

## March 2025 TNDS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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. Are you confident in the ability of our nation's military to defend Taiwan?  
(1) Very confident; (2) Confident; (3) Not Confident; (4) Very unconfident  
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

Next, we would like to know your views on national defense policy, including arms procurement, indigenous defense capability and development, and defense budget.

3. 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
4. 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
5. Taiwan's current national defense budget is 2.5% of Taiwan's GDP. In your view, should Taiwan's government increase, decrease, or keep future national defense budget the same?  
(1) Increase (ask question 10); (2) Decrease; (3) Keep the same;  
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refuse to answer
6. Do you think it should be a major increase, or minor increase?  
(1) Major increase; (2) Minor increase;  
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refuse to answer

7. Do you support the government using so-called “special budget” to increase military spending (special budgets are compiled outside the general budget in response to major emergency circumstances, submitted by the Executive Yuan for the approval of the Legislative Yuan)?

(1) Strongly support; (2) Somewhat support; (3) Somewhat oppose; (4) Strongly oppose;

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

12. Do you support the government increasing the defense budget, even if it might reduce spending on areas such as education, the economy, or social welfare?

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

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

13. Do you support the government increasing the defense budget, even if it might require raising taxes?

(1) Strongly support; (2) Somewhat support; (3) Somewhat oppose; (4) Strongly oppose;

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

Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> president of the United States on January 20, 2025. In the following questions, we would like to get your view on the international affairs.

14. In your view, is Taiwan’s relations with the US going to be better, worse, or stay the same, compared to the Biden administration?

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

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

15. US and Russia held talks on ending war in Ukraine without Ukraine at the table. Some people say, “The talk helps speed up the peace process and minimize the conflicts.” Do you agree or disagree with the 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

16. Some people also say, “The talk between the US and Russia will have negative

impacts on Ukraine's sovereignty." Do you agree or disagree with the 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. People have different views on potential impact of the talk on the security in the Taiwan Strait. If 0 indicates the most negative impact, 10 indicates the most positive impact, what would you give on the scale of 0 to 10?  
(98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

18. Issues that may threaten Taiwan's national security in the next five years include: extreme climate and disaster, 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?  
(1) Extreme climate and disaster, (2) Economic stagnation, (3) The crisis of declining birth rate, (4) Energy shortages, (5) The threat of China to Taiwan, (6) Other \_\_\_\_  
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

19. Do you think it is possible that the Chinese PLA will attack Taiwan within the next five years?  
(1) Very possible; (2) Somewhat possible; (3) Not very possible; (4) Completely impossible

20. 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

21. 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  
(96) It depends; (97) No opinion; (98) Don't know; (95) Refused to answer

22. 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
23. 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