

# 2024 WAVE 2 QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you regularly pay attention to news on People's Liberation Army's activities around Taiwan?

(1) Never pay attention; (2) Rarely pay attention; (3) Sometimes pay attention; (4) Often pay attention

2. Do you regularly pay attention to news on US-Taiwan joint military cooperation?

(1) Never pay attention; (2) Rarely pay attention; (3) Sometimes pay attention; (4) Often pay attention

3. Do you regularly pay attention to news on Taiwan military training and preparation?

(1) Never pay attention; (2) Rarely pay attention; (3) Sometimes pay attention; (4) Often pay attention

4. 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?

(1) Never; (2) Rarely; (3) Sometimes; (4) Often

5. **[Follow-up question for responses (2)–(4) to Question 5; skip to Question 7 if the response to Question 5 is (1)]** Which of the following platforms do you use to search, browse, click, or watch news, information, or videos related to 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) Chinese social media platforms such as WeChat, Weibo or TikTok; (13) Others, please list the platform\_\_\_\_\_

6. In your impression, do the platforms that you use most frequently contain more positive or negative information about our nation's military?

(1) Entirely negative; (2) More negative than positive; (4) More positive than negative; (5) Entirely positive

7. Have you engaged in any of the following activities in the past year? **[Multiple response question]**

- (1) Read promotional material or publications about our nation's military
- (2) Participated in activities such as combat camps, study camps, honor guard competitions, or base open days organized by our nation's military
- (3) Joined an association related to our nation's military
- (4) Volunteered to join the military or encouraged friends and family to join the military
- (5) Other \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) None of the above

8. Have you participated in all-out defense or civil defense training or related activities?

(1 )No; (2) Yes

### **[Assessment of Domestic Economy]**

9. Compared to half year ago, is Taiwan's economy better, worse, or about the same?

(1) Better; (2) Worse; (3) About the same

10. In your view, is Taiwan's economy going to be better, worse, or stay the same in the next six months?

(1) Better, (2) Worse, (3) Stay the same

### **[Trust in Institutions]**

\*Next, I would like to ask you about your level of confidence in the following organizations or persons\*

11. How much confidence do you have in Taiwan's president—a great deal, quite a lot, some, very little?

(1) A great deal; (2) Quite a lot; (3) Some; (4) Very little

12. How much confidence do you have in Taiwan's legislative yuan—a great deal, quite a lot, some, very little?

(1) A great deal; (2) Quite a lot; (3) Some; (4) Very little

13. How much trust do you have in Taiwan's military—a great deal, quite a lot, some, very little?

(1) A great deal; (2) Quite a lot; (3) Some; (4) Very little

**[Cross-Strait Attitude—hawk or dove]**

14. Please rate your attitude, from the scale of 0, which means “I prefer to avoid using force to resolve cross-Strait tensions as much as possible,” while 10 means “I support the use of force to preserve Taiwan’s territorial sovereignty if needed.”

**[Perception of Threat]**

15. Issues that may threaten Taiwan’s national security in the next five years include: extreme weather and disasters, economic stagnation, the crisis of declining birth rate, energy shortages, and the threat of China to Taiwan. Which one do you think is the most serious threat? (Except for “Other, please specify,” options in random order)

(1) Extreme weather and disasters, (2) Economic stagnation, (3) The crisis of declining birth rate, (4) Energy shortages, (5) The threat of China to Taiwan, (6) Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Do you think it is possible that the Chinese PLA will attack Taiwan within the next five years?

(1) Completely impossible; (2) Not very possible; (3) Somewhat possible; (4) Very possible

17. What do you think is the most important way for our government to protect national security and regional peace at this time? Should we strengthen our own defense capabilities, forge a close alliance with the United States, or show goodwill toward mainland China? [Options in random order]

(1) Strengthen our own defense capabilities; (2) Forge a close alliance with the United States; (3) Show goodwill toward mainland China; (90) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

18. What is the second most important way for our government to protect national security and regional peace?

(1) Strengthen our own defense capabilities; (2) Forge a close alliance with the United States; (3) Show goodwill toward mainland China; (90) Other \_\_\_\_\_; (92) None

19. To make sure your browser is working properly, please select the number 4 from the list below.

(1) 1; (2); 2; (3) 3; (4) 4; (5) 5

20. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the government's overall performance in national defense?

(1) Very dissatisfied; (2) Somewhat dissatisfied; (3) Somewhat satisfied; (4) Very satisfied

21. Generally speaking, do you have a good or bad impression of our nation's military?

(1) Very bad; (2) Quite bad; (3) Quite good; (4) Very good;

22. Generally speaking, do you think that the current power of our nation's military has become stronger than in the past?

(1) Has weakened a lot; (2) Has weakened; (3) Has strengthened; (4) Has strengthened a lot

23. Are you confident in the ability of our nation's military to defend Taiwan?

(1) Very unconfident; (2) Unconfident; (3) Confident; (4) Very confident

#### **[Question Regarding Propaganda]**

Recently, Chinese civilian drones flew to our outlying islands and filmed the garrison and related military facilities on the islands. Please watch the video and answer the question. **[Respondents will see one of the three versions, which will be shown in random order: (1) No postproduction; (2) With postproduction made by the Cultural and Political Department; (3) With postproduction made by INDSR]**

24. Some people say, "Chinese use of civilian drones to film outlying islands' garrison and military facilities show that our military is afraid of war and incompetent." Do you agree?

(1) Strongly disagree; (2) Somewhat disagree; (3) Somewhat agree; (4) Strongly agree.

25. Do you think our military has the capability to counter the incursions by Chinese civilian drones?

(1) Very incapable; (2) Somewhat incapable; (3) Somewhat capable; (4) Very capable.

26. Some people say, "Taiwan should continue to purchase military equipment and

weapons from the United States to enhance Taiwan's defense capability." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(1) Strongly disagree; (2) Somewhat disagree; (3) Somewhat agree; (4) Strongly agree

27. Some people say, "Taiwan should continue to promote the independent research and development of important weapons and equipment." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(1) Strongly disagree; (2) Somewhat disagree; (3) Somewhat agree; (4) Strongly agree

28. Some people say, "Military aid from the United States to Taiwan is pushing Taiwan to the brink of war." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(1) Strongly disagree; (2) Somewhat disagree; (3) Somewhat agree; (4) Strongly agree

29. Some people say, "U.S. support for Taiwan and arms sales are indispensable pillars for ensuring Taiwan's security." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(1) Strongly disagree; (2) Somewhat disagree; (3) Somewhat agree; (4) Strongly agree

30. If there is a war between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait, do you think the United States will send troops to help Taiwan?

(1) Definitely won't; (2) Probably won't; (3) Probably will; (4) Definitely will

31. If China really invades Taiwan by force, would you be willing to fight to defend Taiwan?

(1) Very unwilling; (2) Somewhat unwilling; (3) Somewhat willing; (4) Very willing

32. In terms of national need, including both peacetime and wartime, would you be willing to accept conscription to serve in the military?

(1) Very unwilling; (2) Somewhat unwilling; (3) Somewhat willing; (4) Very willing

### **[National Defense Spending]**

[Introduction 1] [Random]

**\*\*Taiwan's defense budget for this year (2024) is NT\$431.2 billion (excluding special budget), about 15% of total government expenditure\*\***

[Introduction 2] [Random]

**\*\*Taiwan's defense budget for this year (2024) is NT\$431.2 billion (excluding special budget), about 15% of total government expenditure. China's defense budget for this year is NT\$7.32 trillion, which is 16.5 times of Taiwan's defense budget\*\***

33. Do you approve of the government increasing the defense budget, even if it may reduce spending on education, the economy, or social welfare programs?

(1) Strongly disapprove; (2) Somewhat disapprove; (3) Somewhat approve; (4) Strongly approve

[Introduction 1] [Random]

**\*\*Over the past five years, our national defense budget has grown at an average annual rate of about 5.6%\*\***

[Introduction 2] [Random]

**\*\*Over the past five years, our national defense budget has grown at an average annual rate of about 5.6%. Meanwhile, China's official defense budget grows at more than 7% per year, and may be higher as there may be hidden expenditures\*\***

34. Do you approve of the government increasing the growth rate of the defense budget, even if our economic growth is limited?

(1) Strongly disapprove; (2) Somewhat disapprove; (3) Somewhat approve; (4) Strongly approve

### **[National Defense Budget as % of GDP]**

[Introduction 1] [Random]

**\*\*Taiwan's national defense budget for 2024 is NT\$606.8 billion, which is 2.5% of Taiwan's GDP\*\***

[Introduction 2] [Random]

**\*\*Taiwan's national defense budget for 2024 is NT\$606.8 billion, which is 2.5% of Taiwan's GDP. Meanwhile, defense budget for countries facing external threats—South Korea, Singapore, and Israel—are 2.7%, 3.2% and 5.3% of their countries' GDP, respectively\*\***

35. Do you approve of increasing our national defense budget to 3% of the GDP, even if it might require raising taxes?

(1) Strongly approve; (2) Somewhat approve; (3) Somewhat disapprove; (4) Strongly disapprove

### **[Background questions]**