. No opinion
- 98. Unsure
- 95. I decline to answer

27. What year were you born?

- Year: _____
- 95. I decline to answer

28. What is your highest educational attainment?

- 01. Illiterate and has never attended school
- 02. Elementary school
- 03. Middle school
- 04. High school

- 05. Specialist school
- 06. University
- 07. Research institute to above
- 95. I decline to answer

29. Is your father ethnically Hakka, a native of Fujian, a native of other Chinese provinces or cities, a Taiwanese aboriginal, or a new immigrant?

- 01. Ethnically Hakka
- 02. Ethnically Fujian
- 03. Other Chinese provinces or cities
- 04. Taiwanese Aboriginal
- 06. New Chinese immigrant
- 07. New non-Chinese immigrant
- 98. Unknown
- 95. I choose to decline

*** * This is the end of our interview. Your responses are of great help to us. Thank you very much for accepting our survey, thank you! Goodbye! * ***

30. Gender:

- 01. Male
- 02. Female

31. The interview was conducted in

- 01. Mandarin Chinese
- 02. Taiwanese
- 03. Hakka
- 04. Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese
- 05. Mandarin Chinese and Hakka

End time of the interview is _____, _____ minutes in total