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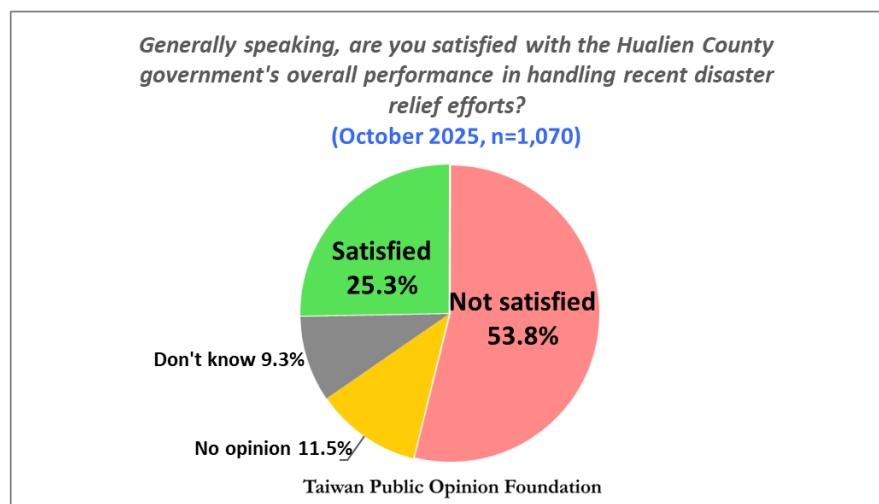
Taiwan Public Opinion Foundation (TPOF) today released the result of its October 2025 nation-wide poll. This marks the 109th monthly survey conducted by the TPOF aimed at tracking the development and changes in Taiwan's public opinion. The full release in Chinese language is available on our official website.

How the Survey was Conducted

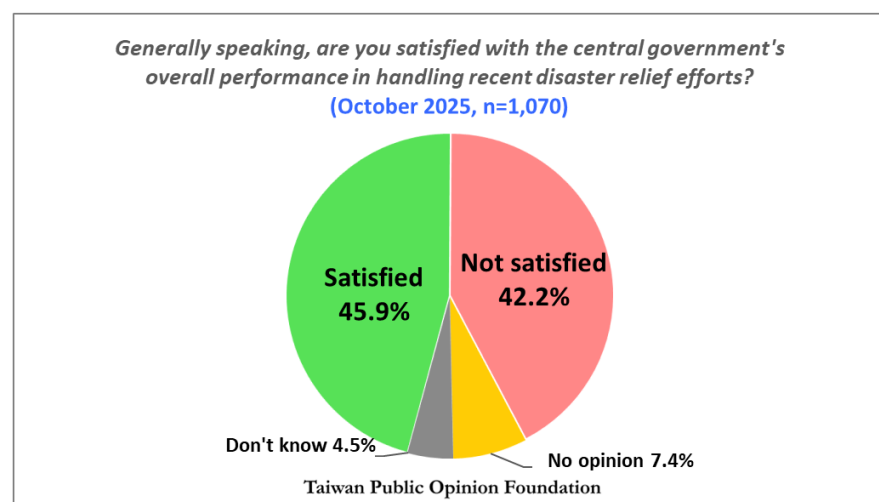
This survey was conducted on October 13-15, 2025, with a sample size of 1,070. Adults 20 years of age and older residing in Taiwan were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline and cellphone numbers were drawn through dual-frame random sampling with a proportion of 70% from landlines 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 ± 3.00 percentage points with 95% level of confidence.

Main Findings:

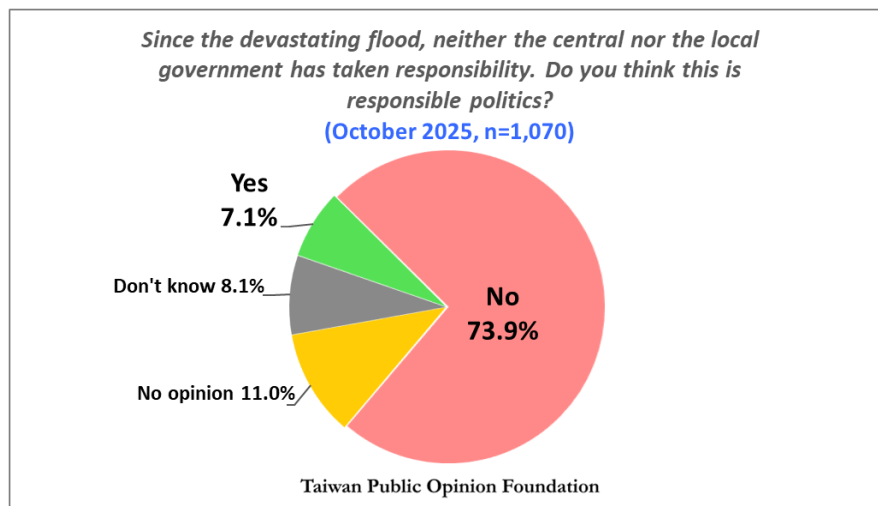
1. In September, a barrier lake in Hualien County overflowed due to Typhoon Ragasa, [causing severe flooding](#) and at least 14 people dead. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 53.8% were not satisfied with Hualien County government's disaster relief performance, while a minority of 25.3% were satisfied. Taiwan's ruling government and ruling party DPP have blamed the County government, which is led by a KMT magistrate, as having been insufficient in handling disaster relief.



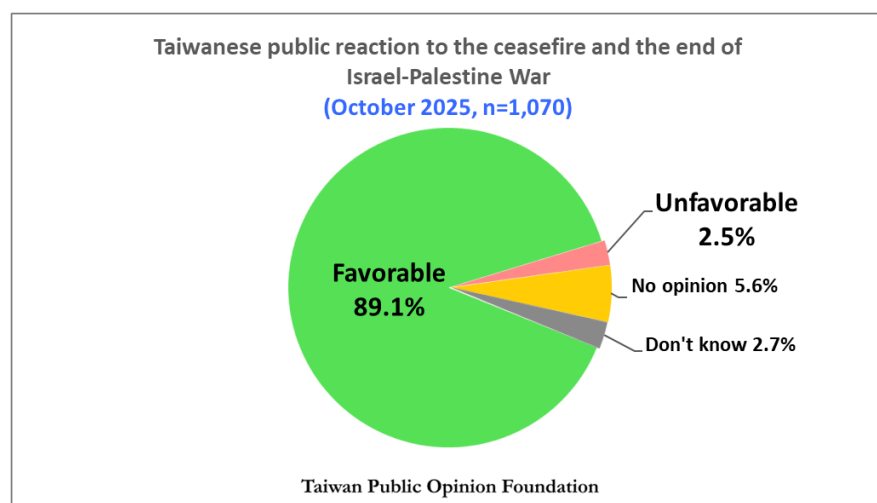
2. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 45.9% were satisfied with the central government's disaster relief performance, while 42.2% were not satisfied. In other word, Taiwanese public have mixed views on President Lai's central government's disaster relief performance, though slightly more people were satisfied with it.



3. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 73.9% think it is irresponsible that neither the central nor the local government has taken responsibility for the devastating Hualien flood. This means that most Taiwanese want to see some officials at the government take responsibility for the disaster, though neither the ruling central government nor the opposition-led local government wanted to do so.



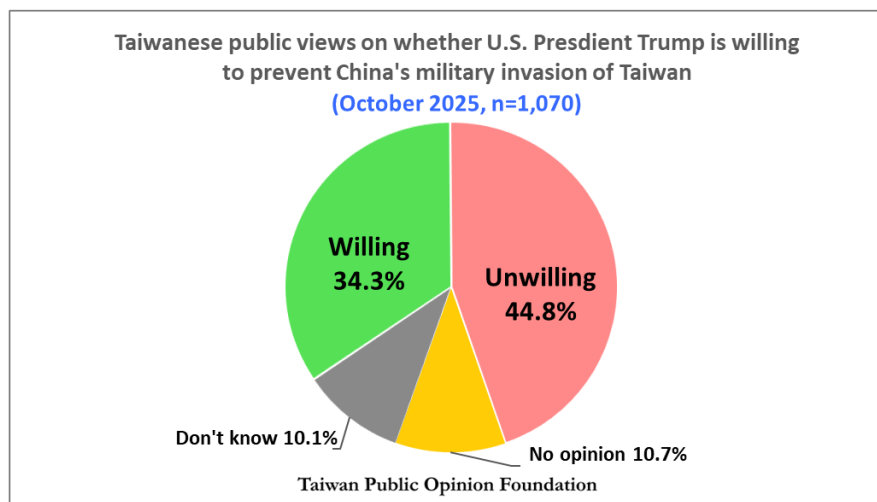
4. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a vast majority of 89.1% are favorable to the news of ceasefire and the end of Israel-Palestine War, which had waged for two years since October 2023. This means that Taiwanese public almost universally desired an end to the Israel-Palestine War.



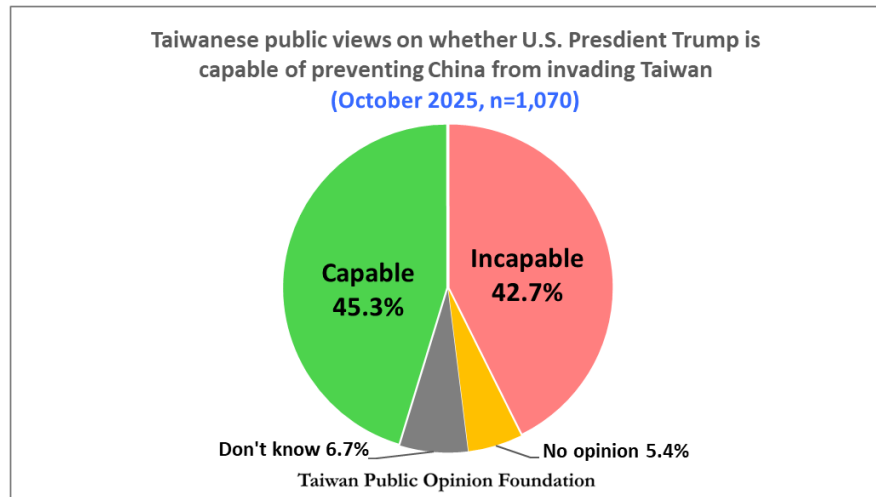
5. The poll asked “*US President Trump played a key role in facilitating the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Palestine. Given China's increasing military threats against Taiwan, do you think Trump is willing to prevent a Chinese military invasion of Taiwan?*” It was found that 44.8% said they do not believe Trump is

willing to prevent such an invasion, while 34.3% believe he is. This finding confirms the existence of a sense of pessimism among Taiwanese public, with most feeling that Trump is unwilling to prevent China from invading Taiwan. This insecurity further reflects a waning confidence in the United States among the Taiwanese public. Furthermore:

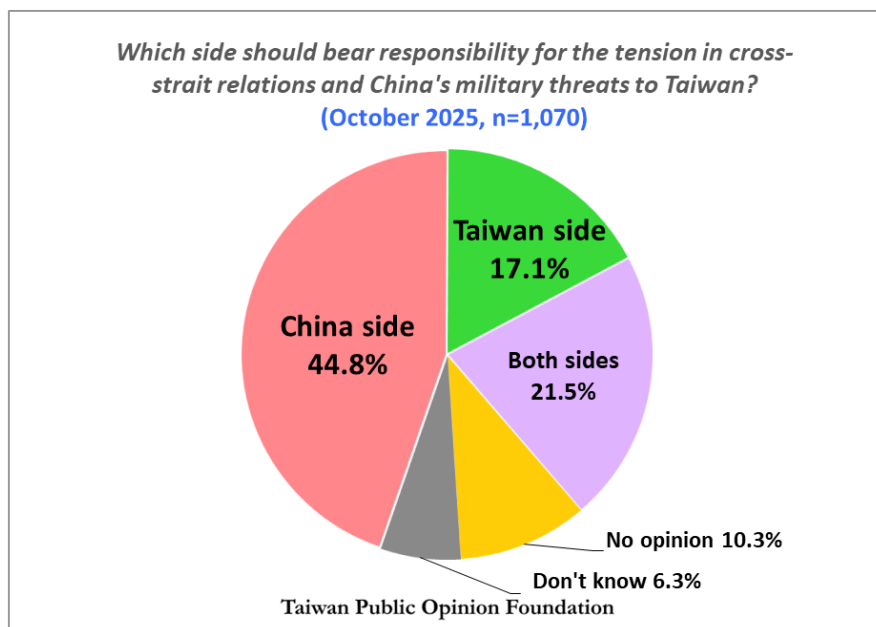
- Supporters of the ruling DPP mostly believe Trump is willing to prevent China from invading. However, supporters of opposition KMT and TPP and independents all lean toward majority skepticism.
- Those favor Taiwan independence tend to believe Trump is willing to prevent China, while those who favor maintaining status quo or unification with China do not believe in Trump.
- Younger people tend to believe Trump is willing to prevent China, while older people tend not to believe so. Among those age 20-24 and 25-34, more than 40% believe in Trump. While among those 45-54 and 55-64, more than 50% do not believe in Trump.



6. The poll asked, “Do you think U.S. President Trump is capable of preventing China from invading Taiwan?” It was found that 45.3% said they believe Trump is capable of preventing a Chinese invasion, while 42.4% do not believe so. Interestingly, more Taiwanese believe Trump is capable of preventing China from invading Taiwan, and yet more Taiwanese also believe Trump is unwilling to do so. This means that currently Taiwanese public are still somewhat confident in the capability of the U.S. in protecting Taiwan, yet they are doubtful on the willingness of the U.S. leadership in doing such.

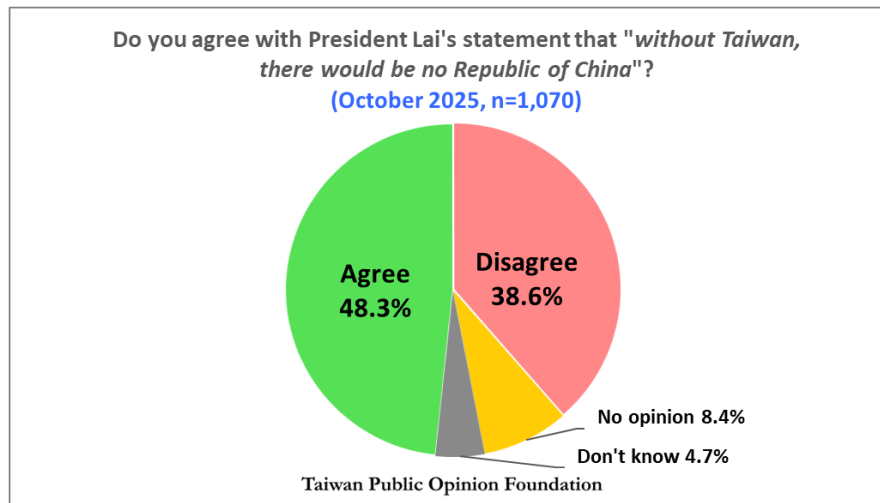


7. The poll asked respondents which side they think should bear responsibility for the tension in cross-strait relations and China's military threats to Taiwan. It was found that 44.8% blame it on the China side, while only 17.1% blame it on Taiwan, 21.5% blame it on both sides. This means that more Taiwanese public see China as responsible for cross-strait tensions and risk of war. However, this view is far from a universal consensus, and the significant minority that blame it on Taiwan or both sides also reflects division of views among the Taiwanese.

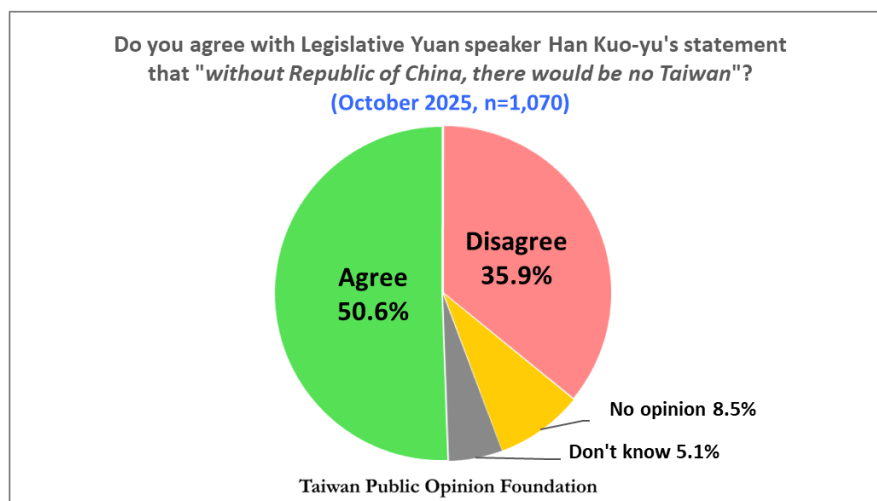


8. On the night before the National Day of the Republic of China (ROC), President Lai Ching-te said that “Without Taiwan, there would be no Republic of China.” The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 48.3% agree with Lai’s statement, while 38.6% disagree. Such important declaration from Lai

regarding Taiwan's status seems to have the support of only a plurality, with significant minority disagree with it. Does this mixed reaction have something to do with Lai's declining popularity in recent months? It remains to be seen.

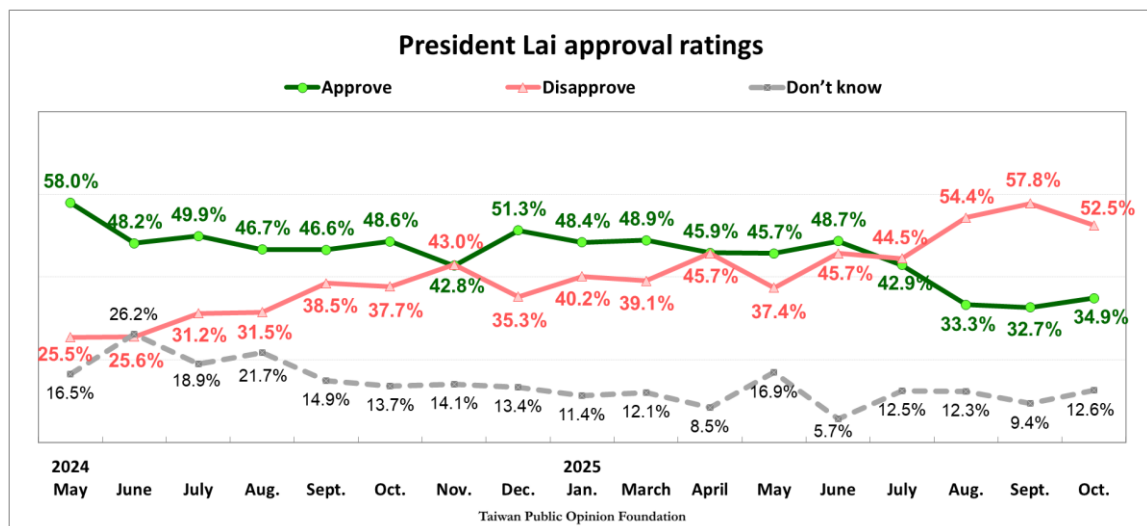
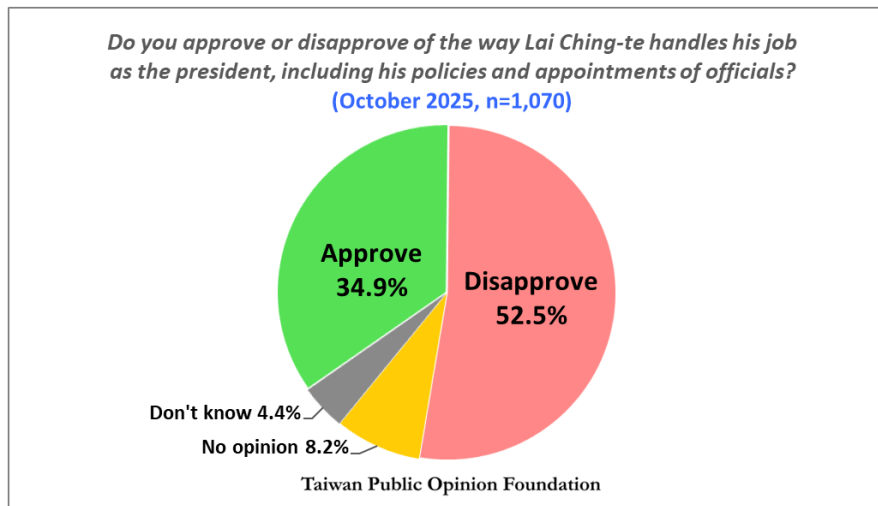


9. In response to President Lai's speech, Han Kuo-yu, the speaker of Legislative Yuan and a prominent KMT figure, said in his separate National Day speech that "without Republic of China, there would be no Taiwan." The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 50.6% agree with Han's statement, while a minority of 35.9% disagree. Interestingly, Taiwanese public now agree with Han's interpretation of ROC being necessary for the existence of Taiwan, even more so than President Lai's interpretation of Taiwan being necessary for the existence of the ROC.

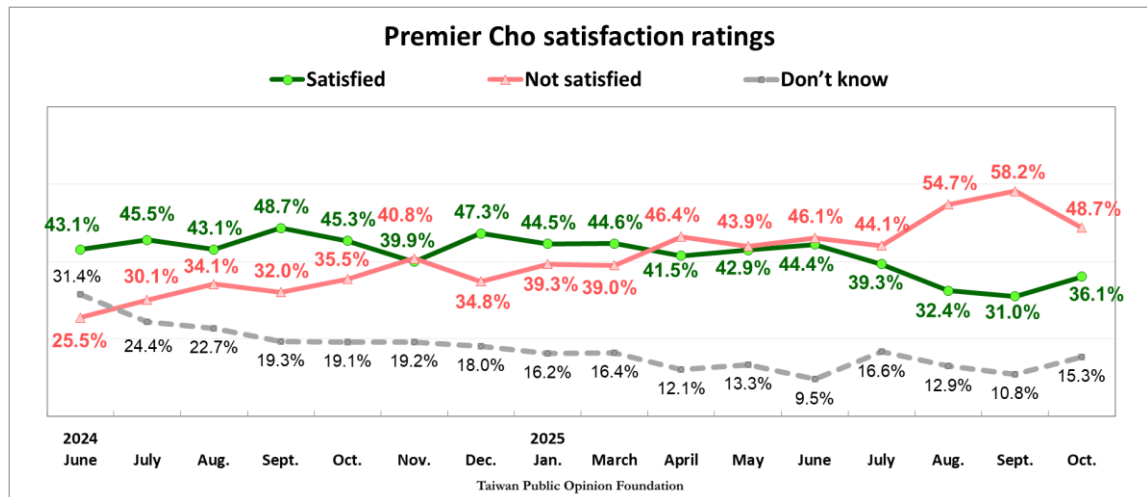


10. On President Lai Ching-te's approval rating, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 52.5% said they disapprove of the way Lai is handling his job as the president, while a minority of 34.9% approve of

him. Compared to September, disapproval of Lai dropped slightly while approval increased slightly. However, Lai’s presidential approval rating remains low and unpopular.



- The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 48.7% said they are not satisfied with the government cabinet under Premier Cho Jung-tai, while a minority of 36.1% are satisfied. Compared to September, Cho Cabinet’s satisfaction noticeably recovered though is still in the negative.



12. On political party affiliation, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 32.9% support the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 21.9% support the Kuomintang (KMT), 14.4% support the Taiwan People's Party (TPP), 1.9% support the New Power Party (NPP), and 27.3% respondents identified themselves as independent. Compared to September, the ruling DPP's support increased slightly, while KMT's support dropped slightly. While the DPP continues to be the most popular party, the combined support for opposition KMT and TPP would still outnumber the DPP.

