2021 WAVE 2 QUESTIONNAIRE

I. General items

- 1. Do you regularly pay attention to information about national defense or our nation's military?
 - (1) Often pay attention; (2) Sometimes pay attention; (3) Rarely pay attention; (4) Never pay attention
- 2. Do you regularly discuss issues related to national defense and our nation's military with others?
 - (1) Often discuss; (2) Sometimes discuss; (3) Rarely discuss; (4) Never discuss
- 3. How often do you search, browse, click, or watch news, information, or videos related to national defense and our nation's military on the Internet? [Ask follow-up questions if the response is (1)–(3)]
 - (1) Often; (2) Sometimes; (3) Rarely; (4) Never
- 4. [Follow-up question for responses (1)–(3)] Which of the following platforms do you use to search, browse, click, or watch news, information, or videos related to national defense and our nation's military? [Multiple response question]
 - (1) Websites of news media (ETtoday, SETN.com); (2) Search engine homepages (Yahoo); (3) Facebook; (4) Instagram (IG); (5) Line; (6) YouTube (7) PTT Bulletin Board System; (8) Twitter; (9) Dcard; (10) WeChat; (11) Weibo; (90) Others
- 5. [Follow-up question] Which one do you use most frequently?
- 6. [Follow-up question] In your impression, do the platforms that you use most frequently contain more positive or negative information about national defense and our nation's military?
 - (1) Entirely positive; (2) More positive than negative; (3) Equally positive and negative; (4) More negative than positive; (5) Entirely negative
- 7. Besides browsing the Internet, how often do you forward (share) or post (messages, comments) news, information, or videos related to national defense and our nation's military on the Internet?
 - (1) Often; (2) Sometimes; (3) Rarely; (4) Never [Ask follow-up questions if the

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- 9. [Follow-up question] Which one do you use most frequently?
- 10. [Follow-up question] Do you forward or post more positive or negative information about national defense and our nation's military?
 - (1) Entirely positive; (2) More positive than negative; (3) Equally positive and negative; (4) More negative than positive; (5) Entirely negative
- 11. Have you engaged in any of the following activities in the past year? [Multiple response question]
 - (1) Searched for news about our nation's military.
 - (2) Joined a Facebook Page about our nation's military
 - (3) Read promotional material or publications about our nation's military
 - (4) Watched drills by our nation's military
 - (5) Worn clothes with our nation's military emblems
 - (6) Purchased souvenirs of our nation's military
 - (7) Participated in activities such as combat camps, study camps, honor guard competitions, or base open days organized by our nation's military
 - (8) Participated in support the troops activities
 - (9) Joined an association related to our nation's military
 - (10) Donated to support associations related to our nation's military
 - (11) Volunteered to join the military or encouraged friends and family to join the military
 - (12) Other (please explain in detail)
- 12. If our nation's military opens up more activities for the public to participate in, do you think it will increase people's support for our nation's military?
 - (1) Definitely will; (2) Probably will; (3) Probably won't; (4) Definitely won't

- 13. Some people say, "Society's investment in national defense is a waste." Do you agree or disagree with this view?
 - (1) Strongly agree; (2) Somewhat agree; (3) Somewhat disagree; (4) Strongly disagree
- 14. Some people say, "National defense is a responsibility that every citizen should share." Do you agree or disagree with this view?
 - (1) Strongly agree; (2) Somewhat agree; (3) Somewhat disagree; (4) Strongly disagree
- 15. Some people say, "Only a strong national defense force can provide the conditions for the pursuit of peace." Do you agree or disagree with this view?
 - (1) Strongly agree; (2) Somewhat agree; (3) Somewhat disagree; (4) Strongly disagree
- 16. Generally speaking, do you have a good or bad impression of our nation's military? (1) Very good; (2) Quiet good; (3) Quite bad; (4) Very bad
- 17. [Follow-up question] What are the reasons for your bad impression of our nation's military? Open-ended question
- 18. Are you very confident, somewhat confident, somewhat unconfident, or very unconfident in the ability of our nation's military to perform the following tasks?

	Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very
	confident	confident	unconfident	unconfident
a. Keep track of the				
current situation of the				
PLA				
b. Carry out military				
training				
c. Assist in disaster				
relief				

- 19. Generally speaking, do you think that the current capability of our nation's military has become stronger than in the past?
 - (1) Has become stronger; (2) Has not become stronger;
- 20. Generally speaking, are you confident in the ability of our nation's military to

defend Taiwan?

- (1) Very confident; (2) Confident; (3) Unconfident; (4) Very unconfident
- 21. Do you agree or disagree that "Overall, I am proud of our nation's military"?
 - (1) Strongly agree; (2) Somewhat agree; (3) Somewhat disagree; (4) Strongly disagree
- 22. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the government's overall performance in national defense?
 - (1) Very satisfied; (2) Somewhat satisfied; (3) Somewhat dissatisfied; (4) Very dissatisfied

2. Experimental Questions

[Explanation]

Please randomly assign respondents into one of three groups. Experimental group 1 watches a negative report about military exercises. Experimental group 2 watches a positive report about military exercises. The control group does not watch any video.

Please watch the following video and answer the questions. [Experimental group 1]



[Experimental group 2]



- 23. Do you think our nation's military is capable of defending Taiwan?
 - (1) Very capable; (2) Capable; (3) Incapable; (4) Very incapable

[Explanation]

If the respondent receives a Facebook event invitation, their screen will look similar to this. Please randomly assign respondents to one of three groups. **Experimental group 1** is shown a link to the Han Kuang Exercise and a "I support our nation's military" button. **Experimental group 2** is also shown photographs of friends in addition to the items above. The **control group** is not given any treatment.

Experimental group 1: Information condition



Experimental group 2: Social cue condition



Control group: Not shown any information or photographs

- 24. Would you click on the "Learn about the Han Kuang Exercise" link?
 - (1) Yes; (2) No
- 25. Would you click on the "I support our nation's military" button to let your friends know that you support our nation's military?
 - (1) Yes; (2) No
- 3. Election Study Center Demographic Items