

## *Poll: The Performance of the Ma Administration in the Last Three Years*

President Ma has been in power for three years now. Yet, are people in Taiwan happy? Are people in Taiwan satisfied? Has this country “definitely won and moved forward” as Ma promised when he was inaugurated? Before the third anniversary of Ma’s presidency, the Taiwan Brain Trust (TBT) completed a series of opinion polls. The poll survey included four categories of questions including “governance competence,” “an overview of economic performances,” “cross-strait relations and Taiwan’s sovereignty” and “democracy, role of law, and human right protection.” At the press conference, the TBT presented accurate data of the survey result. Moreover, a group of experts and scholars analyzed the overall performances from various perspectives from governance competence, economy, and international relations to rule of law. The TBT hereby shares with you the assessment of the efforts of the Ma administration in the last 1000 days.

### Statements

Polled areas:	All of the 22 counties and cities in Taiwan
Polling method:	Stratified random sampling. With CHT landline users as sampled population, the Taiwan Brain Trust determines the number of samples from each county and city in proportion to their population and uses stratified random sampling technique to select landline numbers. To gain opportunities to interview unregistered numbers, Taiwan Brain Trust selects the last two digits of phone numbers randomly.
Interviewees:	Majors over 20 years old in the polled areas
Polling date:	May 6-7, 2011
Polling time:	Every evening from 6:30 to 10:00. Because May 7 is on weekend, one time slot from 2:00 to 5:30 was added.
Effective samples:	In total, 1078 samples
Sampling error:	With a confidence level of 95%, the radius of error is p-p 2.98%

**Note:** The weighting system for household registration, age, and gender is based on the population statistics information published by the Ministry of Interior at the end of December 2010.

## Frequency Distribution and Weight Table

All of the data is weighted and because of round-off, the sum of all the numbers may not be 100%. Also due to the weight and round-off, the sum of different issues may occasionally different from the total number of samples. This does not affect the survey results.

(1) In which county or city is your household registered?

Household registration	Number	Percentage
Keeloung City	18	1.7
Taipei City	125	11.6
New Taipei City(Taipei County)	183	17.0
Taoyuan County	90	8.4
Hsinchu City	18	1.7
Hsinchu County	22	2.1
Miaoli County	26	2.4
Taichung City(Taichung County and City)	120	11.1
Nantou County	25	2.3
Zhanghua County	60	5.6
Yunlin County	34	3.2
Chiayi City	13	1.2
Chiayi County	25	2.4
Tainan City(Tainan County and City)	89	8.3
Kaohsiung City(Kaohsiung County and City)	131	12.1
Pingtung County	41	3.8
Taitung County	11	1.0
Hualien County	16	1.5
Yilan County	22	2.0
Penghu County	5	0.4
Kinmen County	4	0.4
Lienjiang County	0	0.0
Total	1,078	100.0

**Region**

Region	Number	Percentage
Pei-Pei-Kee Region	326	30.3
Tao-Chu-Miao Region	156	14.5
Chung-Chang-Tou Region	205	19.0
Yun-Chia-Nan Region	161	15.0
Kao-Ping Region	172	15.9
Eastern Taiwan and offshore islands	58	5.3
Total	1,078	100.0

**Governance Competence**

- (2) President Ma Ying-jeou will mark his third year in power soon. Generally speaking, are you satisfied or unsatisfied with his performance?

Satisfaction Level for President Ma Ying-jeou	Number	Percentage	Sum
Very satisfied	68	6.3	40.2
Quite satisfied	365	33.9	
Not too satisfied	303	28.1	48.3
Very unsatisfied	218	20.2	
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	124	11.5	
Total	1,078	100.0	

- (3) Generally speaking, are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the current administration concerning its performance in the last 6 months?

Satisfaction Level for the Administration	Number	Percentage	Sum
Very satisfied	32	3.0	35.5
Quite satisfied	350	32.5	
Not too satisfied	345	32.0	50.9
Very unsatisfied	204	18.9	
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	147	13.7	
Total	1,078	100.0	

- (4) Generally speaking do you approve of or disapprove of the claim that “President Ma did not keep his promises made during his election campaign?”

Do you approve of or disapprove of the claim that “President Ma did not keep his promises made during his election campaign?”	Number	Percentage	Sum
Full approval	204	18.9	41.7
General approval	246	22.8	
Bare approval	332	30.8	37.4
Full disapproval	71	6.6	
I don’t know/I don’t want to answer this question	226	20.9	
Total	1,078	100	

### Evaluations on Economic Aspects

- (5) According to the Executive Yuan (Taiwan’s Cabinet), Taiwan’s economic growth rate reached over 10%. Personally, do you think your economic conditions have improved, worsened, or remained the same?

Individual economic conditions	Number	Percentage
Improved	182	16.8
Roughly the same/no change	538	49.9
Worsened	329	30.5
I don’t know/I don’t want to answer this question	29	2.7
Total	1,078	100.0

- (6) The Government is giving functionaries and the military a raise of 3%. Do you support or oppose this decision?

Support Level for the Raise Policy	Number	Percentage	Sum
Very supportive	156	14.5	40.8
Quite supportive	284	26.3	
Not too supportive	244	22.7	51.6
Very opposed	311	28.9	
I don’t know/I don’t want to answer this question	82	7.6	
Total	1,078	100.0	

(7) Generally speaking, in the last three years of Ma's presidency, do you think the poverty gap in Taiwan is a serious issue?

Poverty gap	Number	Percentage	Sum
Very serious	564	52.3	78.6
Serious	283	26.3	
Not too serious	144	13.4	13.9
Very unserious	5	0.5	
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	82	7.6	
Total	1,078	100.0	

(8) Generally speaking, in the last three years of Ma's presidency, do you think the unemployment problem is serious?

Current unemployment problem	Number	Percentage	Sum
Very serious	368	34.1	57.6
Serious	253	23.5	
Not too serious	347	32.2	33.6
Very unserious	15	1.4	
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	95	8.8	
Total	1,078	100.0	

### Cross-strait Relations and Taiwan's Sovereignty

(9) In the last three years of Ma's presidency, Taiwan and China have had increasingly frequent exchanges. Some do not think this influences Taiwan's sovereignty, while other think that Taiwan has lost more sovereignty. Which claim do you recognize? (Interviewers present the two claims in different orders randomly)

The influence of cross-strait exchanges on Taiwan's sovereignty	Number	Percentage
Cross-strait exchanges do not influence Taiwan's sovereignty	510	47.3
Cross-strait exchanges result in the loss of Taiwan's sovereignty	431	40.0
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	137	12.7
Total	1,078	100.0

(10) Generally speaking, in the last three years of Ma's presidency, do you think Taiwan's international profile has been improved, worsened or not changed?

Taiwan's international profile	Number	Percentage
Improved	241	22.3
Not changed	497	46.1
Worsened	280	26.0
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	60	5.6
Total	1,078	100.0

### **Democracy, Rule of Law, Human Right Protection**

(11) Do you think in the last three years of Ma's presidency, Taiwan has better or worse democracy and freedom?

Democracy and freedom development	Number	Percentage
Seriously worsened	169	15.7
Slightly worsened	201	18.6
Not changed	550	51.1
Consolidated	94	8.8
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	63	5.9
Total	1,078	100.0

(12) Do you think in the last three years of Ma's presidency Taiwan has seen better, worse or the same human right protection?

Human right protection	Number	Percentage
Better	165	15.3
Not changed	583	54.1
Worse	259	24.0
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	71	6.6
Total	1,078	100.0

(13) Do you think in the last three years of Ma's presidency, Taiwan has improved or worsened its justice system

Justice reform	Number	Percentage
Improved	234	21.8
Not changed	254	23.6
Worsened	469	43.5
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	120	11.2
Total	1,078	100.0

### Basic Information

(14) How old are you?

Age	Number	Percentage
20~24	95	8.8
25~29	112	10.4
30~34	122	11.3
35~39	107	10.0
40~44	111	10.3
45~49	114	10.6
50~54	106	9.8
55~59	94	8.7
60~64	61	5.7
65~69	45	4.1
Over 70	104	9.7
I don't want to answer this question	7	0.6
Total	1,078	100.0

(15) What is your education level?

Education level	Number	Percentage
Primary school or lower	145	13.5
Middle school	117	10.9
High school/vocational school	304	28.2
College	147	13.6
University	295	27.4
Postgraduate or higher	63	5.8
I don't want to answer this question	7	0.6
Total	1,078	100.0

(16) In Taiwan, people may be familiar with several political parties, for example, DDP, KMT, PFP, New Part, and TSU. Which political party holds similar ideals and claims with you? (The name of the parties were presented in random order)

Political orientation	Number	Percentage
DPP	266	24.7
KMT	330	30.6
New Party	19	1.7
PFP	28	2.6
TSU	6	0.6
Pan-green camp (DPP, TSU)	56	5.2
Pan-blue camp (KMT, New Party, PFP)	57	5.3
No preference	280	26.0
Others	7	0.6
I don't know/I don't want to answer this question	28	2.6
Total	1,078	100.0

### Inclination to the Blue or Green Camp

Inclination to the blue or green camp	Number	Percentage
Pan-green camp	328	30.4
Pan-blue camp	435	40.3
Neutral	315	29.3
Total	1,078	100.0

(17) Thank you for taking the interview. This ends the poll (interviewers fill in the gender of the interviewees)

Gender	Number	Percentage
Male	535	49.7
Female	543	50.3
Total	1,078	100.0