



## **Taiwan Public Opinion Foundation**

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

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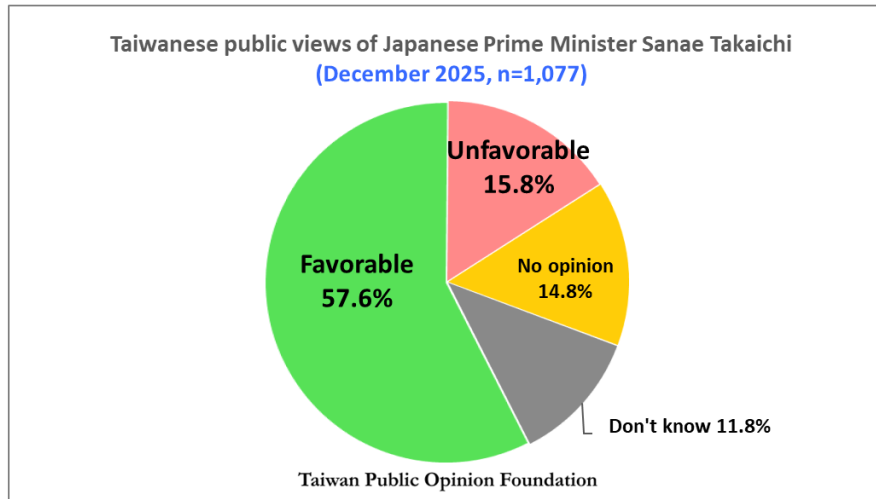
**Taiwan Public Opinion Foundation** (TPOF) today released the result of its December 2025 nation-wide poll. This marks the 111st monthly survey conducted by the TPOF aimed at tracking the development and changes in Taiwan’s public opinion. The full release in Chinese language is available on our official website.

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

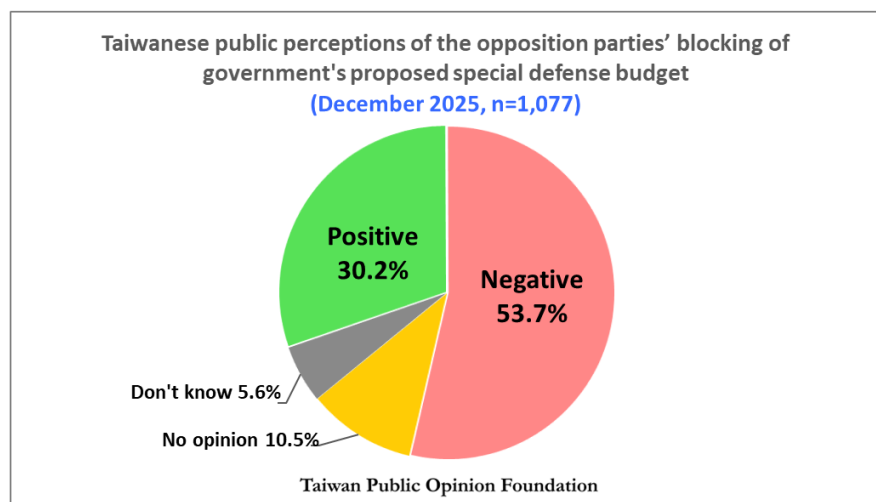
This survey was conducted on December 15-17, 2025, with a sample size of 1,077. Adults 20 years of age and older residing in Taiwan were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline and cellphone numbers were drawn through dual-frame random sampling with a proportion of 70% from landlines 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  $\pm 2.99$  percentage points with 95% level of confidence.

## Main Findings:

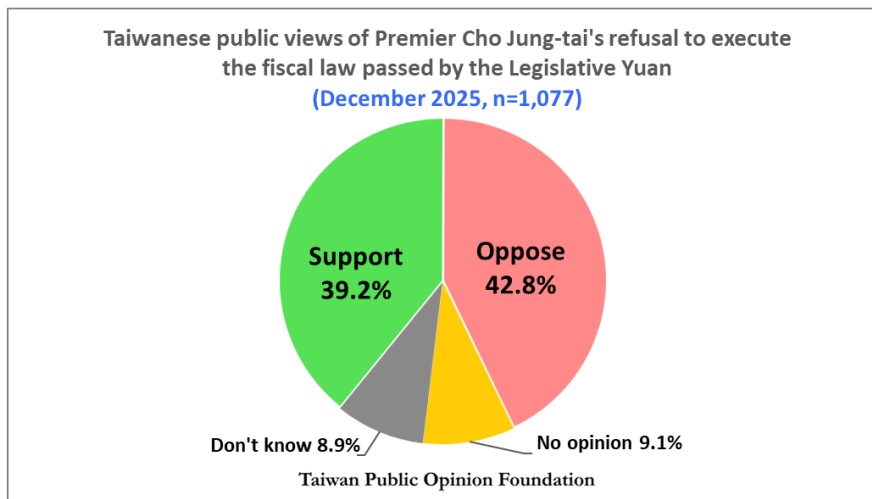
1. Sanae Takaichi, Japan's first female prime minister who recently took office, made [world headlines](#) in November when she said that a Chinese attack on Taiwan could prompt Japan to take military action in self-defense. The comment ignited a diplomatic spat with China. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 57.6% hold favorable views of Takaichi, while only 15.6% hold unfavorable views.



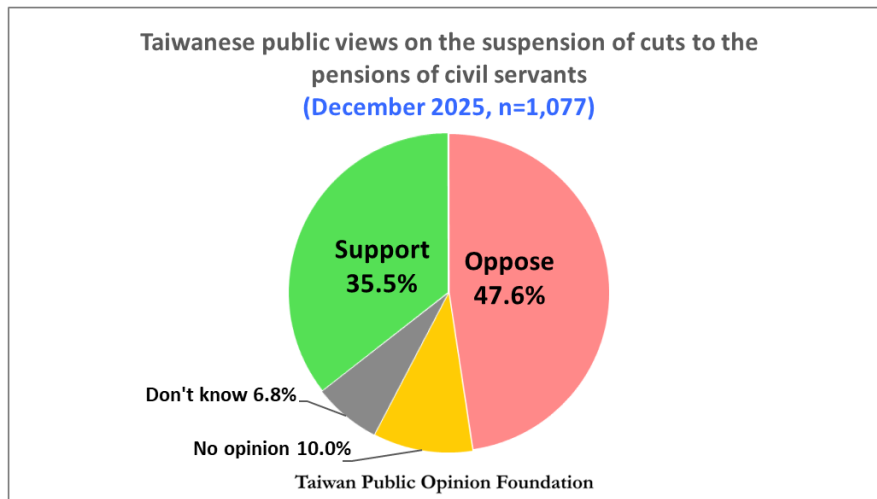
2. The ruling Lai government proposed a special defense budget of NT\$1.25 trillion (US\$40 billion), which has been [blocked](#) by opposition Kuomintang (KMT) and Taiwan People's Party (TPP) in the Legislative Yuan. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 53.7% view the blocking of the budget negatively, while a minority of 30% view it positively. This means the opposition's blocking is not supported by most Taiwanese public.



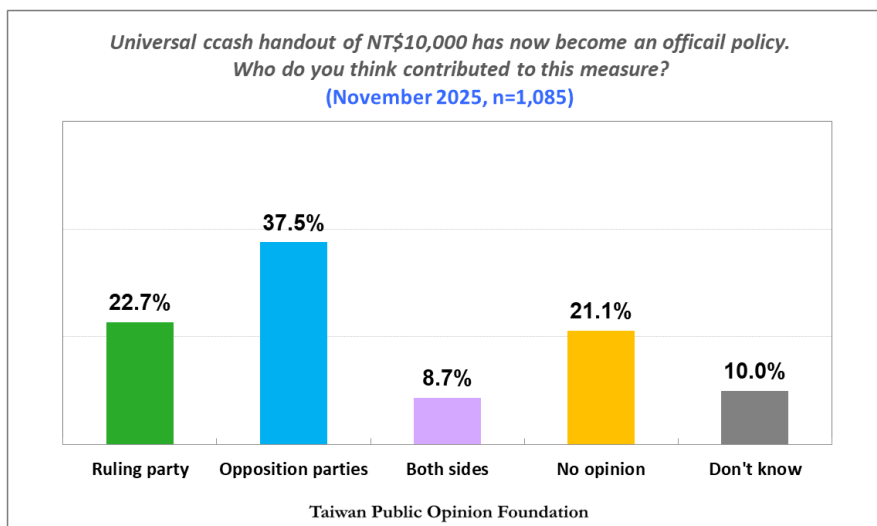
3. Over past month, Taiwan’s ruling government and opposition parties have been in a bitter fight over a fiscal law passed by the opposition-controlled Legislative Yuan, which the ruling party strongly opposed. Premier Cho Jung-tai refused to countersign and execute the “Act Governing the Allocation of Government Revenues and Expenditures”, in response the opposition accused Cho of negligence of constitutional duty. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 42.8% oppose Cho’s action, while 39.2% support it. This means that Taiwanese public are heavily divided over Premier Cho’s unprecedented obfuscation of legislation, though slightly more people oppose his action.



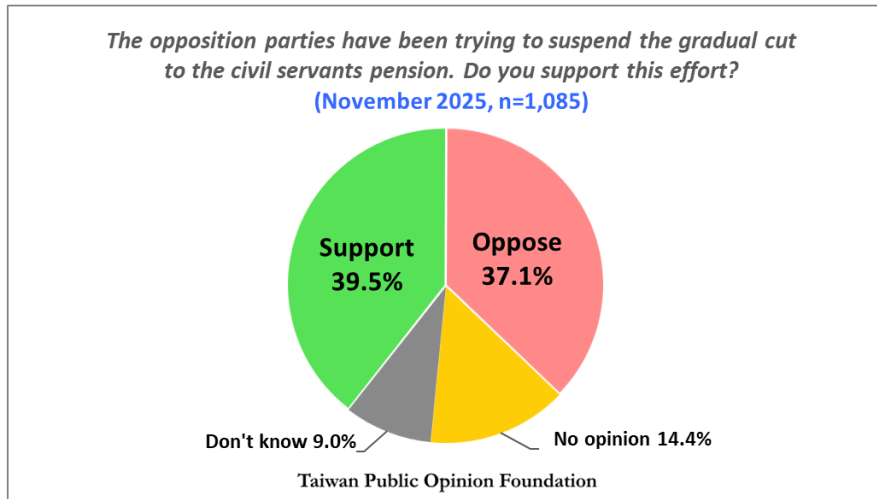
4. Since 2020, civil servants in Taiwan have been subject to a gradual income ratio cut to their pensions, which the opposition parties particularly the KMT have been trying to suspend. On December 12, the opposition-majority in the Legislative Yuan passed a bill that suspended the gradual pension cuts. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 47.6% oppose the suspension of the cuts, while 35.5% support it. This means that majority of Taiwanese are not in favor of opposition’s rush to suspend the pension cuts.



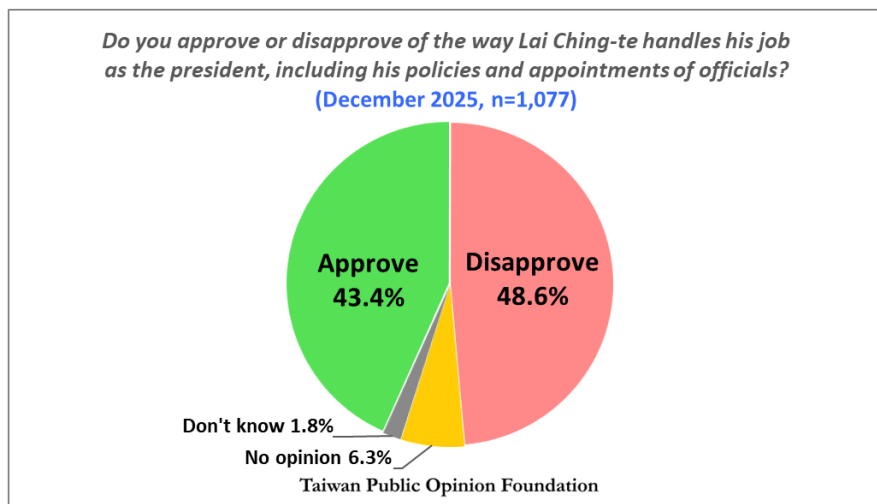
5. The proposed NT\$10,000 universal cash handout to the public, which was heatedly debated over a period of time, has finally been implemented recently. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 37.5% credited the measure to the opposition parties, 22.7% credited it to the ruling party DPP, 8.7% credited it to both sides. Even though the ruling DPP was the one ultimately decided on distributing the handout, the public credited it to the opposition.

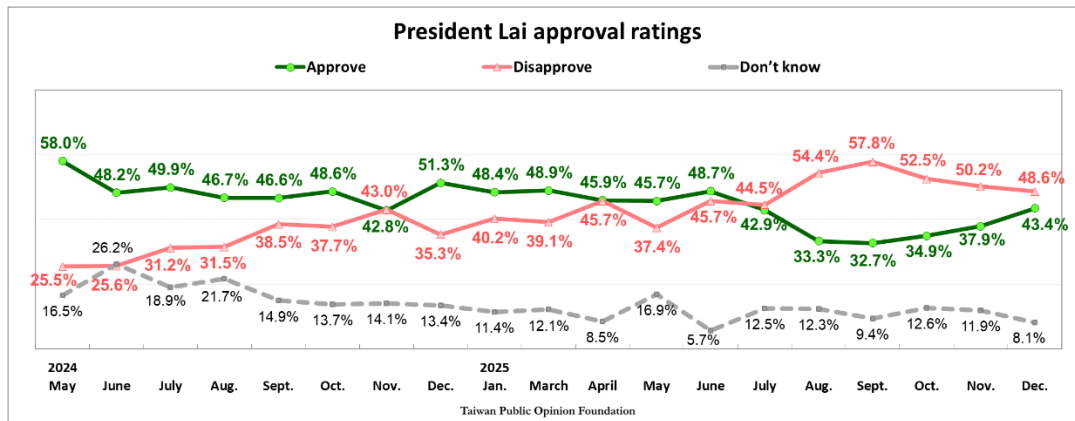


6. Since 2020, civil servants in Taiwan have been subject to a gradual income ratio cut to their pensions, cut which the opposition parties particularly the KMT have been trying to suspend. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 39.5% support the opposition's effort to suspend the cut, while 37.1% oppose it. This means that Taiwanese public are heavily divided on the issue, but there is no longer a majority public support to cutting civil servant pension compared to when former President Tsai introduced those cuts.

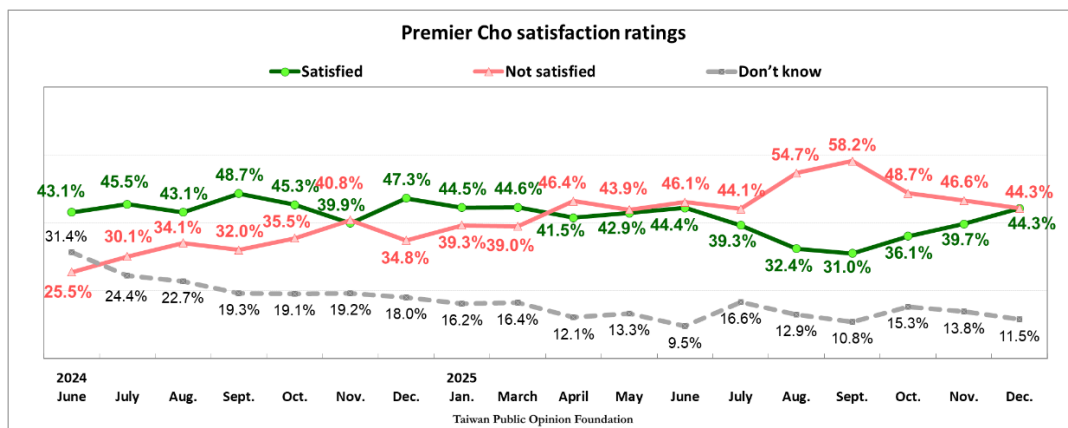


7. On President Lai Ching-te’s approval rating, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 48.6% said they disapprove of the way Lai is handling his job as the president, while 43.4% approve of him. Compared to November, disapproval of Lai has continued to drop, while approval has continued to increase. Even though overall approval still remains negative, the trend of past few months suggests Lai is on a clear path to recover to majority approval.



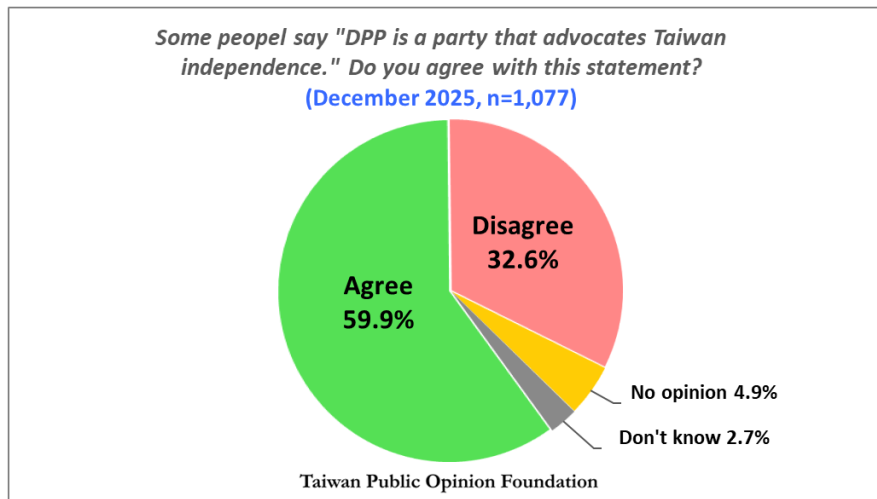


8. The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 44.3% said they are not satisfied with the government cabinet under Premier Cho Jung-tai, while 44.3% are satisfied. Taiwanese are now equally divided on the performance of Cho's cabinet. From the trend of last few months, it can be clearly observed that the satisfaction has been recovering along with President Lai's approval ratings.

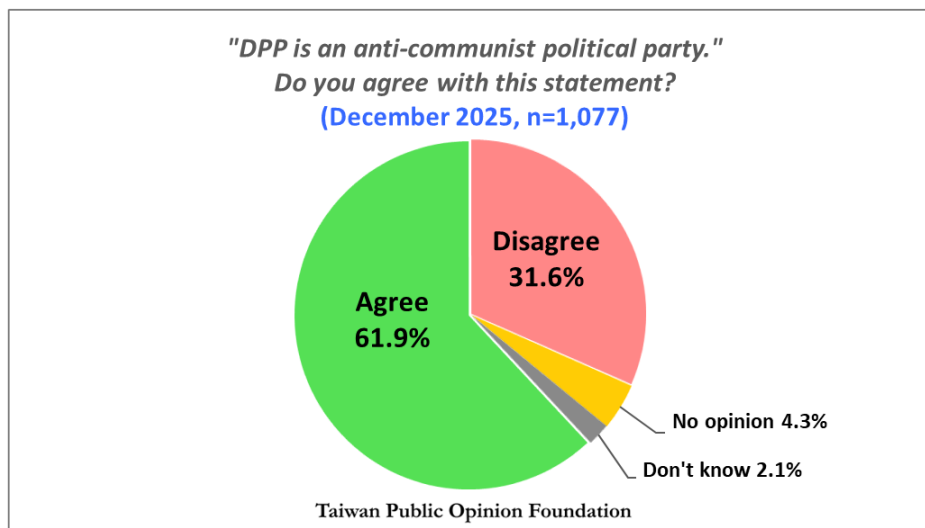


9. The poll asked a series of questions concerning the public's impression of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). One of the founding principles of the DPP written in its party charter stated the party advocates Taiwan independence as the ideal political future for Taiwan.

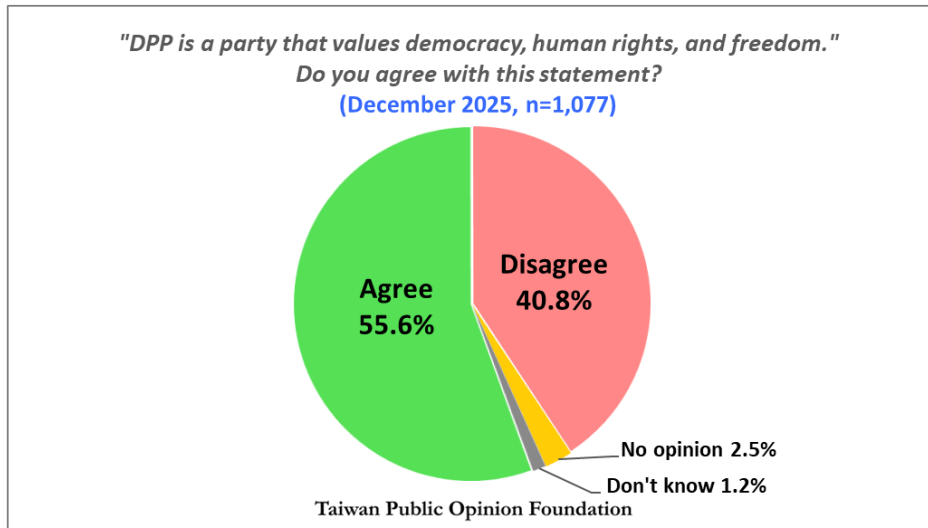
The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 59.9% say they agree with the description that DPP is a party for Taiwan independence, while a minority of 32.6% disagree. Given that polls have consistently found Taiwan independence to be the most popular political preference among Taiwanese, such public impression of the party is more of an asset rather than liability to the party's long term popularity.



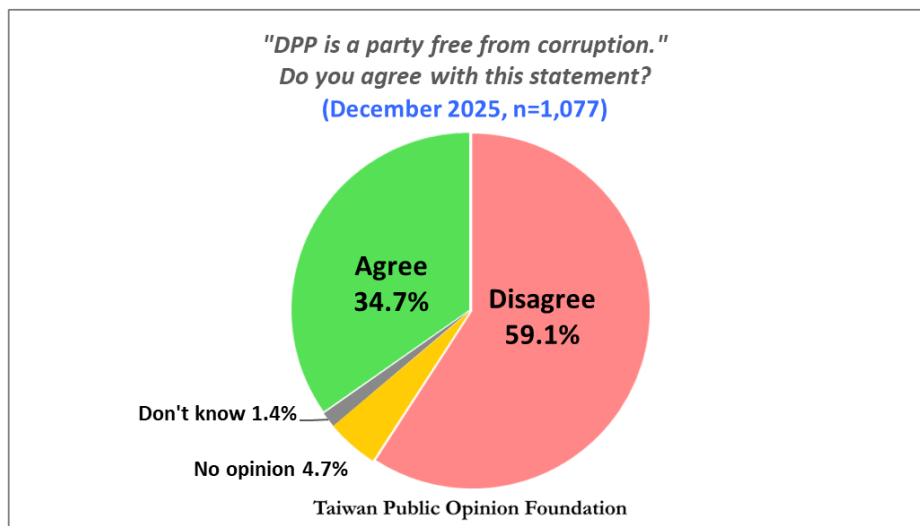
The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 61.9% agree with the statement that “DPP is anti-communist”, while only 31.6% disagree with it. This indicates that DPP’s strong public stance against Chinese Communist Party convinced most Taiwanese that the party is fundamentally anti-communist.



The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 55.6% agree with the statement that “DPP is a party that values democracy, human rights, and freedom”, while 40.8% disagree. While the majority of Taiwanese affirm DPP’s adherence to these values, as many as 40% of the people still do not see the party as such. For a political party that started as and spearheaded the drives for democracy during the early years of Taiwan’s democratization, this is still not an ideal result for the DPP.

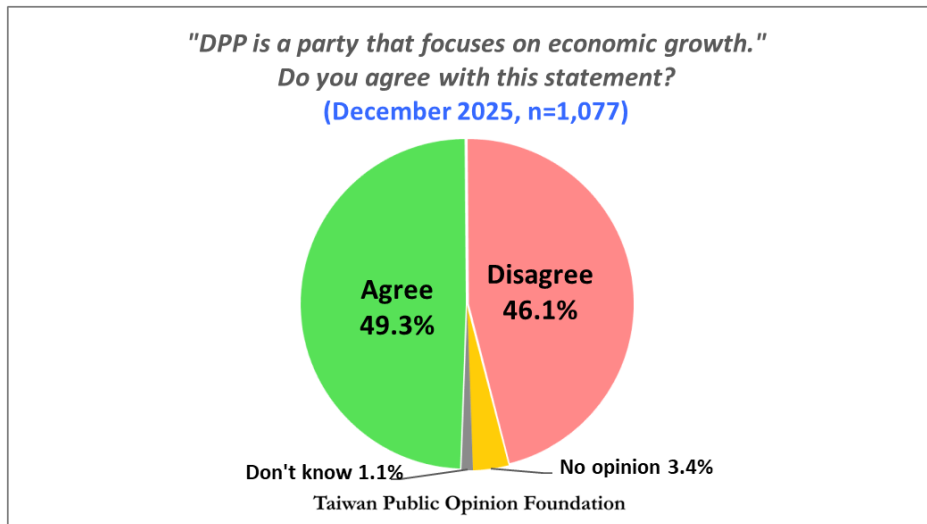


The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 59.1% disagree with the statement that “DPP is a party free from corruption”, while a minority of 34.7% agree. Despite the fact that DPP was founded as a party opposing political corruption, most public now ironically see DPP as having been tainted by images of corruption after many years in power. Even among supporters of DPP, a significant 25% do not think the party is free from corruption.



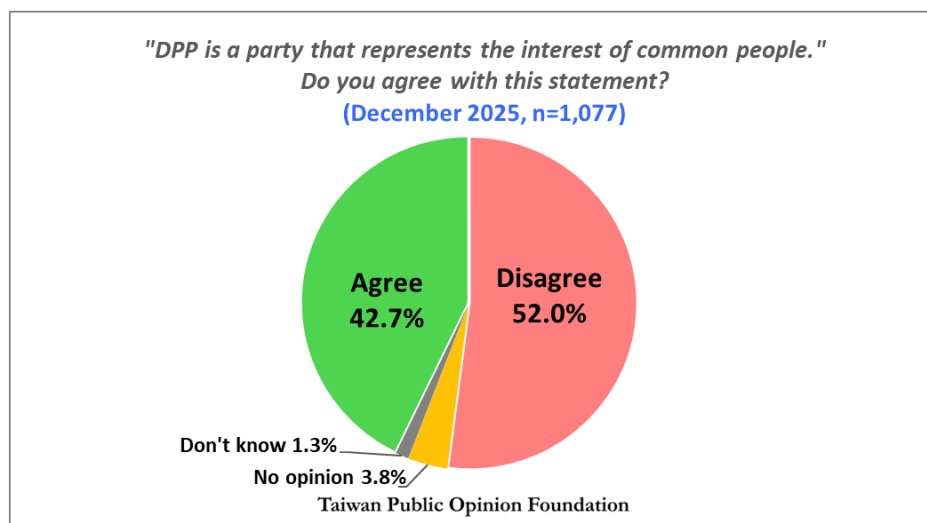
The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 49.3% agree with the statement that “DPP is a party that focuses on economic growth”, while 46.1% disagree. This means Taiwanese public are divided as to whether DPP is focusing on economic growth. For many years the KMT consistently portrayed the DPP as a party that “good at exploiting power but does not understand how economy works.” This negative portrayal seems to have stuck with the DPP at least for

some Taiwanese.



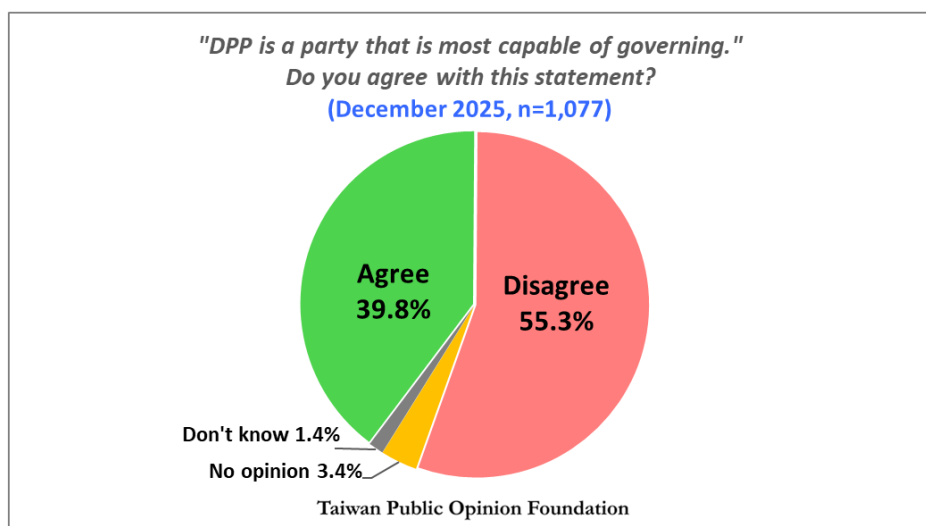
The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 52% disagree with the statement that “DPP is a party that represents the interest of common people”, while a minority of 42.7% agree. This means that the majority of the public perceive DPP as a party representing other interest groups but not the interest of the common people.

This is ironic considering the DPP started off as a party primarily supported by farmers and blue-collar working class. After many years in power, majority of the public today clearly do not see the DPP as a grassroot-oriented, “party for the common people” anymore.

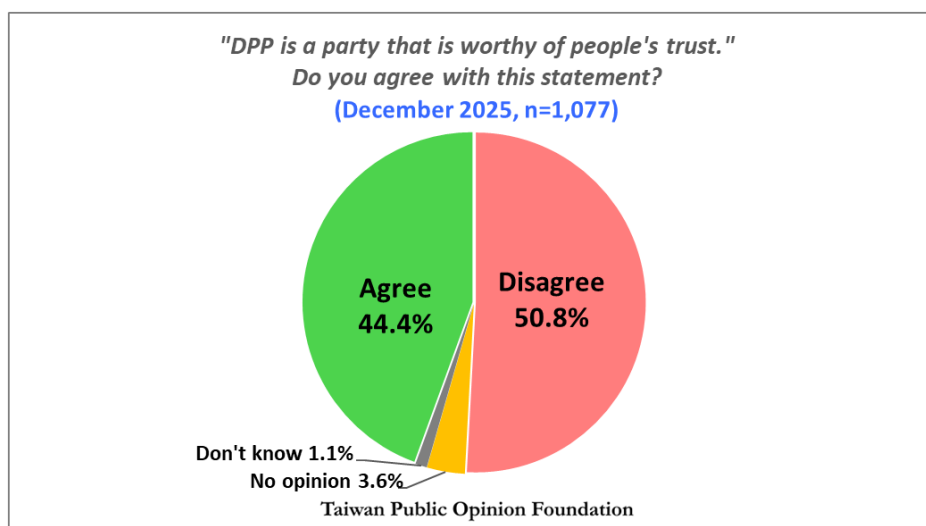


The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 55.3% disagree with the statement that “DPP is a party that is most capable of governing”, while a minority of 39.8% agree.

Notably, the only age group that has majority agreeing with DPP's ability to govern are those 65 and above, all other age groups are skeptical of such. When looking at education attainments, the only groups with majority seeing DPP as capable are the two with lowest education attainments of middle school and below.

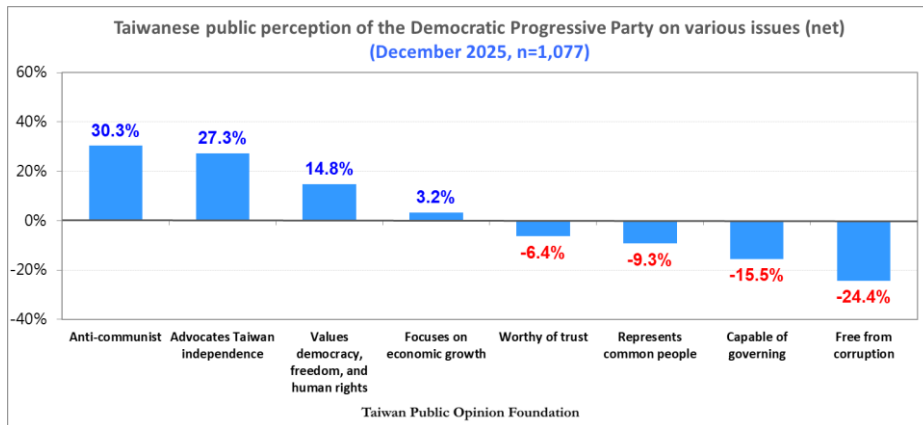


The poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, a majority of 50.8% disagree with the statement that "DPP is a party that is worthy of people's trust", while a minority of 44.4% agree. This means majority of public do not see the DPP as a trustworthy party.



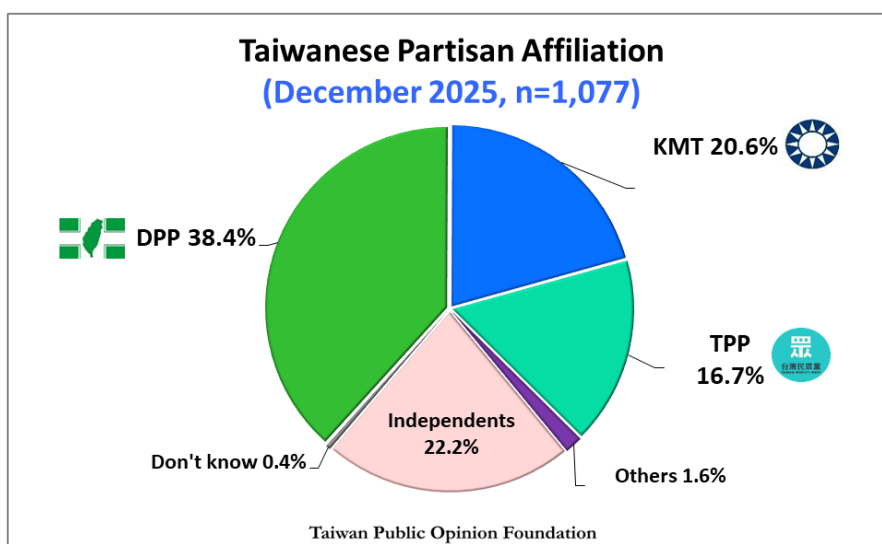
Overall, majority of Taiwanese public see DPP as a party with staunch anti-communist stance, advocating Taiwan independence, while also seeing it as a party in line with the values of democracy, freedom, and human rights. These are DPP's current strong suits. On the other hand, majority of public do not see the DPP as a party capable of governing. The public also associated the party with

image of corruption. How can DPP improve its image in these areas, that will be a very important challenge for its party leadership and the party as a whole.



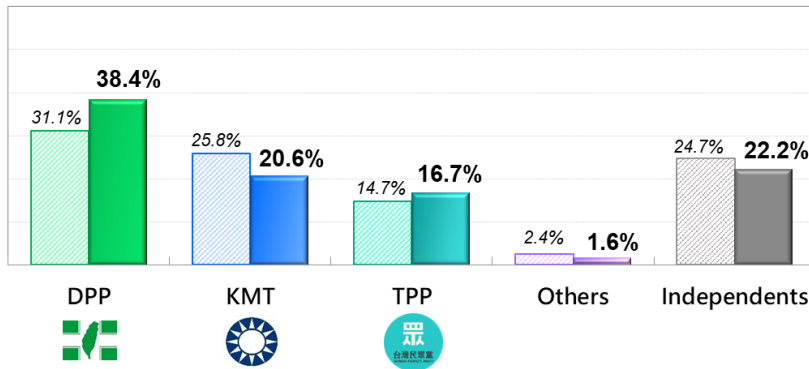
10. On political party affiliation, the poll finds among Taiwanese adults aged 20 years and older, 38.4% support the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 20.6% support the Kuomintang (KMT), 16.7% support the Taiwan People's Party (TPP), 1.6% support other minor parties, and 22.2% of respondents identified themselves as independent. Compared to November, the ruling DPP's support significantly increased by 7.3%, while opposition KMT's support decreased yet TPP saw a slight increase.

What explains the DPP's increase in support? The ruling party's support experienced major setbacks in the summer when it failed in all of the great recall campaigns, but the latest poll seems to indicate the party has now successfully recovered after several months of downturn.



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