



## **Taiwan Public Opinion Foundation**

### **June 2025 Public Opinion Poll – English Excerpt**

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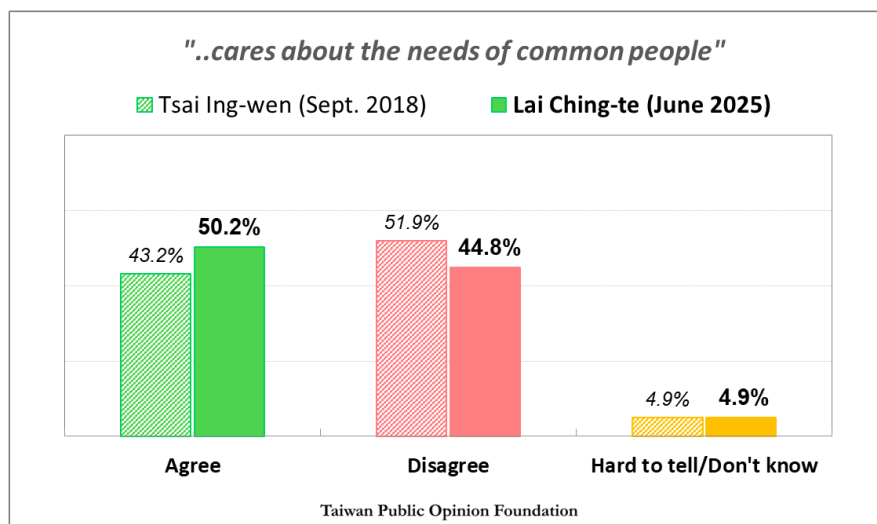
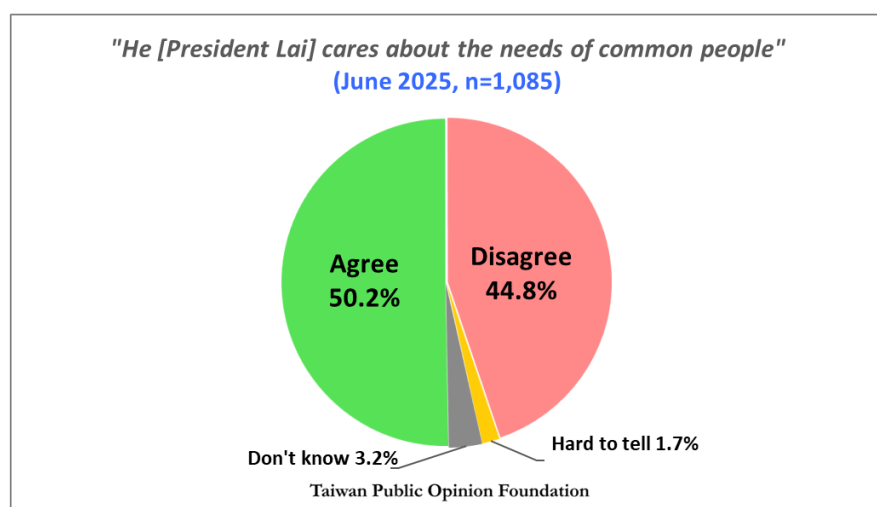
**Taiwan Public Opinion Foundation** (TPOF) today released the result of its June 2025 nation-wide poll. This marks the 105th monthly survey conducted by the TPOF aimed at tracking the development and changes in Taiwan's public opinion. The full release in Chinese language is available on our official website.

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

This survey was conducted on June 9-11, 2025, with a sample size of 1,085. Adults 20 years of age and older residing in Taiwan were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline and cellphone numbers were drawn through dual-frame random sampling with a proportion of 70% from landlines and 30% from cellphones. 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  $\pm 2.98$  percentage points with 95% level of confidence.

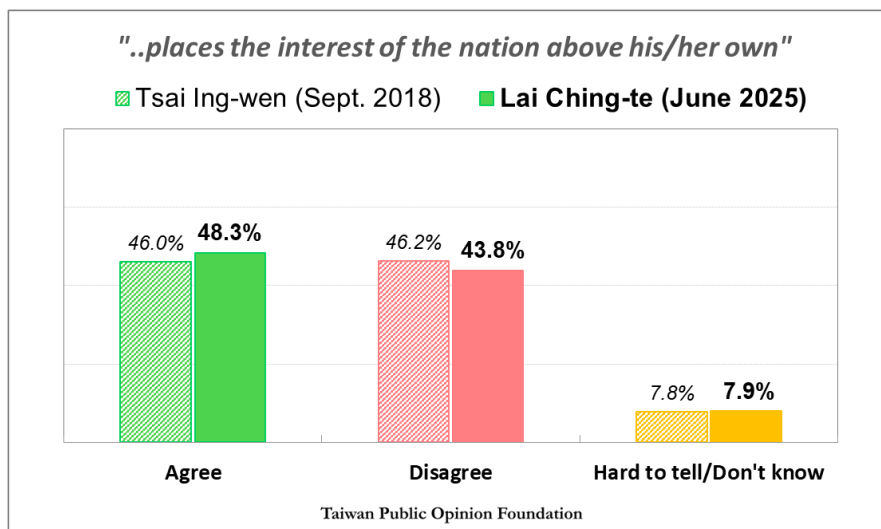
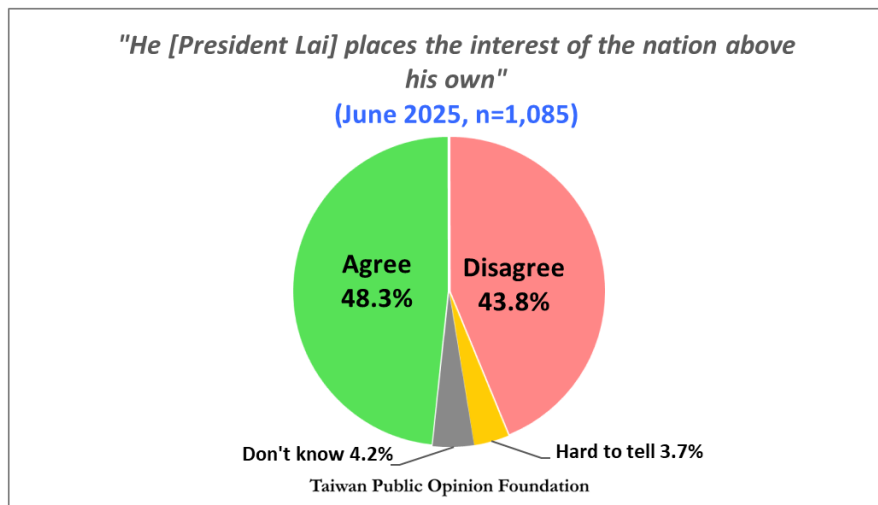
## Main Findings:

1. President Lai Ching-te has been in office for a year. The poll asked seven questions regarding Taiwanese public's perceptions of President Lai's character, leadership, and presidency. In addition, these results can be directly compared to those of former President Tsai Ingo-wen's poll records when she was in the third year of her office. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 50.2% agree with the statement that President Lai cares about the needs of common people, while a minority of 44.8% disagree. On this topic Lai is currently viewed more favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in September 2018.

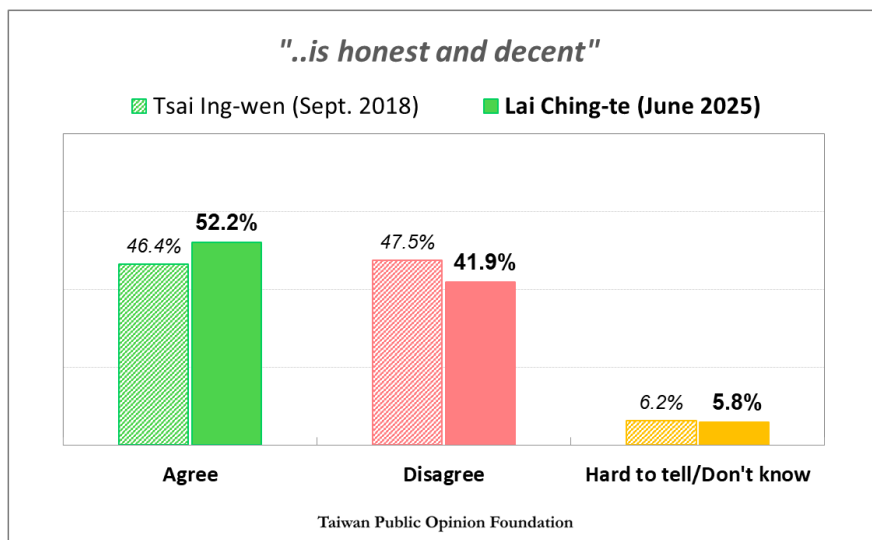
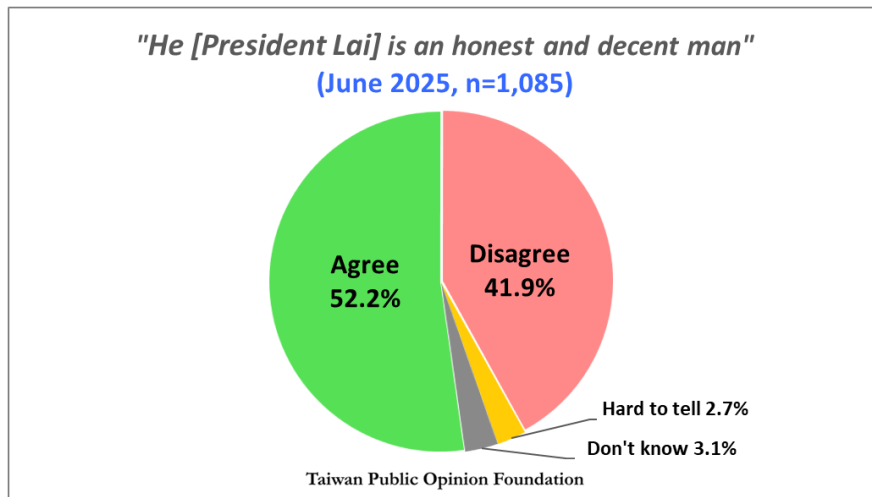


2. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 48.3% agree with the statement that President Lai places the interest of the nation above his own, while a minority of 43.8% disagree. On this topic Lai is currently viewed slightly more favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in

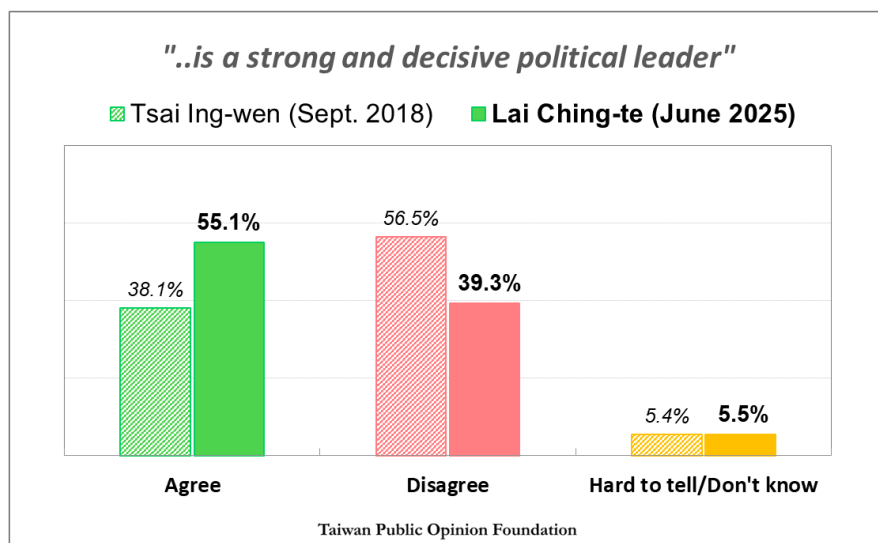
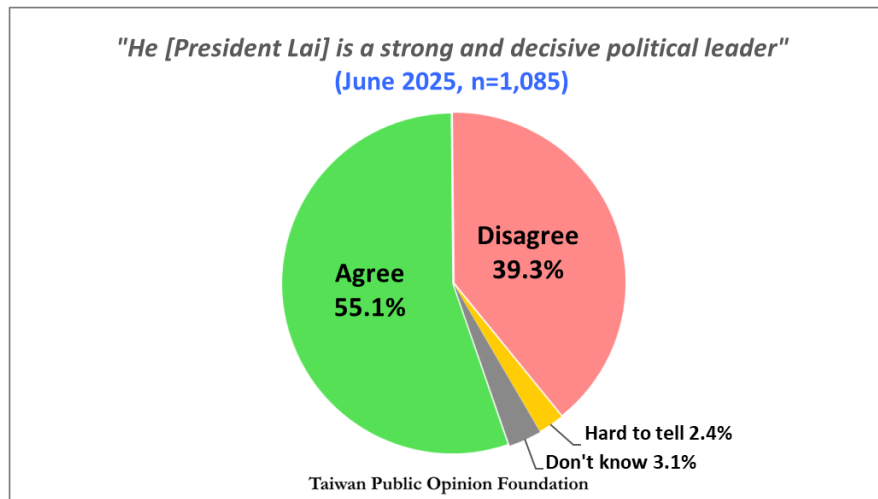
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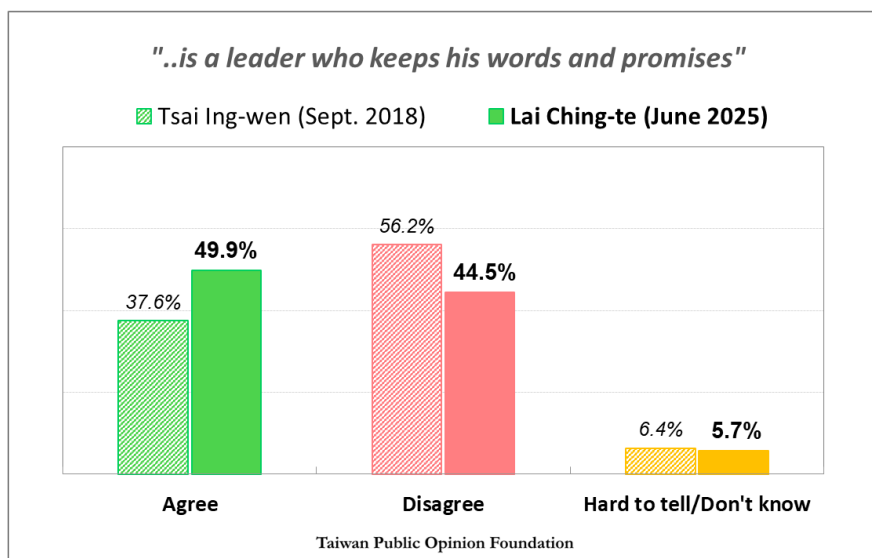
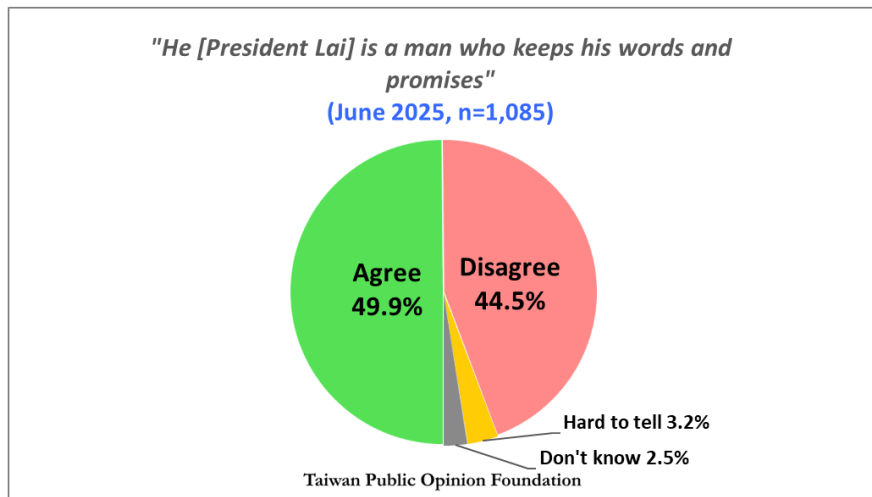
- The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 52.2% agree with the statement that President Lai is an honest and decent man, while a minority of 41.9% disagree. On this topic Lai is currently viewed more favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in September 2018.



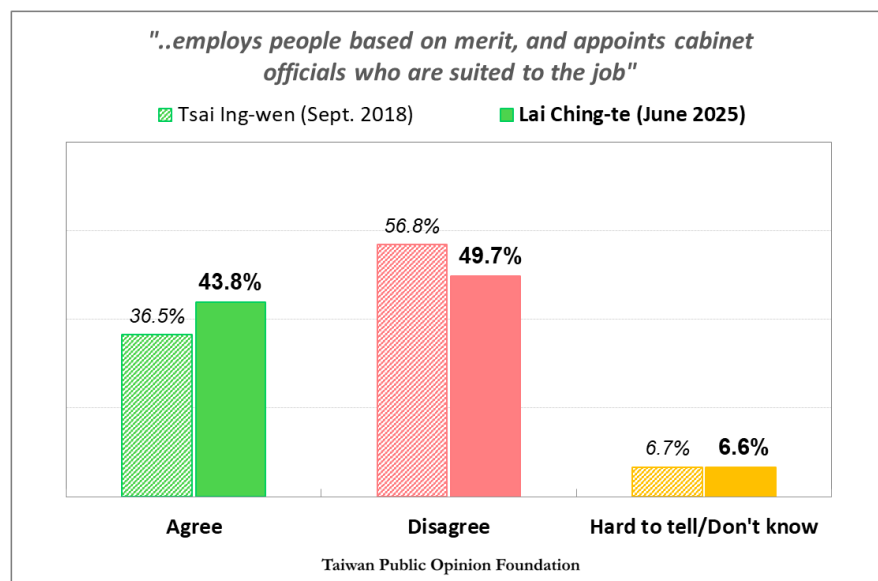
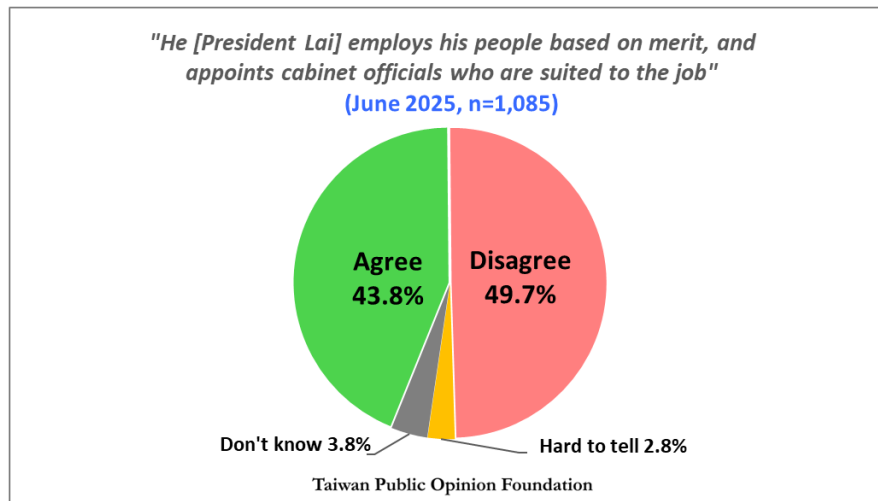
4. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 55.1% agree with the statement that President Lai is a strong and decisive political leader, while a minority of 39.3% disagree. On this topic Lai is currently viewed very favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in September 2018.



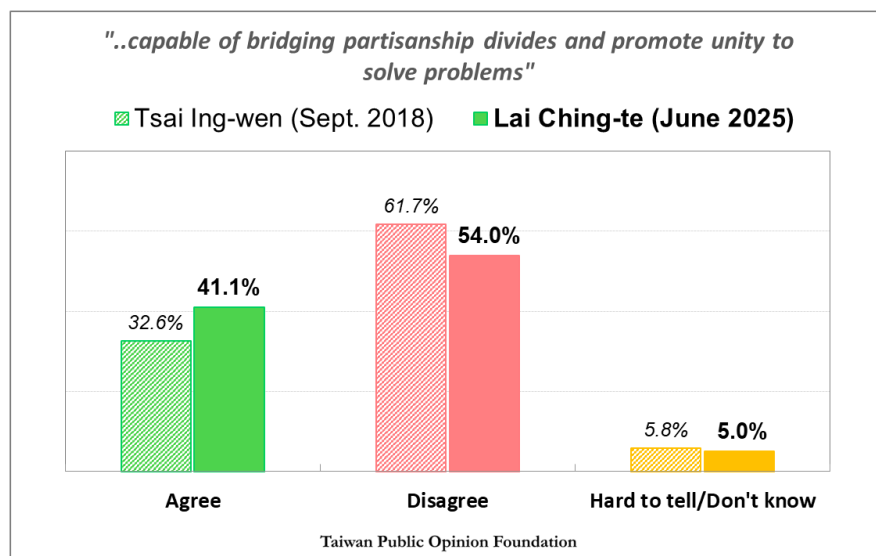
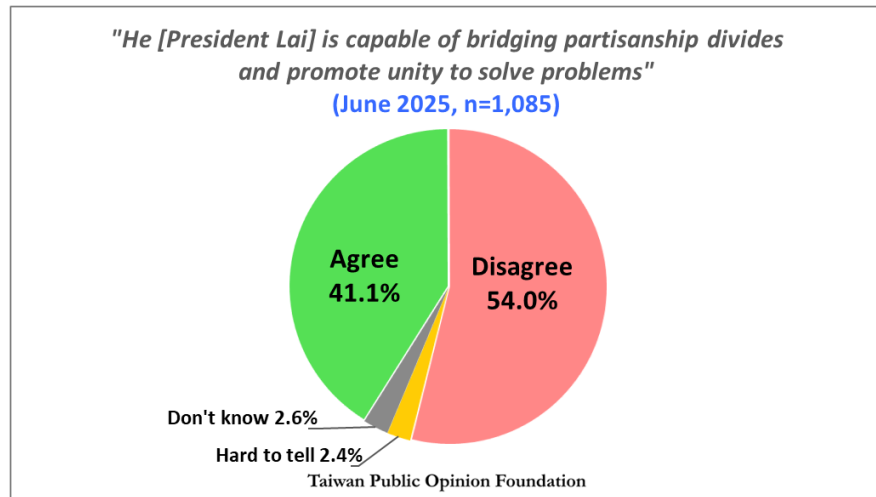
- The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 49.9% agree with the statement that President Lai is a man who keeps his words and promises, while a minority of 44.5% disagree. On this topic Lai is currently viewed very favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in September 2018.



6. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 49.7% disagree with the statement that President Lai is a man who employs his people based on merit and appoints cabinet officials who are suited to the job, while a minority of 43.8% agree. This means that Lai's appointments of personals and officials are currently perceived as subpar by the majority of Taiwanese public. However, on this topic Lai is currently still viewed more favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in September 2018.

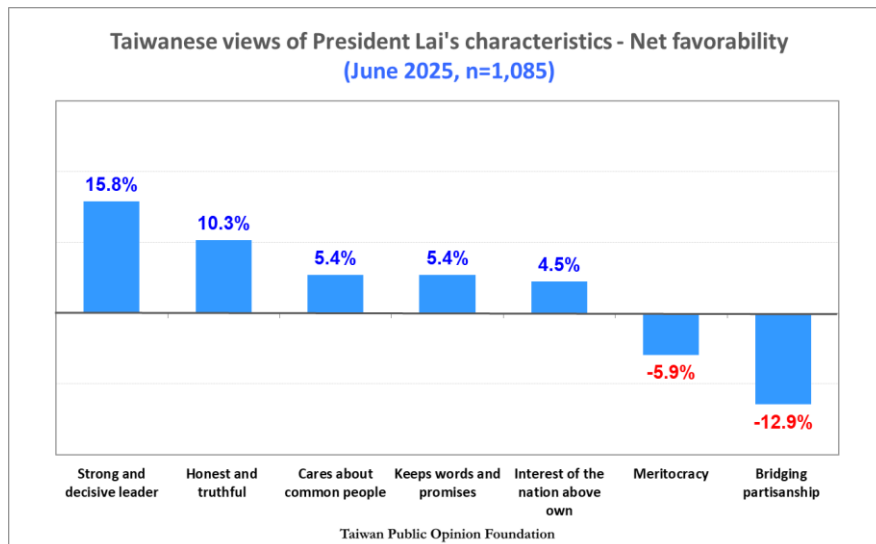


7. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 54% disagree with the statement that President Lai is capable of bridging partisanship divides and promote unity to solve problems, while a minority of 41.1% agree. This means that the majority of Taiwanese public do not perceive Lai as a president capable of bridging partisanship. However, on this topic Lai is currently still viewed more favorably compared to former President Tsai's record in September 2018.



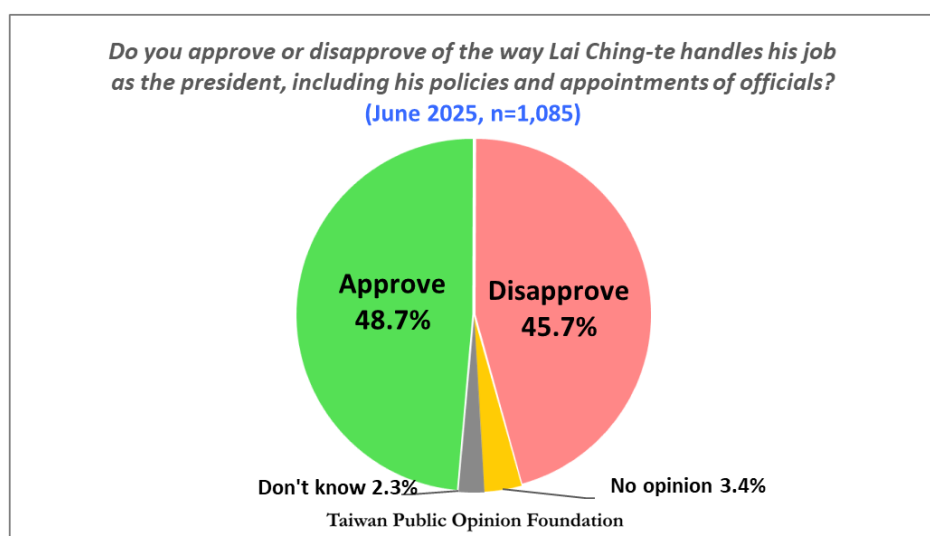
8. Overall, President Lai received the highest favorability on perceptions of characters in strong and decisive leadership and being honest and truthful. On the other hand, Lai's appointment of personnel and officials are perceived as lacking merit, while public perception of his ability of bridging partisanship is the lowest among all characteristics.

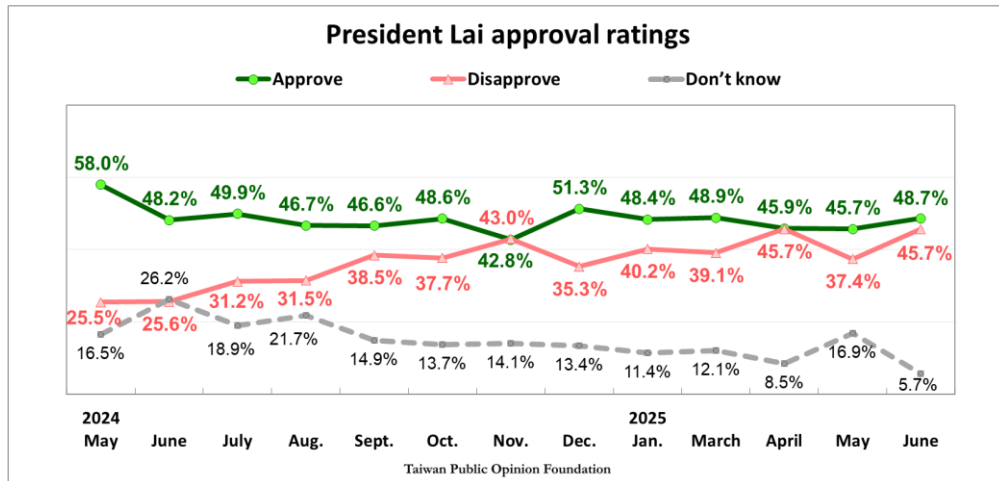




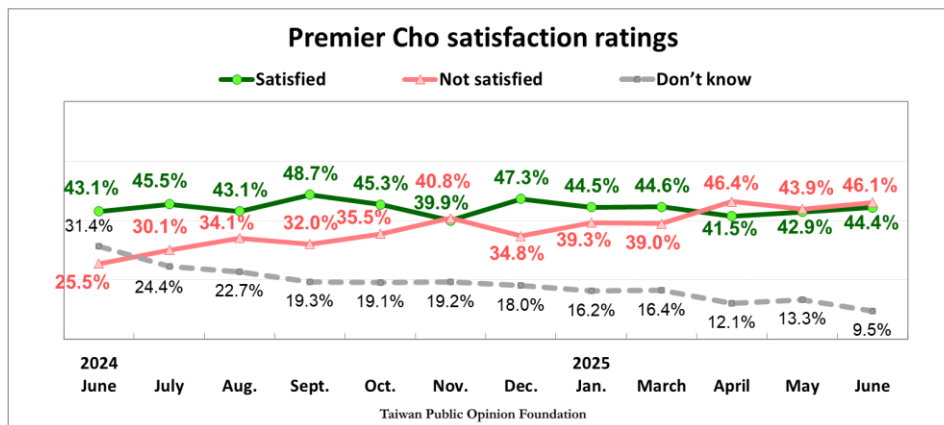
9. On President Lai Ching-te's approval rating, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 48.7% said they approve of the way Lai is handling his job as the president, while a minority of 45.7% disapprove of him. Compared to May, Lai's approval increased slightly but disapproval also rallied and increased significantly.

One year in office, Lai is still able to maintain a positive approval rating not by increasing the number of supporters but by keeping those who oppose him at constant or lower. Looking back at the past year, Lai ratings have mostly stayed at a positive, which indicates a presidency that has thus far enjoyed stable though not overwhelming support from the majority Taiwanese public.

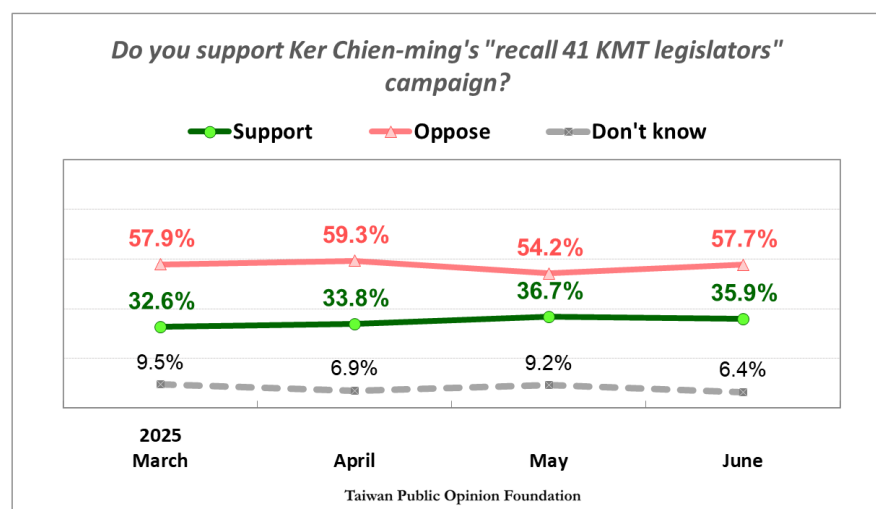
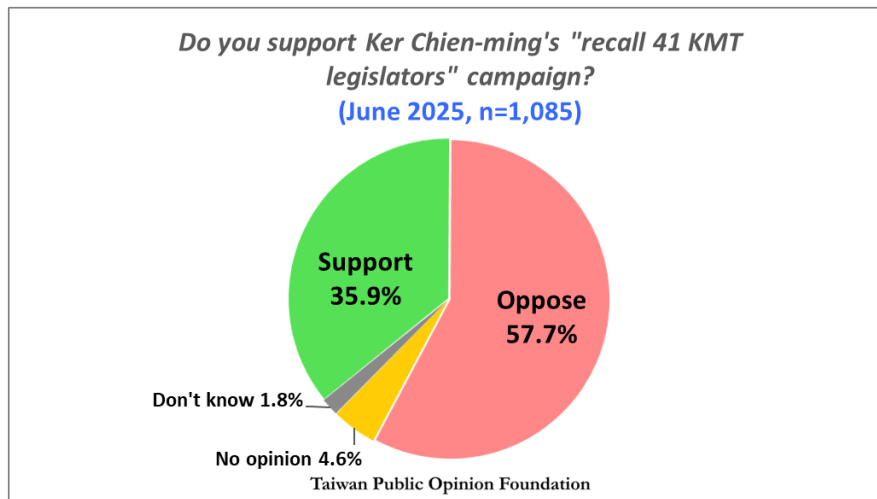




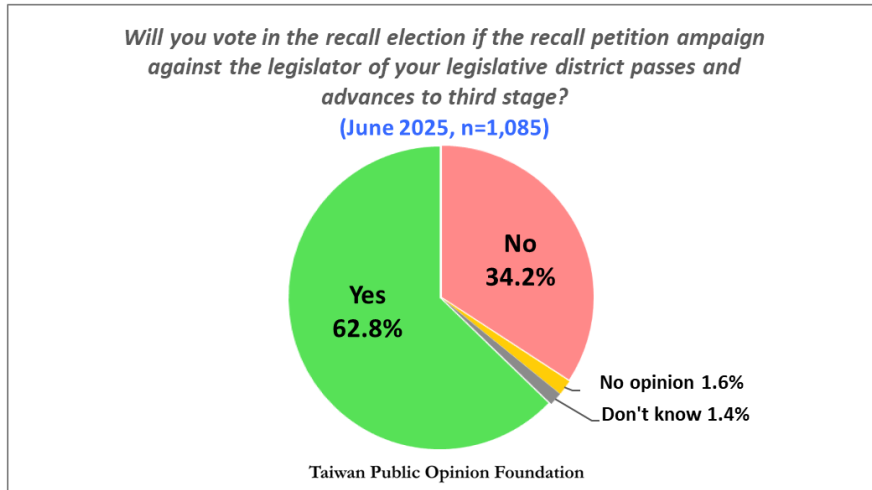
10. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 46.1% said they are not satisfied with the government cabinet under Premier Cho Jung-tai, while a minority of 44.4% are satisfied. This means that currently slightly more Taiwanese are not satisfied with the performance of the government cabinet under Cho's premiership.



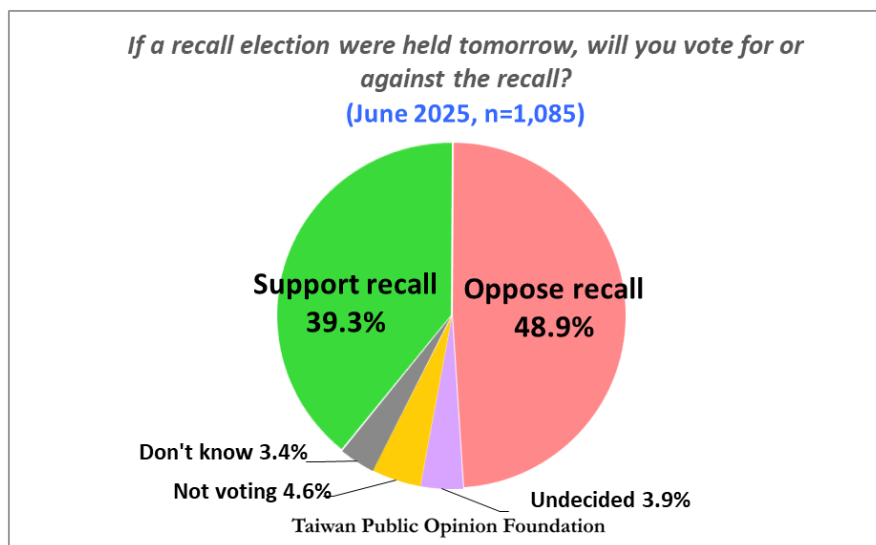
11. The ruling Democratic Progressive Party, led by its minority leader and political boss Ker Chien-ming, launched a nationwide recall campaign against 41 opposition legislators of the Kuomintang Party. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 57.7% oppose the DPP recall campaign, while a minority of 35.9% support it. Compared to May, there has been a slight increase in opposition to the recall campaigns while opposition decreased slightly. Looking at polls from past few months, it is very clear that majority of Taiwanese public do not support the mass recall campaign by the DPP.

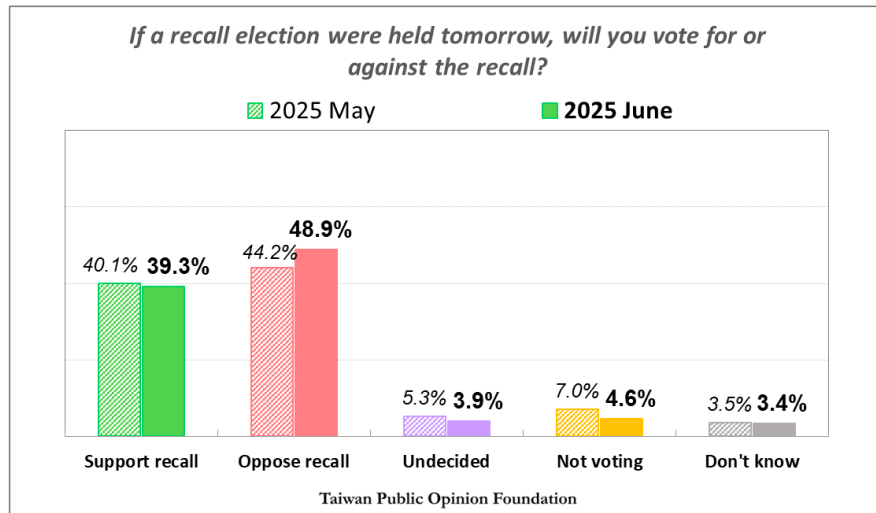


12. Per Taiwan election recall law, a recall campaign must gather valid petitions of at least 10% of the total eligible voters in that district. If a petition campaign is successful in gathering the required petitions, it will enter a third stage where a recall election will be held and a minimum of 25% recall votes out of all eligible voters are needed to successfully recall an office incumbent at this stage. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 62.8% said they will vote in the recall petition if the recall campaign in their district passes and advances to third stage, while a minority of 34.2% said they will not vote in recall election. This indicates a strong potential turnout in recall elections across the country, which could favor the partisan side that is organizing most of the recall campaigns, currently the ruling DPP.

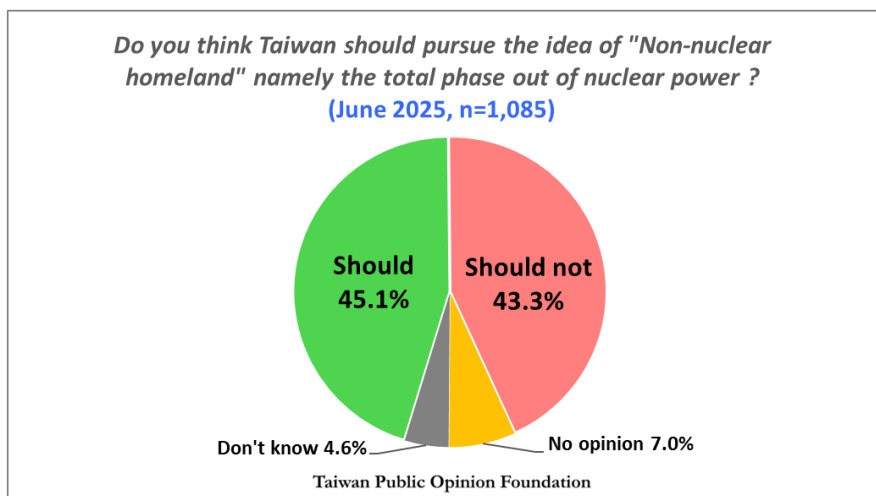


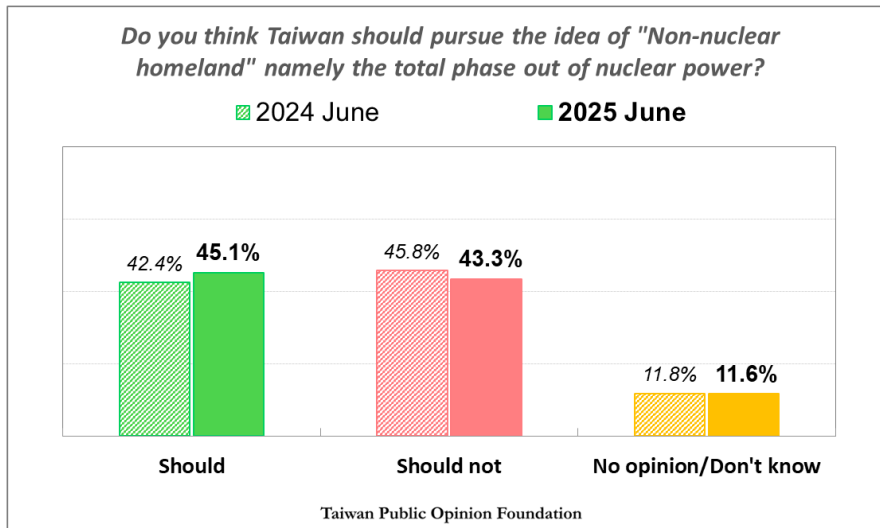
13. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 48.9% said they will vote against the recall if a recall election were held tomorrow at their district, while a minority of 39.3% support the recall. Notably, the percentage of those opposing the recalls increased by 4.7%. This means that opposition to the DPP-led recalls has been increasing slightly and this could very well influence the result of the final recall votes.



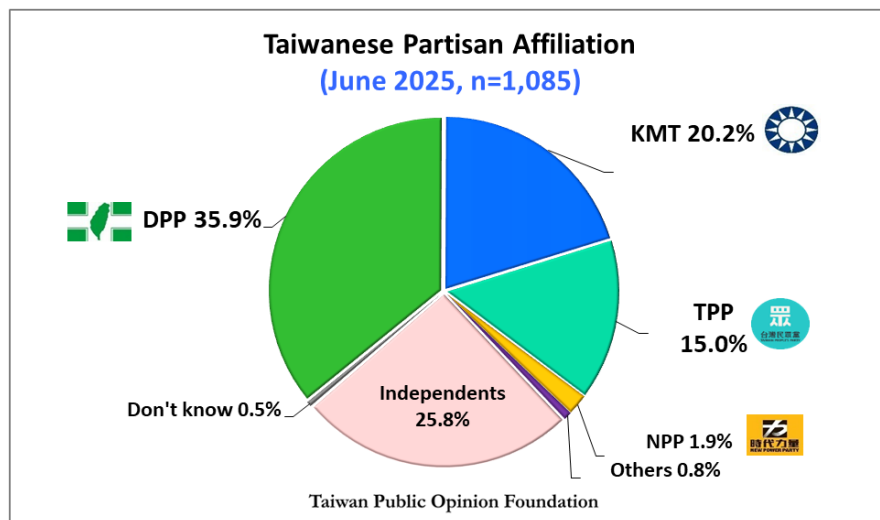


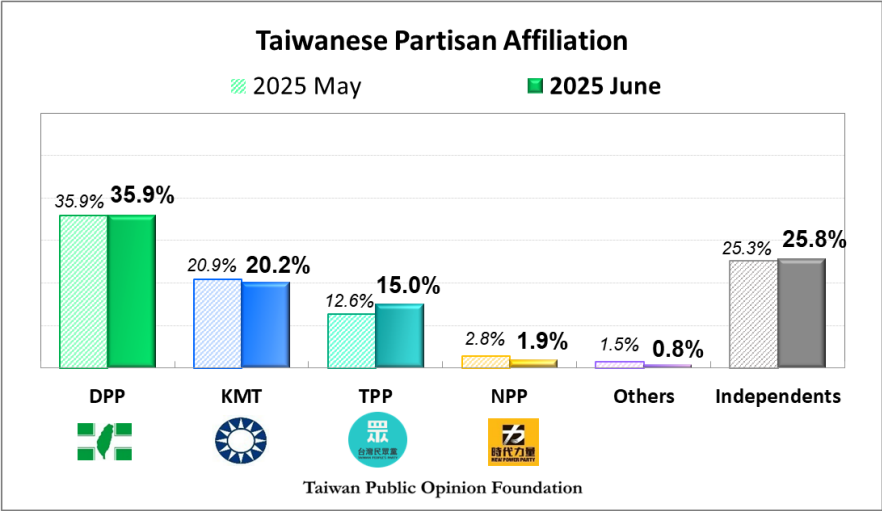
14. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 45.1% said it is worth for Taiwan to pursue the idea of “non-nuclear homeland” namely the total phase out of nuclear power, while a minority of 43.3% oppose it. Compared to same poll result one year ago, support for total phasing out of nuclear increased slightly and now outnumbered those who oppose it. Overall however, Taiwanese public still remain divided on the issue of nuclear power.





15. On political party affiliation, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 35.9% support the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 20.2% support the Kuomintang (KMT), 15% support the Taiwan People's Party (TPP), 1.9% support the New Power Party (NPP), and 25.8% respondents identified themselves as independent. Compared to May, there have been little changes to the balance of support between the ruling DPP and opposition KMT. However the support for third party TPP increased noticeably.





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