

## 2025 Taiwan National Security Studies Survey

1. Are you satisfied with President Lai Ching-te's overall performance since taking office?
2. Compared to last year, do you think Taiwan's economic situation this year is better, worse, or about the same?
3. Compared to last year, is your family's economic situation better, worse, or about the same?
4. In our society, some people advocate strengthening economic and trade relations with mainland China, while others advocate reducing them. Which view do you agree with more?
5. Some people say: "If Taiwan relies too much on mainland China economically, mainland China will use economic leverage to demand political concessions from Taiwan in the future." Do you agree with this statement?
6. Regarding the relationship between Taiwan and mainland China, there are several different views: 1. Unify as soon as possible 2. Declare independence as soon as possible 3. Maintain the status quo, and move towards unification in the future 4. Maintain the status quo, and move towards independence in the future 5. Maintain the status quo, and decide on independence or unification depending on the situation 6. Forever maintain the status quo. Which one do you lean towards more?
7. If we use 0 to represent a very hostile relationship between the two sides of the strait, and 10 to represent a very peaceful relationship, what do you think the current cross-strait relationship is on a scale of 0 to 10?
8. If Taiwan declares independence and this leads to mainland China attacking Taiwan, do you support Taiwan independence?
9. If Taiwan declares independence and mainland China does not attack Taiwan, do you support Taiwan independence?
10. If Taiwan's independence can still maintain economic and trade ties with mainland China, do you support Taiwan independence?
11. If Taiwan's independence would severely affect Taiwan's economic development, do you support Taiwan independence?
12. If the political, economic, and social conditions between Taiwan and mainland China are very different, do you support Taiwan's unification with mainland China?
13. If the political, economic, and social conditions between Taiwan and mainland China are similar, do you support Taiwan's unification with mainland China?
14. We would like you to use a scale of 0 to 10 to indicate the possibility of future cross-strait unification. 0 means very unlikely, and 10 means very likely. What number would you give between 0 and 10?
15. What do you think is the likelihood of Taiwan successfully achieving independence? (0 means very unlikely, 10 means very likely. What number would you give between 0 and 10?)
16. If Taiwan unilaterally declares independence, do you think mainland China will attack Taiwan?
17. If mainland China attacks, do you think our national army has enough capability to defend Taiwan on its own?

18. If China attacks Taiwan because Taiwan declares independence, what countermeasures do you think the US government will take? Will it send troops to assist, only provide weapons, only provide non-military assistance, or do nothing?
19. If Taiwan maintains the status quo and does not declare independence, but mainland China attacks Taiwan, what countermeasures do you think the US government will take? Will it send troops to assist, only provide weapons, only provide non-military assistance, or do nothing?
20. If a war breaks out between Taiwan and mainland China, what actions will you take?
21. If a war breaks out between Taiwan and mainland China, do you think most Taiwanese people will resist?
22. Do you think Taiwan should strengthen its military power to counter mainland China, or adopt a more moderate policy to avoid creating cross-strait tensions?
23. Some people believe that Taiwan is already a sovereign and independent country, currently named the Republic of China, and does not need to declare independence again. Do you agree with this view?
24. Some people advocate that Taiwan's public education should remove content related to "Chinese culture." Do you agree with this view?
25. Regarding cross-strait relations, President Lai Ching-te once said that he is a "pragmatic worker for Taiwan independence." Do you support him continuing to promote Taiwan independence during his tenure, or trying to improve cross-strait relations?
26. Among the domestic political parties, which party do you think you support more?
  - 26a. To what extent do you support (the party the interviewee answered) -- is it strong support, or just so-so?
  - 26b. Do you lean towards any particular political party?
27. In our society, some people say they are "Taiwanese," some say they are "Chinese," and some say they are both. Do you consider yourself "Taiwanese," "Chinese," or both?
28. Which year of the Republic of China were you born? (If unable to answer, ask: How old are you this year? The interviewer will convert it to the birth year: 114 - age = birth year.)
29. What is your highest level of education (what school did you attend)?
30. Is your father a native Hakka, a native Minnan (Hoklo) speaker, from various provinces and cities in mainland China, indigenous, or a new resident?