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. There are differing opinions on whether Taiwan should strengthen or weaken its economic ties with mainland China. Some believe that strengthening these ties is important, while others believe that Taiwan should reduce its reliance on China. Which position do you personally 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. There is a concern that if Taiwan's economy becomes overly dependent on mainland China, China may use economic leverage to exert pressure on Taiwan to make political concessions in the future. Do you agree with this assessment?
   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 has implemented a number of policies aimed at attracting Taiwanese investment and offering more job opportunities to Taiwanese citizens. 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 best reflects your perspective on Taiwan's relationship with 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. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 represents a very antagonistic relationship and 10 represents a very peaceful relationship, please rate the current relationship between mainland China and Taiwan. Answer: __________
   95. Prefer not to answer
   96. Hard to say
   97. No opinion
   98. Don’t know

7. If a Taiwanese declaration of independence were to result in attacks from mainland China, would you support independence despite this potential outcome?
   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 would not result in attacks from mainland China, would you support independence in this scenario?
   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. If there are significant differences in terms of economic, political, and social conditions between Taiwan and mainland China, would you support unification?
   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. If there are not significant differences in terms of economic, political, and social conditions between Taiwan and mainland China, would you support unification?
    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 has proposed the "One Country, Two Systems" solution as a means of peacefully unifying with Taiwan. Do you believe 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. There are differing opinions on the potential future of Taiwan and mainland China’s relations. Some believe that unification is a likely outcome, while others hold the view that Taiwan independence is more probable. Which position do you personally agree with the most?
    01. Unification more likely
    02. Independence more likely
    96. Hard to say
    97. No opinion
13. If Taiwan were to declare independence, which would be a deviation from the current status quo, do you think mainland China would 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. If a Taiwanese declaration of independence were to result in an attack from mainland China, what do you think the United States would do? Would they 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. If mainland China were to deviate 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 were to attack Taiwan and the United States were to decide not to provide assistance, do you think Taiwan's military would have the power to defend the country?
   01. Yes
   02. No
   96. Hard to say
   97. No opinion
   98. Don’t know
95. Prefer not to answer

17. Some people believe that extending the mandatory military service for all men in Taiwan from 4 months to 1 year is a necessary measure to address the military threat from mainland China. 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. If mainland China were to invade Taiwan, would you support the Taiwanese government following the practice adopted in Ukraine of enlisting all males between the ages of 18 and 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 a war were to break out between Taiwan and mainland China, 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 a war were to break out between Taiwan and mainland China, do you think the majority of Taiwanese citizens would 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. In light of the perceived threat posed by the Chinese military, do you think Taiwan should increase its military capabilities or pursue more moderate policies in order to de-escalate tensions across the Taiwan Strait?
   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. Given the possibility of a military invasion from mainland China, do you think the Tsai administration has taken the necessary steps to ensure the survival of Taiwan?
   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 one 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. On a scale from strongly supportive to moderately supportive, how much do you support the party you answered in the previous question?
   01. Strongly supportive
   02. Moderate supportive

26. There are people who identify as "Taiwanese," some who identify as "Chinese," and others who identify 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. In what year were you born?
   Year: _______
   95. I decline to answer
28. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?
   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 concludes our interview. Your responses have been very helpful to us. Thank you very much for accepting our survey, thank you! Goodbye! **

30. Gender:
   01. Male
   02. Female

31. In what language was the interview conducted?
   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