

2024 Wave 1 Questions

1. Generally speaking, do you have a good or bad impression of our nation's military?
(1) Very good; (2) Quite good; (3) Quite bad; (4) Very bad ;
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer
2. Generally speaking, do you think that the current power of our nation's military has become stronger than in the past?
(1) Has become much stronger; (2) Has become stronger; (3) Has become weaker;
(4) Has become much weaker.
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer
3. How much do you trust the President?
(1) A lot of trust; (2) Quite a bit of trust; (3) Little trust; (4) Almost no trust
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refuse to answer
4. How much do you trust the Legislative Yuan?
(1) A lot of trust; (2) Quite a bit of trust; (3) Little trust; (4) Almost no trust
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refuse to answer
5. How much do you trust the military?
(1) A lot of trust; (2) Quite a bit of trust; (3) Little trust; (4) Almost no trust
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refuse to answer
6. Issues that may threaten Taiwan's national security in the next five years include: price hikes, economic stagnation, the crisis of declining birth rate, energy shortages, and the threat of China to Taiwan [Options in random order]. Which one do you think is the most serious threat?
(2) Economic stagnation, (3) The crisis of declining birth rate, (4) Energy shortages, (5) The threat of China to Taiwan, (14) Price hikes, (90) Other _____.
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer
7. Do you think it is possible that the Chinese PLA will attack Taiwan within the the next five years?
(1) Very possible; (2) Somewhat possible; (3) Not very possible (4) Completely impossible;

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

8. 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
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer (for answers 95-98 jump to Question 10)
9. What do you think is the second most important way to protect national security and regional peace at this time?
(1) Strengthen our own defense capabilities; (2) Forge a close alliance with the United States; (3) Show goodwill toward mainland China; (90) Other
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer
10. Do you have any experience serving in the military (including obligatory military service, voluntary military service, or as a professional soldier)?
(1) Yes; (2) No; (95) Refused to answer
11. (Contains two alternatives)
Alternative A
11-A. Do you approve or disapprove of extending the length of mandatory military service to one year?
(1) Strongly approve; (2) Somewhat approve; (3) Somewhat disapprove; (4) Strongly disapprove
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer
Alternative B
11-B. Do you approve or disapprove of extending the length of mandatory military service to one year, even if you and your son(s) will be subjected to the new requirement?
(1) Strongly approve; (2) Somewhat approve; (3) Somewhat disapprove; (4) Strongly disapprove
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer
12. 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;

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

13. According to the Executive Yuan's central government budget for 2024, national defense budget is NT\$606.8 billion (US\$19.37 billion), which is 2.5 percent of GDP. Do you think our government's current spending on national defense is about right?

(2) Well enough; (2) Somewhat enough; (3) Not so enough; (4) Too little

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the government reducing the budget in other areas and prioritizing the defense budget?

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the government increasing the defense budget to 3% of GDP?

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

(1) Very confident; (2) Confident; (3) Unconfident; (4) Very unconfident;
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

19. 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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

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

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

(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

24. Regarding relations between Taiwan and mainland China, there are the following different views: 1. Unification as soon as possible; 2. Declaring independence as soon as possible; 3. Maintaining the status quo and unification later; 4.

Maintaining the status quo and independence later; 5. Maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later; and 6. Maintaining the status

quo indefinitely. Which of these positions do you lean toward?

- (1) Unification as soon as possible; (2) Declaring independence as soon as possible; (3) Maintaining the status quo and unification later; (4) Maintaining the status quo and independence later; (5) Maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later; (6) Maintaining the status quo indefinitely; (90) Other (____); (95) Refused to answer; (96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know

25. Of the political parties in Taiwan, which party do you tend to support (for those who answered "no political party affiliation", please ask which political party they support more in general during "non-election period".?)

- (1) Kuomintang (KMT)
(2) Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)
(3) New Party (NP)
(4) People First Party (PFP)
(5) Taiwan Solidarity Union (TSU)
(20) Green Party (GP)
(21) New Power Party (NPP)
(23) Social Democratic Party (SDP)
(35) Taiwan Statebuilding Party (TSP)
(38) Taiwan People's Party (TPP)
(6) Support them all
(7) Don't support any of them
(96) It depends;
(97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (90) Other _____

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25a. Is your level of support for (the party answered by the respondent) strong support or just average?

- (1) Strong support; (2) Average

25b. Do you have a preference for any political party?

- (3) Preference for the Kuomintang (KMT)
(4) Preference for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)
(5) Preference for the New Party (NP)
(6) Preference for the People First Party (PFP)
(7) Preference for the Taiwan Solidarity Union (TSU)
(23) Preference for the Green Party (GP)
(24) Preference for the New Power Party (NPP)

(26) Preference for the Social Democratic Party (SDP)
(38) Preference for the Taiwan Statebuilding Party (TSP)
(41) Preference for the Taiwan People's Party (TPP)
(8) Don't have a preference for any of them
(90) Other ____; (95) Refused to answer; (96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know

26. In our society, some people say they are Taiwanese, some people say they are Chinese, and some people say they are both. Do you consider yourself to be Taiwanese, Chinese, or both?

(1) Taiwanese; (2) Both; (3) Chinese;
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

27. What year were you born in?

____year; (95) Refused to answer

28. What is your highest level of education?

(1) Illiterate and no education; (2) Elementary school; (3) Junior high school; (4) Senior high school/Vocational high school; (5) Junior college; (6) College; (7) Graduate school or higher
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

29. Is your father's ethnicity Taiwanese Hakka, Taiwanese Minnan (Hoklo), mainlander, aboriginal, or new immigrant?

(1) Taiwanese Hakka; (2) Taiwanese Minnan; (3) Mainlander; (4) Aboriginal; (6) New immigrant from mainland China; (7) New immigrant from foreign countries; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

30. Is your mother's ethnicity Taiwanese Hakka, Taiwanese Minnan (Hoklo), mainlander, aboriginal, or new immigrant?

1) Taiwanese Hakka; (2) Taiwanese Minnan; (3) Mainlander; (4) Aboriginal; (6) New immigrant from mainland China; (7) New immigrant from foreign countries; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

