

The Taiwanese Perspective on China



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Introduction

We explore the increasing tensions within Chinese and Taiwanese relations, specifically from a Taiwanese perspective. We also look at the relationship between Taiwan and the United States, and how China feels threatened by the U.S.'s rise in support for Taiwan during the Trump administration.

A Brief History

After World War II, the Chinese mainland fell into civil war and formed, essentially, a new nation. Leaders of the ROC (now Taiwan) were part of the KMT party, which supported close ties with China, despite what many of its citizens really wanted. The KMT signed the 'One China Principle': "There is only one China, and Taiwan is part of it."

Political Sphere

Taiwan began having free legislative elections in 1992, and in 2016, the KMT lost its first majority. The party that won this election was the current governing party of Taiwan, which is the DPP (Democratic Progressive Party). The current president of China takes a nationalistic stance, firmly backing the 'One China Principle'. The Anti-secession law, ratified in 2005, states China's right to use "non-peaceful means" against Taiwan. The U.S. has intensified outreach to Taiwan in recent years due to increasing political tensions between Taiwan and mainland China.

Pop Culture of Taiwan

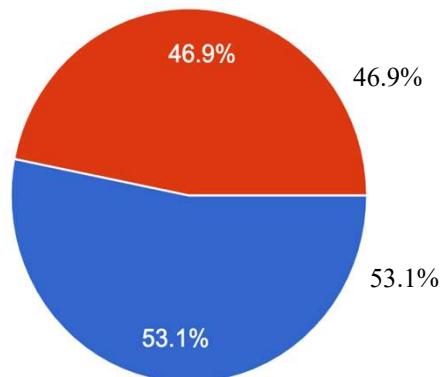
Despite Taiwan and China's improved relations in recent years, the Chinese government still regulates Taiwan's cultural influences, and considers the island to be one of the biggest sources of cultural sway on China. Despite this, Taiwanese culture is still very apparent in China.



Data Analysis

Taiwanese Populace Polls:
 -68% Support Peaceful Independence
 -49% Support Non-Peaceful Independence
 -53.1% Believe China Holds Malicious Intent
 -42.4% Believe China Acts through Businesses

Is China Malicious?



Conclusion

In summation, it is clear that there is a divide between Taiwan and China. Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China still views Taiwan as part of its territory. As the struggle for independence looms on, with the support of the U.S., Chinese officials are becoming increasingly hostile towards the island nation. However, as growing support for Taiwanese independence is imminent, and as the current governing administration of the PRC is continuing to push for reunification, the cultural and political clashes will bring Taiwan more and more into the spotlight of international politics.

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