

Appendix Table A1. Variables, measurement and descriptive statistics

Variable	Survey question used for		Std.		
	measurement	Coding scheme	Mean	dev.	Obs.
Trust in the military	I'm going to name a number of institutions. For each one, please tell me how much trust do you have in them? Is it a great deal of trust, quite a lot of trust, not very much trust, or none at all?	1. None at all 2. Not very much 3. Quite a lot 4. A great deal	2.67	0.76	1456
Public safety	Generally speaking, how safe is living in this city/ town/ village?	1. Very unsafe 2. Unsafe 3. Safe 4. Very safe	3.34	0.56	1532
China threat	Constructed variable	0: No 1. Yes	0.12	0.32	1432
Government trust	Constructed index	Range(-2.06-2.52)	0	0.87	1450
	National government	1. None at all 2. Not very much 3. Quite a lot 4. A great deal	2.56	0.73	1466
	Congress	1. None at all 2. Not very much 3. Quite a lot 4. A great deal	2.79	0.7	1461

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	Court	1. None at all 2. Not very much 3. Quite a lot 4. A great deal	2.68	0.7	1450
Democratic satisfaction	On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Taiwan	1. Not at all satisfied 2. Not very satisfied 3. Fairly satisfied 4. Very satisfied	2.89	0.67	1518
Corruption control	How widespread do you think corruption and bribe-taking are in the national government in Taipei?	1. Almost everyone is corrupt 2. Most officials are corrupt 3. Not a lot of officials are corrupt 4. Hardly anyone is involved	2.42	0.68	1414
Civic engagement	On the following card, we have listed various types of organizations that many people belong to. Could you identify the three most important organizations or formal groups you belong to. You	0-3	1.14	1.17	1532

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Interperson- al trust	can also tell us the name the organizations that you belong to and we can identify the appropriate categories for you.				
	General speaking, would you say that “Most people can be trusted” or “that you must be very careful in dealing with people”?	0. One can’t be too careful in deal- ing with people 1. Most people can be trusted	0.43	0.49	1528
Hierarchism	Constructed index	Range(-1.98-2.97)	0	0.88	1483
	Even if parents’ demands are unreasonable, chil- dren still should do what they ask	1. Strongly dis- agree 2. Somewhat dis- agree 3. Somewhat agree 4. Strongly agree	2.15	0.65	1519
	When a mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law come into conflict, even if the mother-in-law is in the wrong, the husband should still persuade his wife to obey his mother	1. Strongly dis- agree 2. Somewhat dis- agree 3. Somewhat agree 4. Strongly agree	2.02	0.67	1483

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	Being a student, one should not question the authority of their teacher	1. Strongly disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Somewhat agree 4. Strongly agree	2.19	0.69	1503
	Government leaders are like the head of a family; we should all follow their decisions	1. Strongly disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Somewhat agree 4. Strongly agree	2.1	0.67	1505
Urban	Dummy	1. Urban vs 0. Rural	0.76	0.43	1532
Male	Dummy	1. Male vs 0. Female	0.53	0.5	1532
Age	Age in years	Range(21-100)	48.6	16.3	1529
Income	Ordinal	1-5	2.9	1.45	1427
Education	Ordinal	1-7	5.41	1.12	1532
Political interest	How interested would you say you are in politics?	1. Not at all interested 2. Not very interested 3. Somewhat interested 4. Very interested	2.23	0.84	1526

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Percentages					
Party Identifica- tion	Among the political par- ties listed here, which party if any do you feel closest to?	0. Pan-Blue	31.6%		
		1. Independents	31.0%		
		2. Pan-Green	37.4%		