



Napolitan News Service Survey
Of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted May 18-19, 2026

1 Is China an enemy or ally of the United States?*

45% Enemy
19% Ally
36% Not sure

Total			
	Enemy	Ally	Net
May 18-19, 2026*	45%	19%	+26
May 11-12, 2026	47%	11%	+36
March 18-19, 2026	61%	11%	+50
January 13-14, 2026	55%	11%	+44
June 23-24, 2025	48%	14%	+34
September 20-21, 2023	56%	9%	+47
August 2-4, 2022*	55%	14%	+41
Source: Napolitan News Service			

**Do not include "Neither" as an answer option*



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*2*Is China an enemy of democracy?*

51% Yes
20% No
29% Not sure

Total			
	Enemy	Ally	Net
May 18-19, 2026	51%	20%	+31
August 2-4, 2022	66%	8%	+58
Source: Napolitan News Service			

3 Do you happen to know whether Taiwan is a separate country or is part of China?*

63% Taiwan is a separate country
13% Taiwan is part of China
24% Not sure

Total			
	Taiwan is a separate country	Taiwan is part of China	Net
May 18-19, 2026	63%	13%	+50
August 2-4, 2022	60%	18%	+42
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4 Taiwan is a separate and self-governing democracy, but the Chinese government has long sought to make it a part of China. The United States government has never formally recognized Taiwan as an independent nation or China's claim to Taiwan. Should the United States government formally recognize Taiwan as an independent nation?*

66% Yes
10% No
24% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
May 18-19, 2026	66%	10%	+56
August 2-4, 2022	67%	9%	+58

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5 China has openly threatened an attack on Taiwan. Should the US, Japan, and other allies impose sanctions and other penalties on China until the Chinese government respects the independence of Taiwan?*

54% Yes
21% No
25% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
May 18-19, 2026	54%	21%	+33
August 2-4, 2022	56%	18%	+38

Source: Napolitan News Service

6 If China were to invade Taiwan, should the United States, Japan, and other allies intervene to protect Taiwan?*

47% Yes
23% No
30% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
May 18-19, 2026	47%	23%	+24
August 2-4, 2022	49%	23%	+26

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7 Taiwan supplies 90% of the world's most advanced semiconductor chips. Nearly all smart phones and smart devices run on these chips. Knowing that to be true, if China were to invade Taiwan, should the United States, Japan, and other allies intervene to protect Taiwan?*

65% Yes
14% No
21% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
May 18-19, 2026	65%	14%	+51
August 2-4, 2022	63%	16%	+47

Source: Napolitan News Service

8 In recent years, China has purchased significant amounts of American farmland. How serious a threat does this pose to the national security of the United States?*

42% Very serious
36% Somewhat serious
10% Not very serious
3% Not at all serious
9% Not sure



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9 During President Trump's trip to China, Chinese President Xi offered to help negotiate peace with Iran. In the war with Iran, which side does China support?*

- 29% Iran
- 24% United States
- 20% Neither
- 26% Not sure

10 Overall, does China or the United States have the stronger economy?*

- 22% China
- 42% United States
- 20% About equal
- 17% Not sure

Total			
	China	United States	Net
May 18-19, 2026	22%	42%	-20
February 2-3, 2025*	29%	53%	-24
Source: Napolitan News Service			

***"About equal" not included as an answer option*

11 Which country has greater levels of trade with and investment in Latin America and Africa?*

- 27% China
- 30% United States
- 12% About equal
- 31% Not sure

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12 When it comes to AI research and development, is China or the U.S. generally leading in the world?*

33%	China
32%	United States
17%	About equal
18%	Not sure

13 Which country has the stronger military?*

8%	China
62%	United States
14%	About equal
16%	Not sure

14 Overall, which country has the most influence in the world?*

12%	China
57%	United States
18%	About equal
13%	Not sure

15 Looking ahead 10 years, which country will have the most influence in the world?*

24%	China
39%	United States
15%	About equal
22%	Not sure

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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on May 18-19, 2026. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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