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Bi-khim, the Cat's "Meow"

The Economist's Interview with Hsiao Bi-khim, VP Candidate for Taiwan

This article is a transcript of an interview conducted by *The Economist* with Hsiao Bi-khim, the former representative of Taiwan to America and a VP candidate for DPP. The interview covers a range of topics, from the challenges of Taiwan's international position and relations with the United States and China, to Bi-khim's unique approach to diplomacy, and her views on Taiwan's domestic politics and future strategies.

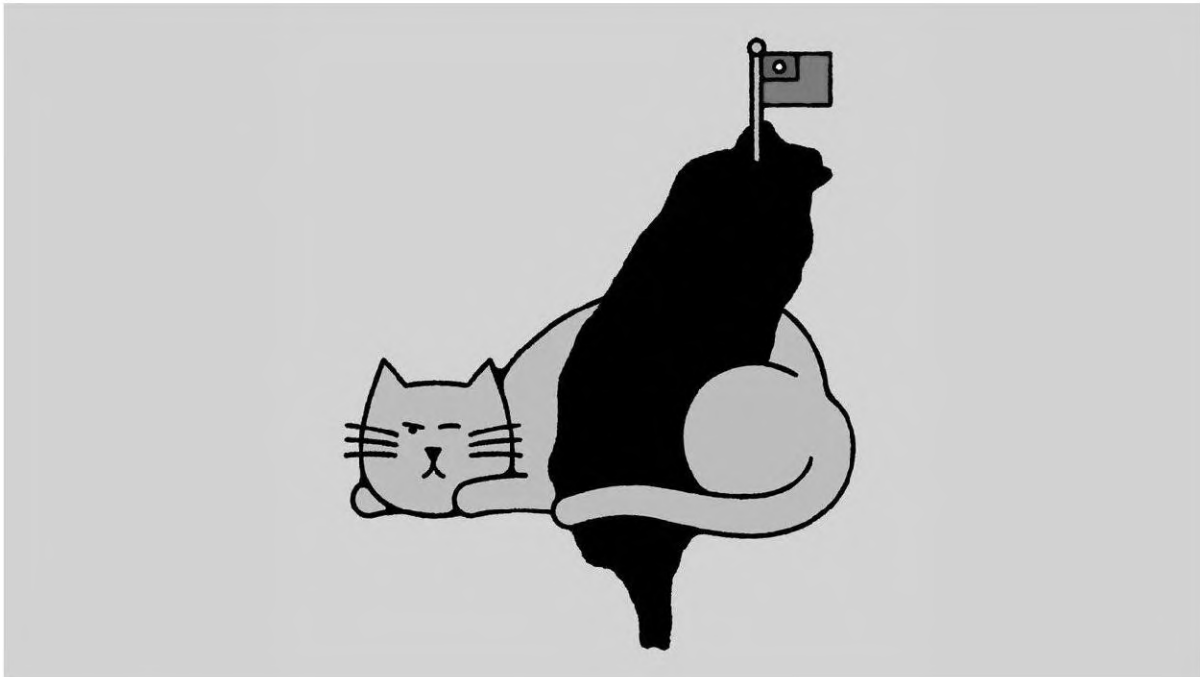


[Highlights]

- **Challenges of Representing Taiwan:** Bi-khim discusses Taiwan's unique international situation, emphasizing its democratic and economic achievements. She highlights the importance of being pragmatic and flexible in diplomacy.
- **US-Taiwan Relations:** The interview touches on the deepening economic relationship between the US and Taiwan, including the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade and efforts to resolve double taxation issues.
- **Dealing with Chinese Pressure:** Bi-khim speaks about the pervasive pressure from China and the strategies Taiwan employs to handle it, including building international support and contributing constructively to the international system.
- **Bipartisanship in US Support for Taiwan:** She notes the unity in the US across partisan lines in supporting Taiwan and the shared values and interests that underpin this support.
- **Security and Defense Partnership with the US:** The conversation covers Taiwan's defense and security strategies, including strengthening its capabilities and public will to defend, as well as the legal framework provided by the Taiwan Relations Act for US support.
- **Cross-Strait Relations and the Status Quo:** The vice-presidential candidate discusses the importance of maintaining the status quo in cross-strait relations and Taiwan's commitment to it, while acknowledging the dynamic nature of the situation and the need for Taiwan to strengthen its defenses.

- **Dialogue with China:** Bi-khim asserts the importance of dialogue with China but stresses that it must be based on a foundation of strength and public confidence.
- **Taiwan as a Global Security Interest:** Bi-khim argues that Taiwan's security is a global interest, essential for regional and global stability and prosperity.
- **Cross-Strait Exchanges and Economic Relations:** She comments on the need for balanced and diversified economic relations with China, while being cautious of political coercion through trade and other exchanges.
- **Political Campaign and Domestic Issues:** Bi-khim reflects on her decision to join the vice-presidential race, her commitment to Taiwan's democracy, and the DPP's focus on various domestic and social issues, including economic resilience and youth empowerment.

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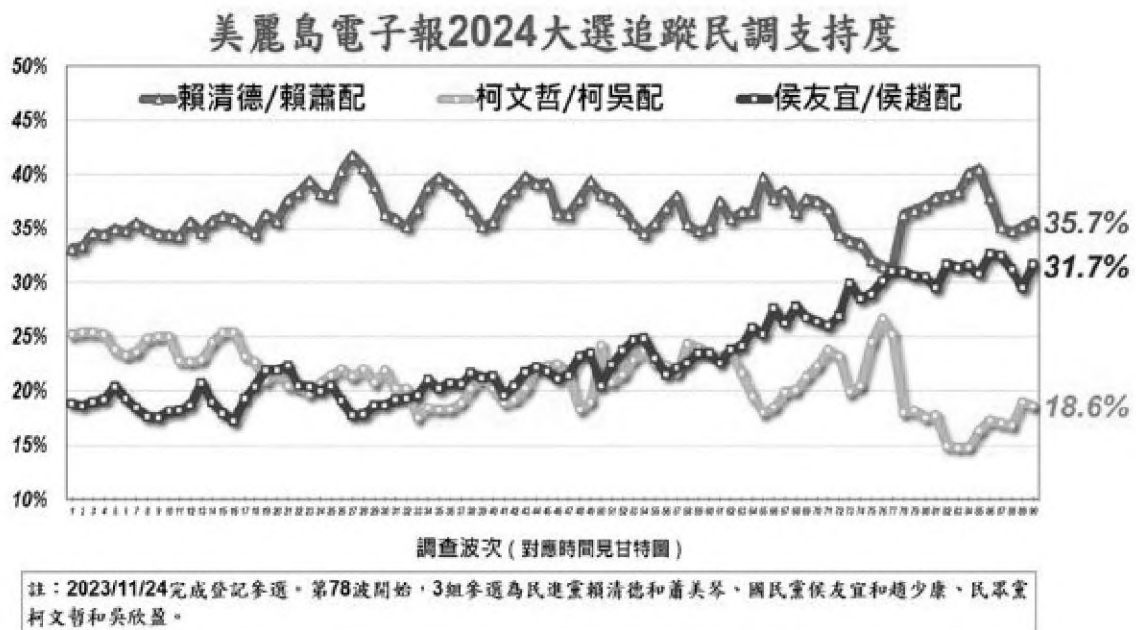
My-Formosa Poll: 2024 Presidential Election Poll from Dec. 12 to Dec. 14 (Dec. 15, 2023)

- In the My-Formosa Poll conducted from December 12 to December 14, Lai Ching-Te of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) leads with 35.7%,

followed by Hou Yu-Ih of the Kuomintang (KMT) at 31.7%, and Ko Wen-Je of the Taiwan People’s Party (TPP) at 18.6%.

- The poll, which was conducted through Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), successfully interviewed 1,201 people with a maximum sampling error of ±2.8% at a 95% confidence level, ensuring its representation of the general population’s demographics and characteristics.
- This poll is one of the Taiwanese media’s most cited polls, highlighting its credibility and significance in the political landscape.

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DPP China Affairs: CCP’s Taiwan Policy is wrong, endangering the Cross-Strait relationship and threatening regional peace

The CCP held a work conference on Taiwan in early December in Beijing. It was chaired by Wang Huning, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), who is also the deputy leader of the Central Leading Group for Taiwan Affairs. Attendants of the work conference included the Central Propaganda Department, the United Front Work Department, the Ministry of State Security, the Ministry of Defense, and

the Taiwan Affairs Office. The work conference adjusts and assigns works on Taiwan to interfere in Taiwan's 2024 presidential election.

- The CCP's Taiwan Policy is not only undermining Taiwan's democracy but also causing regional instability.
- The Central Propaganda Department, the Cyberspace Administration of China, etc., which are responsible for cognitive domain operations, are influencing the outcome of polling and public opinion by inviting Taiwanese media, commentators, and elected representatives for TV programs.
- By editing or altering videos, the CCP tries to attack the DPP and create the illusion of DPP corruption.
- Create a sense of danger and insecurity and the issue of "war versus peace" to influence Taiwanese public opinion by launching military drills around Taiwan.
- Utilize Taiwan agriculture as political leverage by unreasonably banning the import of Taiwan agricultural and fishery products and announcing that the premise for lifting a ban, such as on atemoya, is support for the "1992 consensus and opposition against Taiwan independence."
- The CCP intimidates Taiwan business by threatening to interrupt the Cross-Strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) and extending the investigation into what it calls Taiwan's trade barriers to the eve of the election day.
- While Taiwan has repeatedly relaxed its regulations on Chinese tourists visiting Taiwan, China continues to ban Chinese group tours from traveling to Taiwan.
- Several Taiwanese people visiting the PRC were charged with espionage and arrested; some travelers were unreasonably questioned and detained for a long time at airports.
- Coerce Taiwanese companies and individuals to make political statements aligning with CCP narratives or read statements written by the CCP.
- Local Taiwan Affairs Offices provide discounted or free travel to the PRC for Taiwanese elected representatives at all levels and people of religious entities, with Taiwanese business organizations in mainland China paying for flights.

The CCP's Taiwan Policy is entirely wrong, not only endangering the Cross-Strait relationship but also threatening regional stability. The China Affairs Department of the DPP calls on the CCP to recognize the objective fact that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait are not subject to each side and should not interfere in the electoral process of democratic Taiwan. We also expect the CCP to engage in dialogue and cooperation with the Taiwanese government to benefit people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait in line with the principle of reciprocity and dignity.

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