CHINA'S INTERFERENCE

IN TAIWAN 2024 ELECTIONS



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CHINA-A REPEATED OFFENDER

Overt military threat

Nasty political statements

Cross-strait airfare discount for Taiwanese residing in China

"Persuading" Taishan to contribute or organize campaign rallies

Forcing Taishan to make political statements

Disinformation

2 CHINA'S OBJECTIVES

To influence a critical minority in a tight race

To create a more favorable outcome of the election

- To shape the direction of the cross-strait relations
- To erode Taiwan's democracy

 Global Objective: Taiwan as a test ground for election interference in other democracies

3 PUSHING PRC NARRATIVES (COGNITIVE WARFARE)

The election as a choice between war and peace

- Military drills, Grey zone activities and blatant official statements
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- The election as a choice between prosperity and decay
 - Economic coercion and blatant official statements % %

3 PUSHING PRC NARRATIVES (COGNITIVE WARFARE)

US skepticism-significant drop in confidence in the US % %

- In between US-China, Taiwan should stay out, or will be next Ukraine
- P4 Chemical weapon lab for the US %
- TSMC investment in Arizona to hallow out Taiwan's semi-con %
- Pork with Ractopamine imports without IPEF or FTA %

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4 CARROT AND STICK

Tax inspection on FOXCONN and threat of huge fine and land seizure

Investigation on Mayday's possible lip-sync and threat of huge fine %

 Sponsor local elected officials to visit China for treatment and indoctrination (96 cases including 190 ppl under prosecution on Anti-Infiltration Act)

Provide financial support to LY candidate %

5 ONLINE INFORMATION OPERATION

Flood social media platforms and online forums (PTT, DCARD) with pro-China or anti-DPP views

Net posts may quickly spill over to pro-China media %

Create large number of bot accounts to spread news to generate false public opinion %

Create false news websites, publish false election polls %

6 COPING WITH MALIGN ELECTION INTERFERENCE

Expose, enhance media literacy for democratic resilience

Compare notes and share experiences to jointly push back

Need more work to analyze and assess the impact after the election

More than 40 democratic elections in 2024, and Taiwan is the first and the most important test

THANKYOU!

Comments, questions welcomed.





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臺灣女人的安全問題會更嚴重,引進**印度** 勞工就是找死。與大陸緊密合作,才是保 護臺灣的最佳辦法。

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