



Taiwanese Public Opinion Foundation

August 2021 Public Opinion Poll – English Excerpt

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Taiwanese Public Opinion Foundation (TPOF) today released the result of its nation-wide poll for the month of August 2021. This marks the 60th monthly survey conducted by the TPOF aimed at tracking the development and changes in Taiwan's public opinion. The [full release](#) in Chinese language is available on our official website at www.tpof.org.

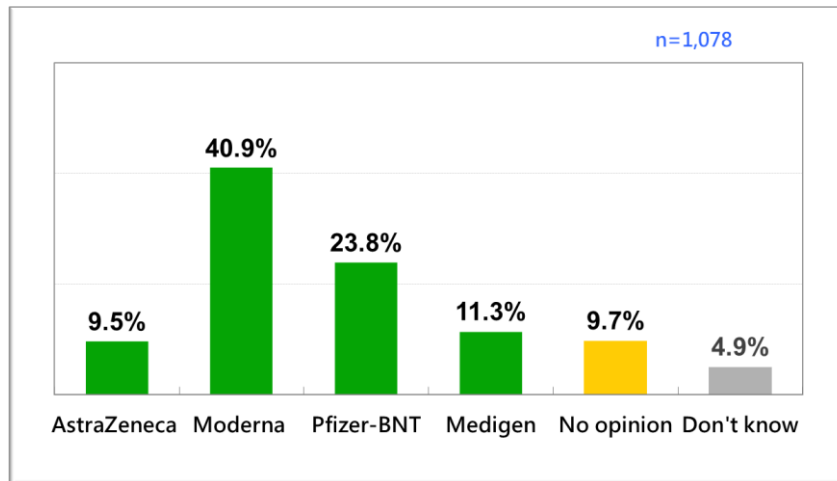
How the Survey was Conducted

This survey of 1,078 adults was conducted August 16-18, 2021. Adults 20 years of age and older residing in Taiwan were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing. The samples were weighted to adjust for demographic distribution, age, sex, and education attainment based on statistics newly published by the Ministry of the Interior. Sampling error is around ± 2.98 percentage points with 95% level of confidence.

Main Findings:

1. Among the several COVID-19 vaccines that are available or expected to be made available in Taiwan, which ones do Taiwanese people find the most

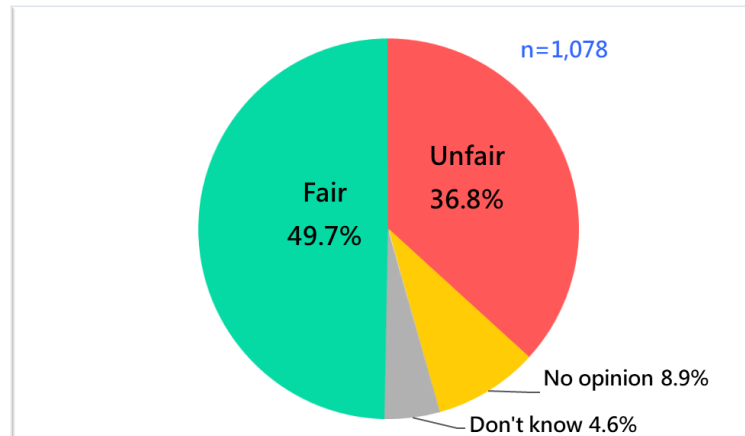
preferable and are willing to take? The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, when given choices, 40.9% said they prefer Moderna vaccine, 23.8% prefer Pfizer–BNT vaccine, 11.3% prefer Taiwan’s domestically produced Medigen vaccine candidate, while only 9.5% prefer AstraZeneca vaccine.



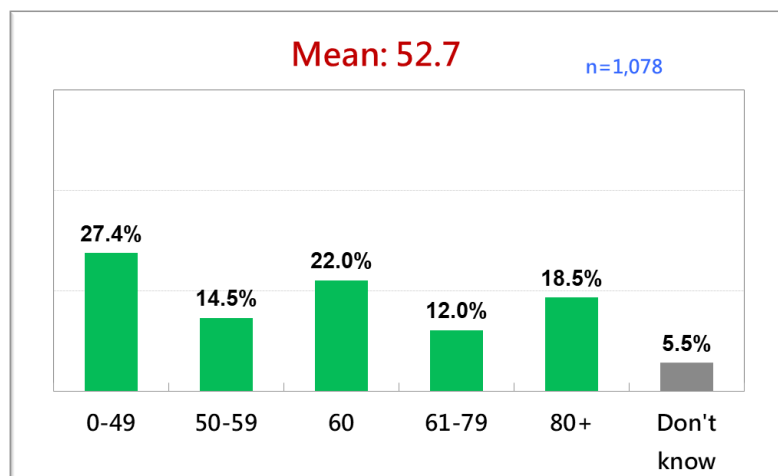
2. Regarding the decision of President Tsai Ing-wen to receive an injection of home-made Medigen vaccine, the poll finds, among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 20.3% strongly agree, 29% somewhat agree, 15.3% somewhat disagree, 14.4% strongly disagree, 21% no opinion or don't know.

(Note: Tsai Ing-wen administration of Taiwan has committed to a controversial, all-out campaign to support and prioritize the rollout of domestic Medigen vaccine candidate. Unlike all other World Health Organization (WHO) listed COVID-19 vaccines, Medigen did not conduct any Phase III clinical trial and has no clinical evidence of efficacy. In an effort to quell widespread criticism and skepticism, President Tsai repeatedly promised that she would personally receive a shot of the Medigen vaccine when time comes.)

3. Regarding public trust and perception of fairness in Taiwanese government’s handlings of vaccine rollout, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 10.7% said they feel the vaccine rollout so far has been very fair, 39% feel it’s somewhat fair, 20.9% feel it’s somewhat unfair, and 15.9% feel it’s extremely unfair. In other word, a significant minority of Taiwan’s public still views the government’s vaccine rollout as unfair. This is a warning sign that Taiwanese public trust in the government’s vaccine rollout has been partially eroded.

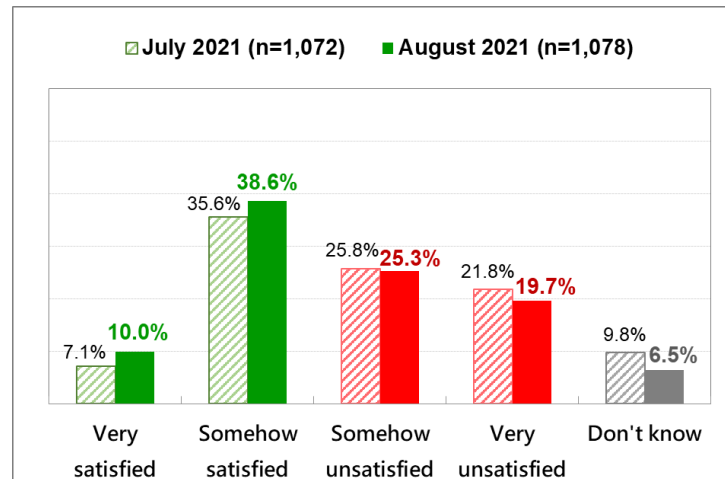


4. Regarding Taiwanese public's satisfaction of government's vaccine acquisition and supply, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 18.5% rated a score of 80 and above, 12% rated 61-69, 22% rated a passing score of just 60, 14.5% rated 50-59, 27.4% rated below 50. This means that 41.9% Taiwanese gave a failing score for the government's performance in delivering the needed vaccines. Although a majority of people gave the government a passing score of 60 or above, their expressed levels of satisfaction are exceeded by the levels of *dissatisfaction* as such we arrived at a mean score of only 52.7 which means fail.

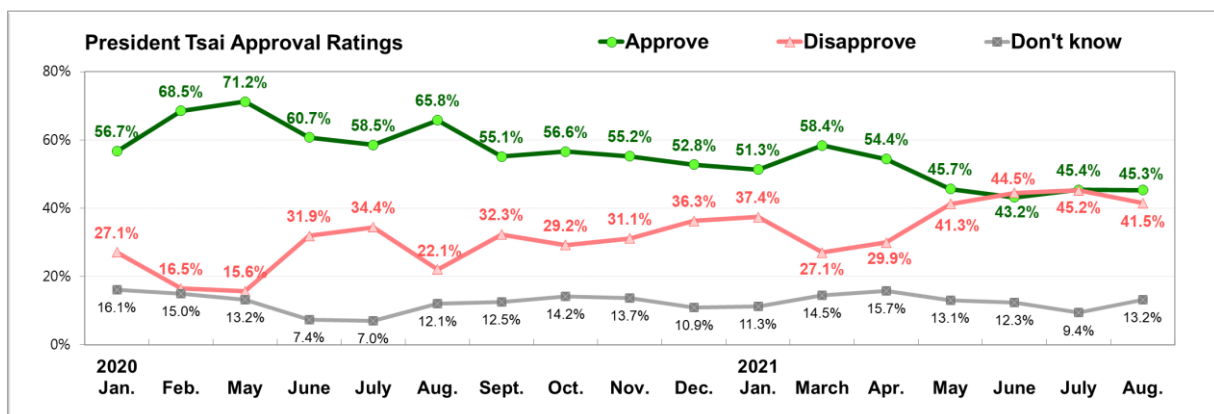


5. Regarding Taiwanese public's view of Su Tseng-chang cabinet's planned COVID-19 economic relief measure in the form of "Quintuple Stimulus Vouchers", the poll finds 20% said they approve of the plan strongly, 40.2% somewhat approve, 17.9% somewhat disapprove, 16% strongly disapprove. In other word, the Su cabinet's stimulus voucher plan appears to have received a majority approval of over 60%, while only a third of the Taiwanese public expressed disapproval.

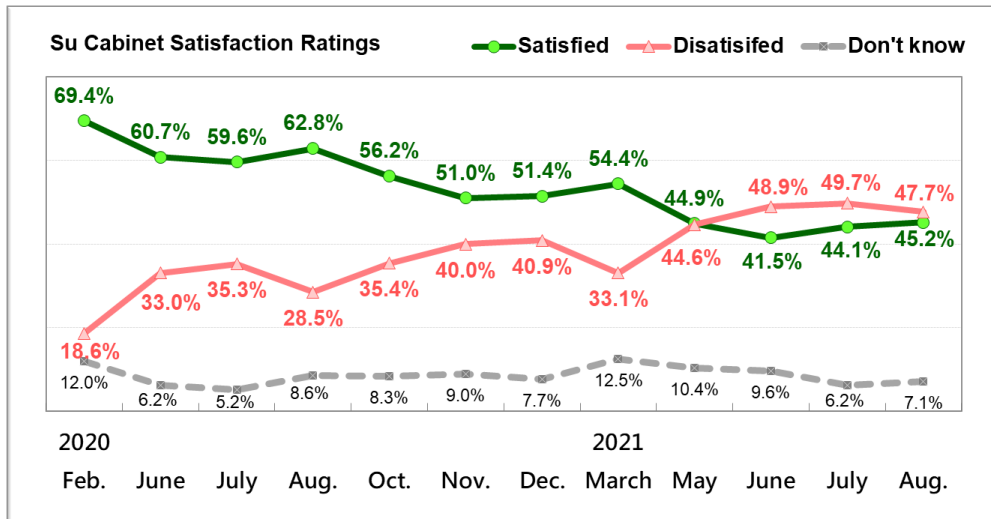
6. Regarding Taiwanese public's satisfaction of government's COVID-19 economic relief measures in general, the poll finds 48.6% said they are satisfied, while 45% said they are dissatisfied. Compared to the same poll in July, we saw a slight increase in the number of Taiwanese satisfied with the way the government is handling COVID-19 economic relief measures, though dissatisfaction remains significant.



7. On the Presidential job approval rating, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 45.3% approved of the way President Tsai Ing-wen is handling the country's top priorities, while another 41.5% expressed disapproval. Compared to July, President Tsai maintained similar level of approval but saw her disapproval decreased slightly. Overall, Taiwanese public still has a divided view on President Tsai's performance.



8. On the performance of Premier Su Tseng-chang cabinet, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 45.2% were satisfied of the way Su cabinet is handling the government, while the other 47.7% were not satisfied. The Su cabinet is still facing one of its lowest satisfaction ratings since Su was first appointed by President Tsai as her Premier in 2019.



9. On political party affiliation, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 27.8% said they support the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 20.2% support the Kuomintang (KMT), 10.3% support the Taiwan People's Party (TPP), 2.9% support the New Power Party (NPP), 1.8% support the Taiwan State-building Party (TSP), and 36% respondents identified themselves as independents.

