

# **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

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

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