

TEDS2008L Independent Questionnaire

We are about to start today's interview. If you have any question during the interview, please tell me immediately and I will make it clear. If you do not want to answer any of my questions, please let me know and I will skip that question.

During last year's campaign, some people spent a lot of time paying attention to all kinds of media news stories about the election, while others didn't have time to pay attention.

【Television】

A2a. During last year's legislative election campaign, which TV news did you watch most often?
[only one response permitted]

- 01. Taiwan Television
- 02. China Television
- 03. Chinese Television
- 04. Formosa Television
- 05. TVBS
- 06. Sanlih E-Television
- 07. Eastern Television
- 08. CTi Television
- 09. Era Television
- 10. Gala Television
- 11. Unique Satellite Television
- 12. Da-Ai Television
- 13. Taiwan Public Television
- 14. Hakka Television
- 15. Taiwan Indigenous Television
- 16. other television_____
- 90. other_____ [skip to B1]
- 95. refuse to answer [skip to B1]
- 96. it depends [skip to B1]
- 98. don't know [skip to B1]

L1. In Taiwan, some people think they are Taiwanese. There are also some people who think that they are Chinese. Do you consider yourself as Taiwanese, Chinese or both?

- 01. Taiwanese
- 02. both
- 03. Chinese
- 95. refuse to answer
- 98. don't know

L2. Concerning the relationship between Taiwan and mainland China, which of the following six positions do you agree with: 1) immediate unification, 2) immediate independence, 3) maintain the status quo, move toward unification in the future, 4) maintain the status quo, move toward independence in the future, 5) maintain the status quo, decide either unification or independence in the future, 6) maintain the status quo forever

- 01. immediate unification
- 02. immediate independence
- 03. maintain the status quo, move toward unification in the future
- 04. maintain the status quo, move toward independence in the future
- 05. maintain the status quo, decide either unification or independence in the future
- 06. maintain the status quo forever
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it's hard to say
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

Next, we'd like to ask you about your opinions of the political parties.

M1. Among the main political parties in our country, including the KMT, DPP, PFP, NP, and TSU, do you support any particular party?

01. yes [skip to M1b]

02. no

95. refuse to answer

98. don't know

M1a. Relatively speaking, do you lean toward any particular party?

01. yes

02. no [skip to M2a]

95. refuse to answer [skip to M2a]

98. don't know [skip to M2a]

M1b. Which party is that?

01. KMT

02. DPP

03. NP

04. PFP

06. TSU

90. other_____

95. refuse to answer

98. don't know

M1c. Do you lean toward this party strongly, moderately, or just a little bit?

- 01. strongly
- 02. moderately
- 03. just a little bit
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it's hard to say
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

M1d. Among the main political parties in our country, including the KMT, DPP, PFP, NP, and TSU, which party do you support the least?

- 01. KMT
- 02. DPP
- 03. NP
- 04. PFP
- 06. TSU
- 90. other_____
- 91. support all
- 92. do not support any
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 98. don't know

Now we'd like to compare how well you think the KMT and DPP can handle some important problems.

N2. On economic development, how do the two parties compare?

- 01. KMT is much better
- 02. KMT is a little better
- 03. DPP is a little better
- 04. DPP is much better
- 05. both parties are pretty good
- 06. neither party is very good
- 90. other_____
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it's hard to say
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

N3. On reducing the gap between rich and poor, how do the two parties compare?

- 01. KMT is much better
- 02. KMT is a little better
- 03. DPP is a little better
- 04. DPP is much better
- 05. both parties are pretty good
- 06. neither party is very good
- 90. other_____
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it's hard to say
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

N7. On democratic reform, how do the two parties compare?

- 01. KMT is much better
- 02. KMT is a little better
- 03. DPP is a little better
- 04. DPP is much better
- 05. both parties are pretty good
- 06. neither party is very good
- 90. other_____
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it's hard to say
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

N8. On ethnic harmony, how do the two parties compare?

- 01. KMT is much better
- 02. KMT is a little better
- 03. DPP is a little better
- 04. DPP is much better
- 05. both parties are pretty good
- 06. neither party is very good
- 90. other_____
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it's hard to say
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

P1a. In this year's election, did you obtain a ballot for the referendum?

- 01. yes
- 02. no
- 03. didn't vote
- 95. refuse to answer
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

P1b. Did you vote "yes" or "no" in the referendum to recover KMT assets?

- 01. "yes"
- 02. "no"
- 03. didn't vote in referendum to recover KMT assets
- 92. cast invalid vote
- 95. refuse to answer
- 98. don't know

P1c. Did you vote "yes" or "no" in the referendum to fight corruption?

- 01. "yes"
- 02. "no"
- 03. didn't vote in referendum to fight corruption
- 92. cast invalid vote
- 95. refuse to answer
- 98. don't know

Next, we'd like to know your opinions toward the two most important candidates in this district. We will use a scale from 0-10 to measure your opinions. 10 means you think they are very good, and 0 means you think they are very bad.

Q1a. What score do you give (candidate A) on constituency service?

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- 995. refuse to answer
 - 996. it's hard to say
 - 997. no opinion
 - 998. don't know

Q1b. What score do you give (candidate B) on constituency service?

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- 995. refuse to answer
 - 996. it's hard to say
 - 997. no opinion
 - 998. don't know

Q7. Which party's at-large candidates do you have the best overall impression of?

- 01. KMT
- 02. DPP
- 03. NP
- 04. PFP
- 06. TSU
- 90. Other
- 91. all are good
- 92. none are good
- 95. refuse to answer
- 98. don't know

S1. We find that some people are not able to vote. How about you? Did you vote in the recent general elections?

01. yes [skip to S1b]

02. no

91. forget [skip to S1c]

95. refuse to answer [skip to S1c]

S1a. What was the reason that you didn't vote?

_____ [skip to S2]

95. refuse to answer [skip to S2]

S1b. Which candidate did you vote for?

_____ [skip to S1d]

999991. forgot [continue to S1c]

999992. cast invalid vote [skip to S1e]

999995. refuse to answer [continue to S1c]

999998. don't know [continue to S1c]

S1c. Which party's candidate did you vote for?

01. KMT

02. DPP

03. NP

04. PFP

06. TSU

07. Non-Partisan Solidarity Union

08. Independent

91. forget

95. refuse to answer

98. don't know

S1e. Here is a list of all the parties that contested this election. Which party did you cast your at-large vote for?

01. KMT

02. DPP

03. NP

06. TSU

90. other_____

91. forget

92. cast invalid vote [skip to S2]

94. didn't vote [skip to S2]

95. refuse to answer

98. don't know

In this legislative election, we changed our method to a two ballot system. One ballot is for the candidate, and the other ballot is for the party. We would like to know your opinions about the new system.

T1. Comparing the new electoral system with the old one, is it easier or harder to elect your ideal candidate?

- 01. much easier
- 02. a little easier
- 03. about the same
- 04. a little harder
- 05. much harder
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

T2. Comparing the new electoral system with the old one, does it decrease or increase divisions in our society?

- 01. decrease a lot
- 02. decrease a little
- 03. about the same
- 04. increase a little
- 05. increase a lot
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

T3. Comparing the new electoral system with the old one, does it decrease or increase vote buying?

- 01. decrease a lot
- 02. decrease a little
- 03. about the same
- 04. increase a little
- 05. increase a lot
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

T4. Comparing the new electoral system with the old one, does it decrease or increase people's willingness to vote?

- 01. decrease a lot
- 02. decrease a little
- 03. about the same
- 04. increase a little
- 05. increase a lot
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

T5. Comparing the new electoral system with the old one, is it better or worse for Taiwan's future democratic development?

- 01. much better
- 02. a little better
- 03. about the same
- 04. a little worse
- 05. much worse
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

T6. Comparing the new electoral system with the old one, is the quality of the elected legislators higher or lower?

- 01. much higher
- 02. a little higher
- 03. about the same
- 04. a little lower
- 05. much lower
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

I would like to read you some statements about your role in the political system. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. Do you agree/disagree strongly or not so strongly?

U1. People like me do not have any influence over what the government does.

- 01. strongly agree
- 02. agree
- 03. neither agree nor disagree
- 04. disagree
- 05. strongly disagree
- 95. refuse to answer
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

Here are some statements about how we govern our country. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. Do you agree/disagree strongly or not so strongly?

U4. Without political parties there can be no democracy.

- 01. strongly agree
- 02. agree
- 03. neither agree nor disagree
- 04. disagree
- 05. strongly disagree
- 95. refuse to answer
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

U6. Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?

- 01. Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.
- 02. In some circumstances, an authoritarian regime – a dictatorship, can be preferable to a democratic system.
- 03. For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

Next, we'd like to ask two questions about the political attitudes of you and your family.

W1. When your political positions are different from those of your family members, some people think you should hide your true attitudes while other people think you should express your true attitudes. Which do you agree with?

- 01. hide your true attitudes
- 02. express your true attitudes
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

W2. Since competition between Taiwan's political parties is so intense, are you worried that you might cause unnecessary problems for you or your family if you express your personal political positions?

- 01. very worried
- 02. a little worried
- 03. not too worried
- 04. not worried at all
- 95. refuse to answer
- 96. it depends
- 97. no opinion
- 98. don't know

Finally, we would like to know something about your background.

X6. Education level

- 01. illiterate
- 02. literate but no formal schooling
- 03. some primary school
- 04. primary school graduate
- 05. some junior high school
- 06. junior high school graduate
- 07. some high school or vocational school
- 08. high school or vocational school graduate
- 09. some technical college
- 10. technical college graduate
- 11. some university
- 12. university graduate
- 13. post-graduate education
- 90. other _____
- 95. refuse to answer

**This concludes our interview. Thank you very much for participating in our interview.
Thank you.**

X18. Respondent's gender

- 01. Male
- 02. Female

X19. Language used to conduct interview

- 01. Mandarin
- 02. Taiwanese
- 03. Hakka
- 04. Mandarin and Taiwanese
- 05. Mandarin and Hakka
- 06. Taiwanese and Hakka
- 90. other _____