



## **Taiwanese Public Opinion Foundation**

### **March 2022 Public Opinion Poll – English Excerpt**

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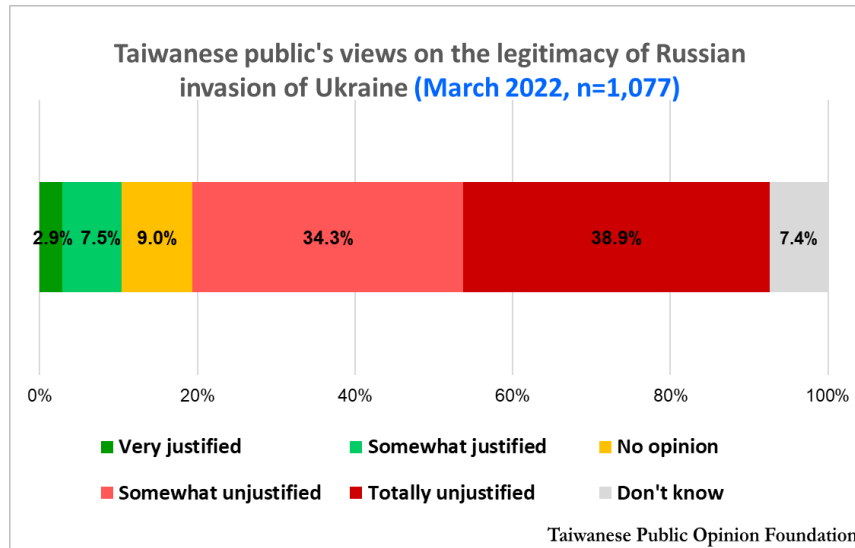
**Taiwanese Public Opinion Foundation (TPOF)** today released the result of its March 2022 nation-wide poll. This marks the 67th monthly survey conducted by the TPOF aimed at tracking the development and changes in Taiwan's public opinion. The full release in Chinese language is available on our official website [www.tpof.org](http://www.tpof.org).

#### **How the Survey was Conducted**

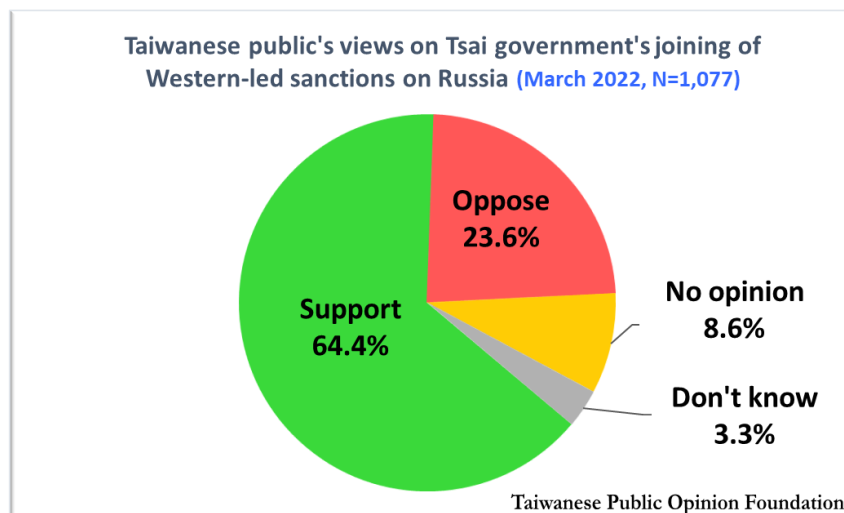
This survey was conducted on March 14-15, 2022, with a sample size of 1,077. Adults 20 years of age and older residing in Taiwan were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline numbers were drawn through random digit dialing system. The samples were demographically weighted to adjust for gender, age, education and the district of residency based on the latest statistics published by the Ministry of the Interior. Sampling error is around  $\pm 2.99$  percentage points with 95% level of confidence.

## Main Findings:

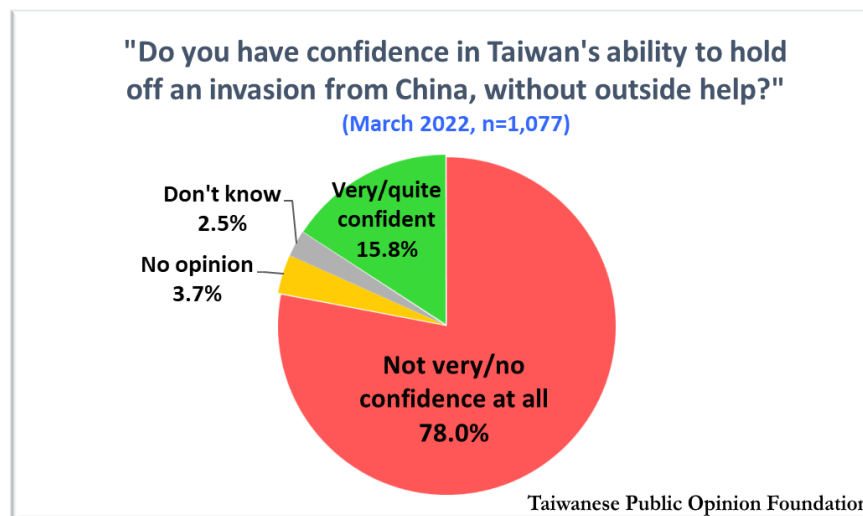
1. Regarding the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a strong majority of 73.2% thought Russia's invasion of Ukraine is unjustified, while only about 10% said they thought it was justified in some way.



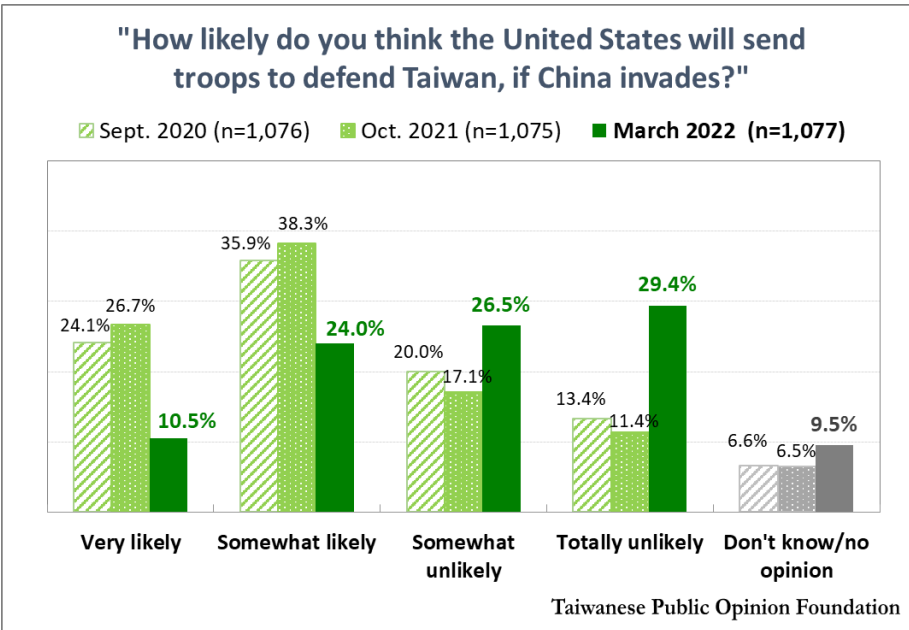
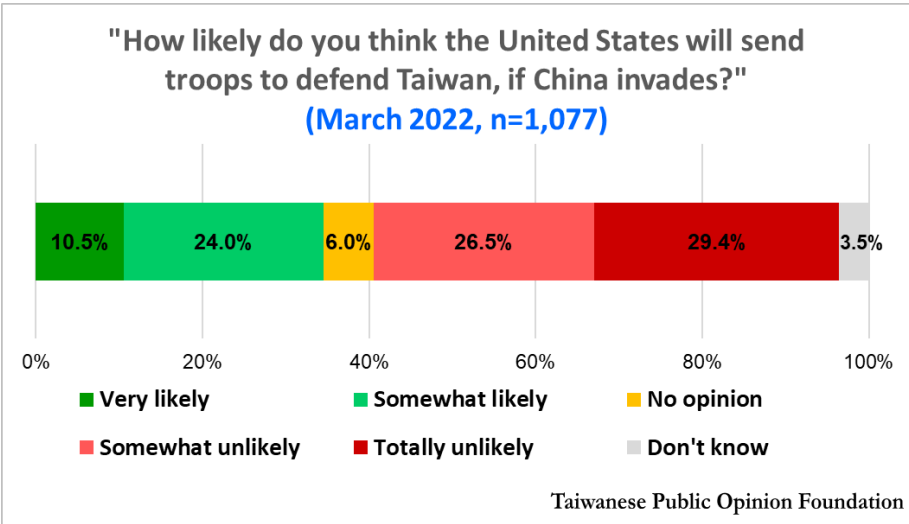
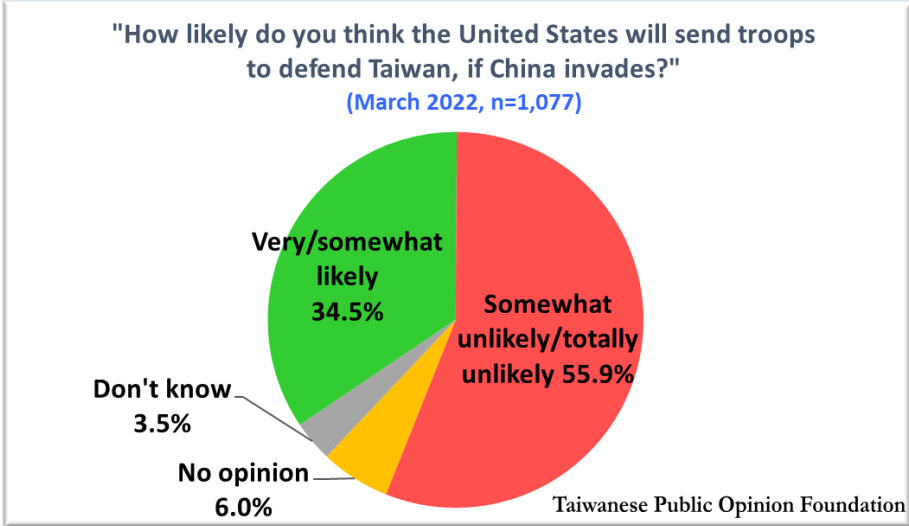
2. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, an overwhelming majority of 87% said they sympathize with Ukraine and its fight against Russia. Versus 6.1% who said they don't.
3. Taiwan's ruling Tsai government has verbally [pledged](#) to join Western-led sanctions against Russia in response to the invasion of Ukraine. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 64.4% said they support Taiwan joining the sanctions while a minority of 23.6% oppose it.



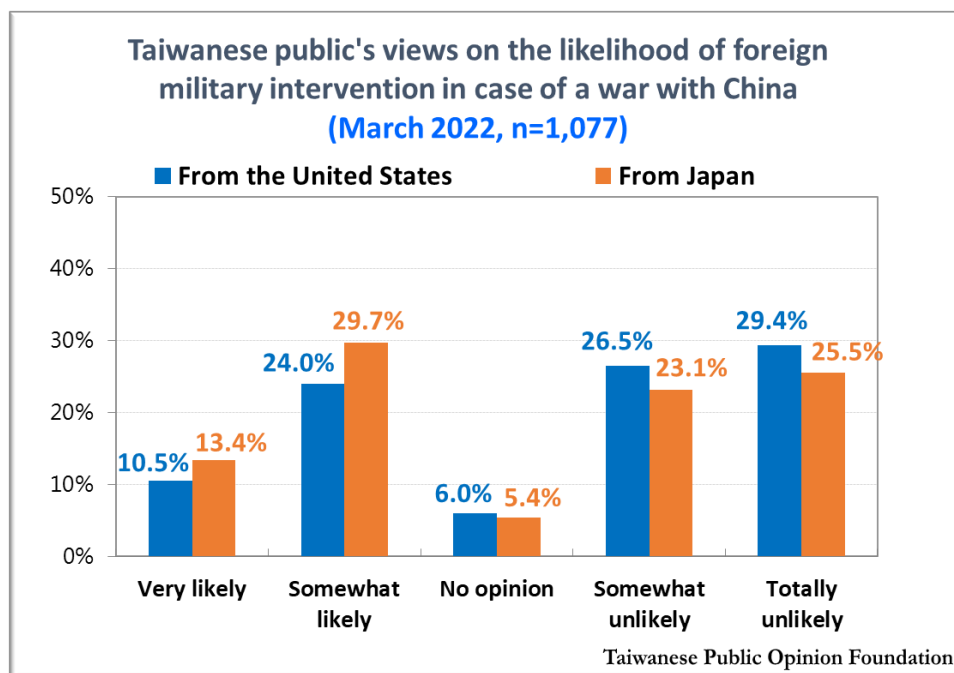
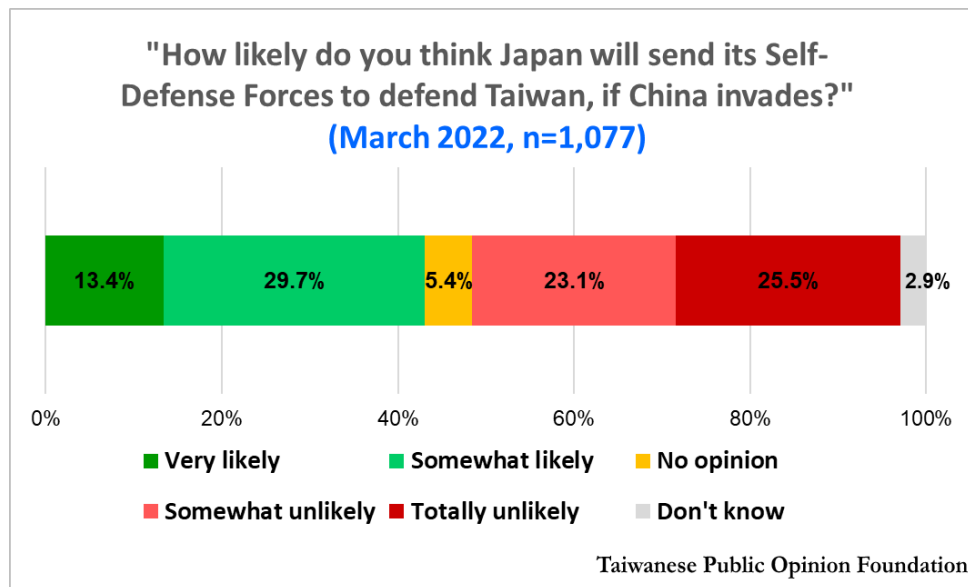
4. Are Taiwanese people worried about the possibility of fighting a war against China without foreign military intervention, just as Ukraine is fighting against Russia by itself today? The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 59.7% said they are worried of such, while 37.5% said they are not worried.
5. We asked respondents whether they have confidence in Taiwan's ability to defend itself against a military invasion from China. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a vast majority of 78% said they have few or no confidence at all that Taiwan could defend itself, while only 15.8% said they have confidence.



6. Do Taiwanese believe the United States will send troops to defend Taiwan in the case of a war with China? The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 55.9% do not believe there will be a U.S. military intervention while only 34.5% said they do. Notably, we asked similar question in our October 2021 poll which found quite different results. Clearly the Russian-Ukraine war had a tremendous impact on the Taiwanese public's confidence in a U.S. military intervention. Several additional findings are:
  - a. Among DPP supporters, a majority of 61% believe in U.S. intervention. Among KMT supporters, a majority of 77% do not believe in U.S. intervention.
  - b. Among people with the lowest education attainments (junior high schools and lower) a slim majority believe in U.S. intervention. While among people with higher education attainments (college and up), a majority of 62% do not believe in U.S. intervention.

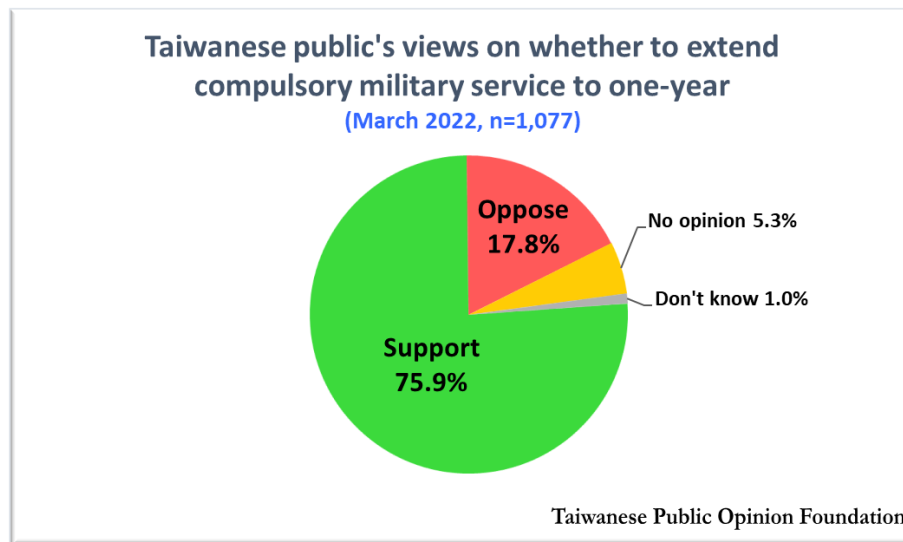


7. Do Taiwanese believe Japan will send its Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) to defend Taiwan in the case of a war with China? The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 49% do not believe in a Japanese intervention while 43% said they do. Notably, more Taiwanese now believe Japan, rather than the United States, will defend Taiwan militarily against China.

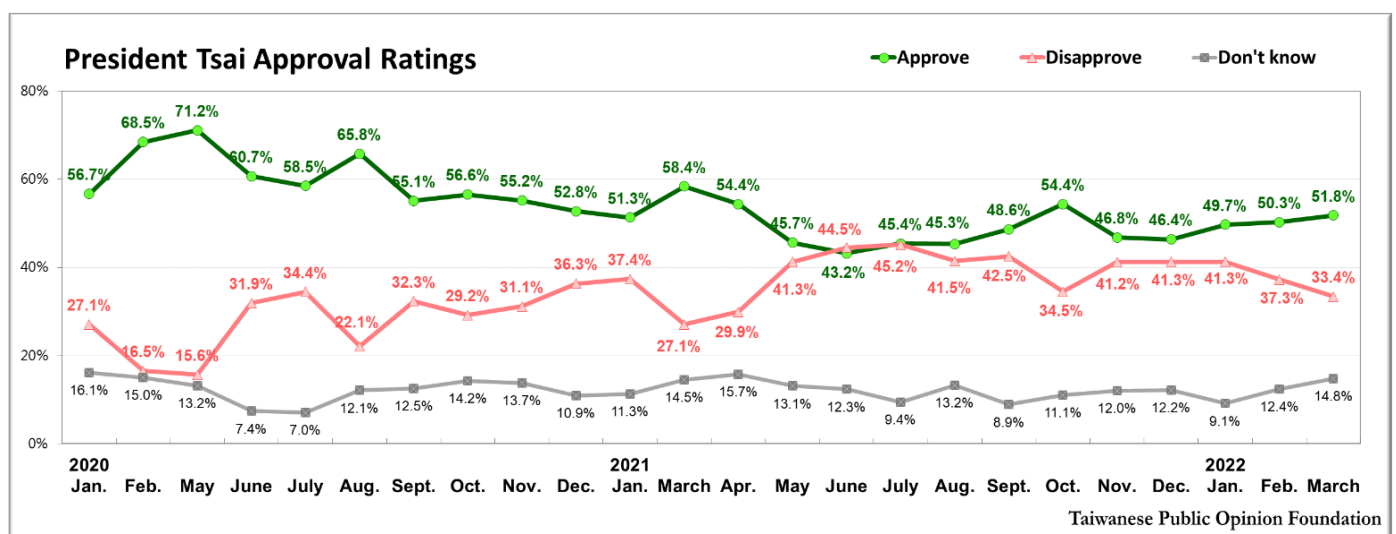


8. Concerning the ongoing debate on the length of Taiwan's compulsory military conscription, which was drastically shortened in 2017 from one-year to just four months, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 77% oppose the change while only 15% support it.

9. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 75.9% said they would support an extension of compulsory military service to one-year, while only 17.8% oppose. Unsurprisingly, the age group that opposes the potential change the most is among those aged 20-24, of which 26% oppose but a majority of 56% still support it. Among all other age groups more than three-quarters of respondents said they support extending the military service.

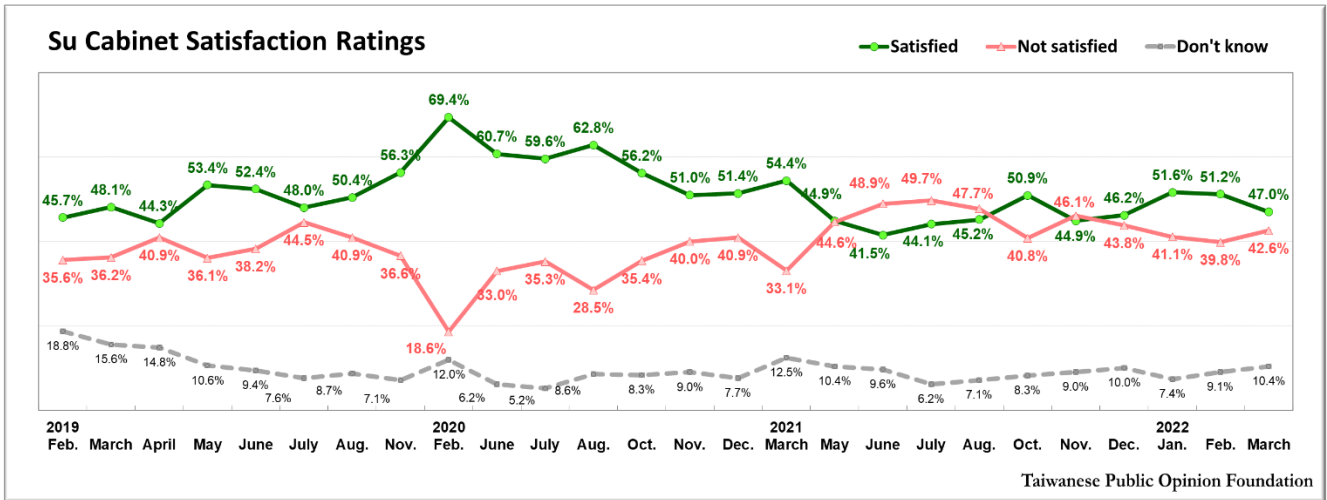


10. On the Presidential job approval rating, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 51.8% approved of the way Tsai Ing-wen is handling her job as the President, while a minority of 33.4% expressed disapproval.



11. On the performance of Premier Su Tseng-chang cabinet, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 47% were satisfied of the way Su

cabinet is handling the government, while the other 42.6% were not satisfied.



12. On political party affiliation, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 36.1% said they support the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 14% support the Kuomintang (KMT), 13.5% support the Taiwan People's Party (TPP), 2.8% support the New Power Party (NPP), 2.5% support the Taiwan State-building Party (TSP), and 29.1% respondents identified themselves as independents.

