Survey of Chinese Influence in Four Latin American and Caribbean Countries

September - October 2021
Countries Surveyed

- Argentina (Mobile phone, n=1,202)
- Dominican Republic (Face-to-face, n=1,220)
- El Salvador (Face-to-face, n=1,205)
- Panama (Face-to-face, n=1,216)
Detailed Methodology:  
National Survey of Argentina

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by CID Gallup.

• Data was collected between September 23rd and October 15th, 2021, through computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI) administered via mobile phones.

• The sample consists of 1,202 resident citizens of Argentina, aged 18 and older with mobile phones.

• A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample.
  • Mobile phone numbers were randomly generated using operator codes taken from the national telephone numbering plan. Mobile numbers were stratified by the mobile service provider distribution.
  • While the national numbering plan does not directly account for regions, a probabilistic random digit dialing (RDD) seed was used to account for the population distribution across Argentina’s regions.
  • Respondents were selected directly through the RDD protocol.

• The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to 2021 population estimates from the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INDEC).

• The response rate for the survey was 10%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is ±2.8-points at the 95% confidence level.

• Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.
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Data was collected between September 11th and September 27th, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.

The sample consists of 1,220 resident citizens of the Dominican Republic, aged 18 and older.

A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from the Dominican Republic’s 2010 census.

- The sample was stratified proportionally by department, and primary sampling units were neighborhood census units selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
- Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a random route protocol and respondents were selected via the next/last birthday method.

The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to estimates from the National Statistics Office’s (ONE) 2018 multipurpose household survey.

The response rate for the survey was 25%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is ±2.8-points at the 95% confidence level.

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Detailed Methodology:
National Survey of El Salvador

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by CID Gallup.

- Data was collected between September 13th and September 25th, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.

- The sample consists of 1,205 resident citizens of El Salvador, aged 18 and older.

- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from El Salvador’s 2007 census and the 2016 National Household Survey (ENAHO).
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by departments, and primary sampling units were neighborhood census units selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a random route protocol. Respondents were selected via the next/last birthday method under a gender quota.

- The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to population estimates from the General Directorate of Statistics and Census’s (DIGESTYC) 2020 Multipurpose Household Survey.

- The response rate for the survey was 20%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is ±2.8-points at the 95% confidence level.

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Detailed Methodology: 
National Survey of Panama

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by CID Gallup.
- Data was collected between September 9th and October 5th, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of 1,216 resident citizens of Panama, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from the Panama’s 2010 census.
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by provinces, and primary sampling units were neighborhood census units selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a random route protocol and respondents were selected via the next/last birthday method.
- The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to 2020 population estimates from the National Statistics and Census Institute’s (INEC). The data was also weighted by educational attainment according to data from the census.
- The response rate for the survey was 20%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is ±2.8-points at the 95% confidence level.
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Public Opinion from Four Countries
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- **Dominican Republic**: 45% in the right direction, 51% in the wrong direction, 4% don't know/refused to answer.
- **Panama**: 23% in the right direction, 70% in the wrong direction, 7% don't know/refused to answer.
- **El Salvador**: 63% in the right direction, 23% in the wrong direction, 14% don't know/refused to answer.
- **Argentina**: 23% in the right direction, 72% in the wrong direction, 4% don't know/refused to answer.
**What is the most important problem facing the country today?**

*(Spontaneous response; Top 12 responses displayed)*

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*Economy - inflation/fluctuation of currency measured only in Argentina.*

**Top three responses per country are highlighted.**
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- **Dominican Republic**
  - Very good: 10%
  - Somewhat good: 47%
  - Somewhat bad: 20%
  - Very bad: 21%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Panama**
  - Very good: 9%
  - Somewhat good: 52%
  - Somewhat bad: 21%
  - Very bad: 14%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

- **El Salvador**
  - Very good: 17%
  - Somewhat good: 56%
  - Somewhat bad: 17%
  - Very bad: 10%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Argentina**
  - Very good: 6%
  - Somewhat good: 61%
  - Somewhat bad: 27%
  - Very bad: 6%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions in the country?

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How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?

- **Dominican Republic**
  - Very important: 61%
  - Somewhat important: 16%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 9%
  - Very unimportant: 2%

- **Panama**
  - Very important: 61%
  - Somewhat important: 12%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 16%
  - Very unimportant: 9%

- **El Salvador**
  - Very important: 74%
  - Somewhat important: 12%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 7%
  - Very unimportant: 5%

- **Argentina**
  - Very important: 75%
  - Somewhat important: 16%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 6%
  - Very unimportant: 3%
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- **Dominican Republic**: 56% agree, 15% disagree, 20% neutral, 10% don't know/refused
- **Panama**: 41% agree, 15% disagree, 35% neutral, 9% don't know/refused
- **El Salvador**: 57% agree, 10% disagree, 17% neutral, 16% don't know/refused
- **Argentina**: 80% agree, 8% disagree, 9% neutral, 3% don't know/refused

- Green: It is the best possible form of government for our country.
- Blue: There are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- Purple: There are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Grey: Don't know/Refused to answer
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for [our country]?

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Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Dominican Republic: 40% Yes, 55% No, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Panama: 27% Yes, 62% No, 11% Don't know/Refused to answer
- El Salvador: 31% Yes, 59% No, 10% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Argentina: 34% Yes, 57% No, 9% Don't know/Refused to answer
Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; among those who are aware of Chinese investments, Top-10 responses across countries displayed)

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<th>Investment</th>
<th>Dominican Republic (n=486)</th>
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<th>El Salvador (n=371)</th>
<th>Argentina (n=409)</th>
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<td>42%</td>
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<td>Opening of companies/Job creation</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>COVID-19 Vaccines</td>
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<td>Factories</td>
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<td>Goods/Chinese products</td>
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<td>Supermarkets</td>
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To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country’s engagement with China?

- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country
- Don't know/Refused to answer
**Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political information?**

(Up to three responses permitted; Cumulative response displayed)

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<td>Radio</td>
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<td>Print media</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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*None and Don’t know/Refused to answer responses refer to first response.*
How interested are you in news about China?

Dominican Republic:
- Very interested: 22%
- Somewhat interested: 29%
- Somewhat uninterested: 16%
- Not at all interested: 32%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

Panama:
- Very interested: 12%
- Somewhat interested: 22%
- Somewhat uninterested: 25%
- Not at all interested: 39%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

El Salvador:
- Very interested: 20%
- Somewhat interested: 19%
- Somewhat uninterested: 31%
- Not at all interested: 27%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

Argentina:
- Very interested: 7%
- Somewhat interested: 31%
- Somewhat uninterested: 32%
- Not at all interested: 29%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

Dominican Republic
- Very objective: 20%
- Somewhat objective: 39%
- Somewhat biased: 12%
- Very biased: 12%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%

Panama
- Very objective: 11%
- Somewhat objective: 36%
- Somewhat biased: 21%
- Very biased: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 15%

El Salvador
- Very objective: 17%
- Somewhat objective: 37%
- Somewhat biased: 13%
- Very biased: 8%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 25%

Argentina
- Very objective: 4%
- Somewhat objective: 36%
- Somewhat biased: 26%
- Very biased: 17%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%
National Survey of Argentina
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- In the right direction: 73%
- In the wrong direction: 23%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%
What is the most important problem facing the country today?

(Spontaneous response)

- Economy - unemployment: 29%
- Economy - cost of living, high prices: 18%
- Economy - other/general: 13%
- Crime/Public safety/Violence/Insecurity: 8%
- Corruption: 5%
- Economy - inflation/fluctuation of currency: 4%
- COVID-19: 3%
- Education: 3%
- Poverty: 3%
- Politics: 2%
- Health: 2%
- Economy - small business opportunities/access to loans: 1%
- Internal conflicts: 1%
- Inequality: 1%
- Foreign debts: 1%
- Other: 5%
- No problems: <1%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- Very good: 61%
- Somewhat good: 27%
- Somewhat bad: 5%
- Very bad: 6%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How likely are ordinary people to influence decisions made in our country?

- Very likely: 39%
- Somewhat likely: 26%
- Somewhat not likely: 14%
- Very unlikely: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 20%
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?

- Very important: 75%
- Somewhat important: 16%
- Somewhat unimportant: 3%
- Very unimportant: 6%
- <1%: Don't know/Refused to answer
Do you believe that democracy is the best form of government for Argentina or not?

- 80%: Democracy is the best form of government
- 9%: There are other forms of government equally best
- 3%: There are other forms of government better than democracy
- 8%: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

- 37% have had a lot of negative impact
- 22% have had some negative impact
- 17% have had little negative impact
- 2% have not had any negative impact
- 2% don't know/refused to answer

![Pie chart showing the distribution of responses](chart.png)
Who would you say is the biggest donor to Argentina?

- United States: 25%
- China: 23%
- Russia: 6%
- Brazil: 3%
- Venezuela: 1%
- MERCOSUR: 1%
- Germany: 1%
- Spain: 1%
- Bolivia: 1%
- United Nations: 1%
- *Other: 5%
- None: 4%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 28%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.
Please tell me your opinion of each of the following countries...

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Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for Argentina?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic threat for Argentina?

- **China**: 28% (Partner) 14% (Threat)
- **United States**: 35% (Partner) 24% (Threat)
- **Brazil**: 13% (Partner) 11% (Threat)
- **European Union**: 12% (Partner) 5% (Threat)
- **Russia**: 11% (Partner) 4% (Threat)
- **Venezuela**: 16% (Partner) 2% (Threat)
- **Cuba**: 2% (Partner) 2% (Threat)
- **None of these**: 7% (Partner) 3% (Threat)
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 6% (Partner) 5% (Threat)
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for Argentina?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political threat for Argentina?

- United States: 36%, 22%
- Russia: 16%, 6%
- China: 10%, 8%
- Brazil: 9%, 10%
- European Union: 10%, 4%
- Venezuela: 20%, 8%
- Cuba: 7%, 3%
- Canada: <1%
- None of these: 7%, 7%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%, 7%
If you were president, which of the following options would you choose?

- Stronger ties only with the US: 9%
- Stronger ties with the US but maintain relations with China: 43%
- Stronger ties with China but maintain relations with the US: 34%
- Strong ties only with China: 9%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 6%
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes: 57%
- No: 34%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%
Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=409)

Are you aware of any Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes: 34%
- No: 57%
- Don't know/Refused: 9%

Among those who are aware of Chinese investments:

- Infrastructure: 26%
- Pig Agreement (Acuerdo Porcino): 14%
- Technology: 8%
- Mining: 8%
- Petroleum: 8%
- Supermarkets: 7%
- COVID-19 vaccines: 5%
- Vehicles: 5%
- Goods/Chinese products: 4%
- Banking/Finance: 4%
- Telecommunications: 3%
- Opening of businesses/Job creation: 2%
- Logging: 2%
- Trade agreements: 1%
- Factories: 1%
- Restaurants: 1%
To your best knowledge, what is the level of Chinese investment in the following sectors in our country?

- **Telecommunications**: 15% Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment, 34% Chinese investment is one of many sources of foreign investment, 14% Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment, 12% There is no Chinese investment in this sector, 25% Don't know/Refused to answer.

- **Infrastructure**: 13% Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment, 30% Chinese investment is one of many sources of foreign investment, 21% Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment, 11% There is no Chinese investment in this sector, 26% Don't know/Refused to answer.

- **Finance and Banking**: 10% Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment, 38% Chinese investment is one of many sources of foreign investment, 19% Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment, 8% There is no Chinese investment in this sector, 25% Don't know/Refused to answer.

- **Natural Resources other than oil**: 10% Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment, 29% Chinese investment is one of many sources of foreign investment, 19% Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment, 14% There is no Chinese investment in this sector, 28% Don't know/Refused to answer.

- **Energy, including oil**: 9% Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment, 31% Chinese investment is one of many sources of foreign investment, 20% Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment, 13% There is no Chinese investment in this sector, 28% Don't know/Refused to answer.
Are you aware of the following Chinese infrastructure projects in Argentina?

Belgrano Cargas Rail System (San Martin and Belgrano Norte Lines)
- Yes: 55%
- No: 44%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Entre Ríos Gas Pipeline
- Yes: 25%
- No: 74%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Condor Cliff Dam
- Yes: 14%
- No: 86%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

La Barrancosa Dam
- Yes: 11%
- No: 88%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?

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Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?
To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project*, n=765)

Are you aware of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects* in our country?

- Yes, aware
- No, not aware
- Don't know/Refused to answer

*Question asked in reference to the:
- Belgrano Cargas Rail System
- Entre Rios Gas Pipeline
- Condor Cliff Dam
- La Barrancosa Dam

- Much better than average construction quality in Argentina
- Somewhat better than average construction quality in Argentina
- Average construction quality in Argentina
- Somewhat worse than average construction quality in Argentina
- Much worse than average construction quality in Argentina
- The project I know of is not yet complete
- Don't know/Refused to answer
To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project)

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Legend:
- Much better than average construction quality in Argentina
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- Somewhat worse than average construction quality in Argentina
- Much worse than average construction quality in Argentina
- The project I know of is not yet complete
- Don't know/Refused to answer
To your best knowledge, what has the impact of such projects been on job creation?

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Many additional jobs become available for citizens of Argentina
- Some additional jobs become available for citizens of Argentina
- Additional jobs become available for immigrants in Argentina
- Additional jobs become available for Chinese citizens
- No additional Jobs were created
- Don't know/Refused to answer

For all respondents, 38% believe that many additional jobs become available, 15% believe that some additional jobs are created, 5% believe that additional jobs are available for immigrants, 6% believe they are available for Chinese citizens, 5% believe no additional jobs were created, and 21% do not know or refused to answer.
In general, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the impact of Chinese investment on jobs in Argentina?

- **All Respondents**
  - 44%: It leads to additional jobs in Argentina and citizens benefit
  - 21%: It leads to additional jobs in the country but it is mainly Chinese citizens who benefit
  - 19%: It leads to fewer jobs in the country
  - 16%: Don’t know/Refused to answer

Disaggregated by...

**Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?**

- **Yes (n=409)**
  - 58%: It leads to additional jobs in Argentina and citizens benefit
  - 18%: It leads to additional jobs in the country but it is mainly Chinese citizens who benefit
  - 11%: It leads to fewer jobs in the country
  - 13%: Don’t know/Refused to answer

- **No (n=685)**
  - 37%: It leads to additional jobs in Argentina and citizens benefit
  - 23%: It leads to additional jobs in the country but it is mainly Chinese citizens who benefit
  - 25%: It leads to fewer jobs in the country
  - 16%: Don’t know/Refused to answer
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China invests in the country?

Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- China competes for public projects fairly, such as transparent bid processes
- China competes for public projects unfairly, such as using bribes or trying to limit bids or imposing finance restrictions
- Don't know/Refused to answer
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China and Chinese companies impact corruption in our country?

All Respondents

- They reduce corruption: 39%
- They have no effect on corruption: 32%
- They increase corruption: 19%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%

Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

Yes (n=409)

- They reduce corruption: 42%
- They have no effect on corruption: 33%
- They increase corruption: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%

No (n=685)

- They reduce corruption: 38%
- They have no effect on corruption: 33%
- They increase corruption: 20%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%
How do China and Chinese companies impact corruption in our country?
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; among those who believe China and Chinese companies increase corruption, n=389)

To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China and Chinese companies impact corruption in our country?

- They corrupt public officials: 32%
- They corrupt leaders: 16%
- Promote bribery: 11%
- They corrupt public spending: 11%
- They corrupt business owners: 10%
- They have the favor of the authorities: 5%
- Actions in self interest: 4%
- Tax evasion: 3%
- Promote nepotism: 2%
- Labor exploitation/Low salaries: 2%
- Obtain tenders with surcharge: 2%
- *Other: 10%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

*Responses receiving <2% are collapsed into Other.
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflect how China and Chinese companies impact norms, laws, and rules in the country?

- 52%: Argentina’s norms, laws, and rules become similar to China’s
- 21%: Argentina’s norms, laws, and rules are not affected
- 16%: Argentina’s norms, laws, and rules become less similar to China’s
- 11%: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Is it a positive or negative development that our country’s norms, laws, and rules become more similar to China’s?

(Among those who assert that Argentina’s laws become similar to China’s, n=132)
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country’s engagement with China?

- 65% Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country
- 16% Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country
- 9% Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country
- 10% Don’t know/Refused to answer

- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country
- Don’t know/Refused to answer
How has engaging with China weakened political participation in the country?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; among those who believe that engagement with China has weakened democracy in the country, n=170)

**To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country’s engagement with China?**

- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country: 16%
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country: 65%
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country: 10%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

**Potentially impactful statements:**

- Public officials became corrupt: 19%
- Government leaders became corrupt: 18%
- Less transparency from public officials: 10%
- China interfered with our political process: 10%
- Investments are for own benefit: 8%
- Business leaders became corrupt: 7%
- Limited rights/Moved towards a dictatorship: 6%
- Public officials became less accountable: 5%
- Government leaders adopted surveillance and information monitoring: 3%
- Unequal competition: 3%
- Predjudicial environment: 3%
- Media freedom has weakened: 2%
- Labor exploitation: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 19%

**Other:** 16%

*Responses receiving <2% are collapsed into Other.*
Which of the following statements best describes China’s motivations to invest in the country?

Disaggregated by...
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Chinese investment is mainly about economics
- Chinese investment is mainly about exploiting the country's resources
- Chinese investment is mainly about influence and control of the country
- Don't know/Refused to answer

All Respondents

- Yes (n=409)
- No (n=685)
Which of the following statements best describes the effect of China’s investments in Argentina?

**All Respondents**
- Chinese investment is delivering benefits to both sizes: 42%
- Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to our country: 5%
- Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to China: 46%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 7%

**Disaggregated by Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?**

- **Yes (n=409)**
  - Chinese investment is delivering benefits to both sizes: 47%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to our country: 4%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to China: 45%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%

- **No (n=685)**
  - Chinese investment is delivering benefits to both sizes: 40%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to our country: 5%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to China: 47%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

Disaggregated by Which of the following statements best describes China’s motivations to invest in the country?

- **... about economics (n=368)**
  - Chinese investment is delivering benefits to both sizes: 66%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to our country: 6%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to China: 25%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%

- **... about exploiting the country’s resources (n=570)**
  - Chinese investment is delivering benefits to both sizes: 35%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to our country: 4%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to China: 58%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **... about influence and control (n=168)**
  - Chinese investment is delivering benefits to both sizes: 28%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to our country: 4%
  - Chinese investment is mainly delivering benefits to China: 67%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%
Some people believe that China could emerge as a global leader in the world following the COVID-19 Pandemic. How likely do you think this is?

- Very likely: 38%
- Somewhat likely: 16%
- Less likely: 6%
- Not likely: 2%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

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Very likely   Somewhat likely   Less likely   Not likely   Don't know/Refused to answer
How would you evaluate the overall performance of China in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Disaggregated by...
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?
How would you evaluate the role of China in helping Argentina to fight the COVID-19 pandemic?

Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?
How would you rate the quality of medical supplies, such as masks and ventilators, that the country obtained (donated or bought) from China during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Disaggregated by...
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes (n=409)
  - Very high: 12%
  - Somewhat high: 39%
  - Somewhat poor: 14%
  - Very poor: 6%
  - Our country received no medical supplies from China: 9%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 19%

- No (n=685)
  - Very high: 8%
  - Somewhat high: 35%
  - Somewhat poor: 15%
  - Very poor: 4%
  - Our country received no medical supplies from China: 16%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 22%
Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion regarding a COVID-19 vaccine?

- I would prefer to receive a vaccine developed by China such as: CanSino, Sinopharm and Sinovac
- I would prefer to receive a vaccine developed by the US or a European country: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson
- I have no preference regarding which country developed a vaccine
- I do not intend to get the COVID-19 vaccine - no matter who developed it
- I already received the COVID-19 vaccine
- Don't know/Refused to answer
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Up to three responses permitted)

- Television: 28% (First), 25% (Second), 18% (Third)
- Internet (other than social media): 32% (First), 24% (Second), 14% (Third)
- Social media: 26% (First), 23% (Second), 15% (Third)
- Radio: 8% (First), 9% (Second), 13% (Third)
- Communication platforms like WhatsApp: 2% (First), 8% (Second), 11% (Third)
- Print media: 1% (First), 3% (Second), 8% (Third)
- Other: <1% (First), <1% (Second), 1% (Third)
- None: 2%
- No response: <1%

*None and Don’t know/Refused responses refer to First response.
How interested are you in news about China?

Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Somewhat uninterested
- Not at all interested
- Don't know/Refused to answer

All Respondents

- Very interested: 7%
- Somewhat interested: 31%
- Somewhat uninterested: 32%
- Not at all interested: 29%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Yes (n=409)

- Very interested: 13%
- Somewhat interested: 40%
- Somewhat uninterested: 31%
- Not at all interested: 17%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%

No (n=685)

- Very interested: 4%
- Somewhat interested: 27%
- Somewhat uninterested: 32%
- Not at all interested: 37%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%
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Which topics about China are you most interested in?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=465)

How interested are you in news about China?

- Interested: 61%
- Not interested: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 39%

Topics of interest:

- New investment projects: 22%
- Technology: 19%
- Origins of COVID-19: 15%
- Economy: 12%
- Cultural celebrations/Culture: 12%
- Chinese political system and government: 10%
- Efficacy of Chinese vaccines: 9%
- Human rights: 4%
- Official diplomatic agreements: 3%
- General news: 2%
- Population/Way of life: 2%
- Position on the world stage: 1%
- Relations with other countries: 1%
- Environment: 1%
- Work: 1%
- Health: 1%
- Industry: 1%
- *Other: 6%
- Nothing specific: <1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.
From which specific media outlet do you obtain most news about China?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=465)

How interested are you in news about China?

- TV news: 39%
- Websites: 37%
- Social media: 11%
- Newspapers: 5%
- Radio: 4%
- Youtube: 2%
- Twitter: 2%
- Instagram: 1%
- Facebook: 1%
- WhatsApp: 1%
- Family: <1%
- None: 3%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- Interested: 61%
- Not interested: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

- Very objective: 36%
- Somewhat objective: 26%
- Somewhat biased: 17%
- Very biased: 17%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%
### Demographics

#### Language spoken most at home

- **Spanish**: 93%
- **English**: 7%
- **Creole or French**: <1%
- **Indigenous language**: <1%
- **Other**: <1%

#### Occupation

- **Employed in a paid job full-time**: 31%
- **Employed in a paid job part-time**: 15%
- **Self-employed full-time**: 15%
- **Self-employed part-time**: 9%
- **Homemaker**: 7%
- **Retired**: 8%
- **Unemployed, looking for a job**: 9%
- **Unemployed, not looking for a job**: 1%
- **Student/pupil**: 5%
- **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: <1%

#### Employment Sector (n=390)

- **Private**: 70%
- **State**: 25%
- **Non-Governmental Organization**: <1%
- **None**: 3%
- **Other**: 1%

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*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.*
Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?

- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival (11%)
- I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things (3%)
- I am able to afford a few extra things (9%)
- I am able to afford most things I want (41%)
- Don't know/Refused to answer (36%)

Please note that you are free to answer or not any questions.
National Survey of the Dominican Republic
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?
What is the most important problem facing the country today?

(Spontaneous response)

- Economy - unemployment: 22%
- Crime/Public safety/Violence/Insecurity: 21%
- Economy - cost of living, high prices: 16%
- COVID-19: 11%
- Corruption: 11%
- Economy - other/general: 6%
- Education: 2%
- Healthcare: 2%
- Poverty: 1%
- Illicit drugs: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
How would you describe the economic situation of your household?
How likely are ordinary people to influence decisions made in our country?

- Very likely: 32%
- Somewhat likely: 26%
- Somewhat unlikely: 20%
- Very unlikely: 17%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for the Dominican Republic or not?

- 56%: It is the best possible form of government for our country
- 20%: There are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- 15%: There are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- 9%: Don't know/Refused to answer
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for the Dominican Republic?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic threat for the Dominican Republic?

- United States: 64% (28% for partner, 36% for threat)
- China: 19% (19% for partner, 19% for threat)
- European Union: 6% (18% for partner, 18% for threat)
- Venezuela: 3% (16% for partner, 16% for threat)
- Russia: 1% (7% for partner, 7% for threat)
- Cuba: 1% (6% for partner, 6% for threat)
- None of these: 1% (8% for partner, 8% for threat)
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5% (13% for partner, 13% for threat)
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for the Dominican Republic?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political threat for the Dominican Republic?

- United States: 35% (66%)
- China: 13% (12%)
- European Union: 5% (4%)
- Venezuela: 3% (11%)
- Russia: 1% (8%)
- Cuba: 1% (5%)
- None of these: 2% (8%)
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9% (16%)
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes: 55%
- No: 40%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%
Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=486)
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country’s engagement with China?

- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country: 48%
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country: 23%
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country: 15%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 14%
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- **Other**: 2% (First), 3% (Second), 3% (Third)
- **None**: 2%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 1%

*None and Don’t know/Refused responses refer to First response.*
How interested are you in news about China?

Disaggregated by...
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- **Very interested**
- **Somewhat interested**
- **Somewhat uninterested**
- **Not at all interested**
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**
How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

- Very objective: 17%
- Somewhat objective: 20%
- Somewhat biased: 39%
- Very biased: 12%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 12%

Legend:
- Very objective
- Somewhat objective
- Somewhat biased
- Very biased
- Don't know/Refused to answer
Demographics

Language most spoken at home

- Spanish: 98%
- Creole or French: 1%
- English: <1%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Occupational Status

- Employed in a paid job full-time: 23%
- Employed in a paid job part-time: 10%
- Self-employed full-time: 8%
- Self-employed part-time: 5%
- Homemaker: 20%
- Retired: 15%
- Unemployed, looking for a job: 3%
- Unemployed, not looking for a job: 3%
- Student/pupil: 10%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 45%

Employment Sector (n=561)

- Private sector (formal): 20%
- Private sector (informal): 23%
- State: 3%
- Non-Governmental Organization: 3%
- None: 3%
- Other: 7%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%

*Employment Sector refers to those who are employed or self-employed.
Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?

- 38%: I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
- 31%: I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things
- 15%: I am able to afford a few extra things
- 13%: I am able to afford most things I want
- 3%: Don't know/Refused to answer
National Survey of El Salvador
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- In the right direction: 63%
- In the wrong direction: 23%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 14%
What is the most important problem facing the country today?

(Spontaneous response)

- Economy - unemployment: 32%
- Crime/Public safety/Violence/Insecurity: 22%
- COVID-19: 10%
- Economy - cost of living, high prices: 9%
- Corruption: 4%
- Economy - other/genderal: 4%
- Health: 3%
- Poverty: 3%
- Bitcoin: 2%
- Education: 1%
- Internal conflicts: 1%
- Political party system: 1%
- Economy - small business opportunities/access to loans: 1%
- Politics: 1%
- Other: 4%
- No problems: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- Very good: 56%
- Somewhat good: 17%
- Somewhat bad: 10%
- Very bad: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in El Salvador?
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?

- Very important: 73%
- Somewhat important: 12%
- Somewhat not important: 7%
- Not important: 5%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%
Do you believe that democracy is the best form of government for El Salvador or not?

- 57%: Democracy is the best form of government
- 17%: There are other forms of government equally best
- 16%: There are other forms of government better than democracy
- 10%: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

- It has had a lot of negative impact (38%)
- It has had some negative impact (13%)
- It has had little negative impact (12%)
- It has not had any negative impact (30%)
- Don't know/Refused to answer (7%)
Who would you say are the biggest donors to El Salvador?

- United States: 54%
- China: 21%
- Germany: 1%
- United Nations: 1%
- *Other: 3%
- None: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 19%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for El Salvador?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic threat for El Salvador?

- United States: 57%
- China: 24%
- European Union: 11%
- Canada: 6%
- Russia: 3%
- Cuba: 3%
- Venezuela: 3%
- None of these: 2%
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- Cuba: 2%
- Nicaragua: 1%
- None of these: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 14%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- 59% Yes
- 31% No
- 10% Don't know/Refused to answer
Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=371)

- COVID-19 vaccines: 27%
- Factories: 22%
- Infrastructure: 17%
- Donations: 9%
- Opening of companies/Job creation: 8%
- Telecommunications: 4%
- Goods/Chinese products: 4%
- Technology: 2%
- Free trade zones: 1%
- Supermarkets: 1%
- Restaurants: <1%
- Vehicles: <1%
- Other: 4%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 10%

Are you aware of any Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes: 59%
- No: 31%
- Don't know/Refused: 10%
To your best knowledge, what is the level of Chinese investment in the following sectors in our country?

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Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?

- Tourist pier at Puerto la Libertad: 62% Yes, aware, 37% No, not aware, 1% Don’t know/Refused to answer
- National Stadium: 48% Yes, aware, 50% No, not aware, 2% Don’t know/Refused to answer
- National Library: 40% Yes, aware, 59% No, not aware, 1% Don’t know/Refused to answer
- El Zonte Surf City: 39% Yes, aware, 60% No, not aware, 1% Don’t know/Refused to answer
### Are you aware of the following Chinese infrastructure projects in El Salvador?

#### Disaggregated by:
- **Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?**

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**Legend:**
- **Yes, aware**
- **No, not aware**
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**
To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project*, n=917)

*Question asked in reference to the:
- Tourist pier at Puerto la Libertad
- National Stadium
- El Zonte Surf City
- National Library

![Pie chart showing the percentage of responses.](chart.png)

- Yes, aware: 76%
- No, not aware: 24%
- Much better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 11%
- Somewhat better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 13%
- Average construction quality in El Salvador: 6%
- Somewhat worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 1%
- Much worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 1%
- The project I know of is not yet complete: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?
(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project)

Disaggregated by those aware of each specific project...

- **El Zonte Surf City (n=471)**
  - Much better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 54%
  - Somewhat better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 21%
  - Average construction quality in El Salvador: 7%
  - Somewhat worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 20%
  - Much worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 10%
  - The project I know of is not yet complete: 10%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

- **National Library (n=482)**
  - Much better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 51%
  - Somewhat better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 21%
  - Average construction quality in El Salvador: 5%
  - Somewhat worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 11%
  - Much worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 10%
  - The project I know of is not yet complete: 11%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

- **Tourist pier at Puerto la Libertad (n=743)**
  - Much better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 51%
  - Somewhat better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 20%
  - Average construction quality in El Salvador: 6%
  - Somewhat worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 11%
  - Much worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 11%
  - The project I know of is not yet complete: 11%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

- **National Stadium (n=577)**
  - Much better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 47%
  - Somewhat better than average construction quality in El Salvador: 22%
  - Average construction quality in El Salvador: 6%
  - Somewhat worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 11%
  - Much worse than average construction quality in El Salvador: 11%
  - The project I know of is not yet complete: 12%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 12%
To your best knowledge, what has been the impact of such projects on job creation?

Disaggregated by...
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

Yes (n=371)
- Many additional jobs become available for citizens of El Salvador: 38%
- Some additional jobs become available for citizens of El Salvador: 30%
- Additional jobs become available for immigrants in El Salvador: 3%
- Additional jobs become available for Chinese citizens: 13%
- No additional jobs were created: 14%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

No (n=709)
- Many additional jobs become available for citizens of El Salvador: 23%
- Some additional jobs become available for citizens of El Salvador: 22%
- Additional jobs become available for immigrants in El Salvador: 5%
- Additional jobs become available for Chinese citizens: 17%
- No additional jobs were created: 32%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
In general, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the impact of Chinese investment on jobs in El Salvador?

- It leads to additional jobs in El Salvador and citizens benefit
- It leads to additional jobs in the country but it is mainly Chinese citizens who benefit
- It leads to fewer jobs in the country
- Don't know/Refused to answer

**All Respondents**
- Yes (n=371): 65% (green), 12% (purple), 14% (red), 8% (gray)
- No (n=709): 42% (green), 10% (purple), 23% (red), 26% (gray)

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China invests in the country?

- China competes for public projects fairly, such as transparent bid processes (41%)
- China competes for public projects unfairly, such as using bribes or trying to limit bids or imposing finance restrictions (17%)
- Don't know/Refused to answer (42%)

Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes (n=371)
  - China competes for public projects fairly, such as transparent bid processes (55%)
  - China competes for public projects unfairly, such as using bribes or trying to limit bids or imposing finance restrictions (20%)
  - Don't know/Refused to answer (26%)

- No (n=709)
  - China competes for public projects fairly, such as transparent bid processes (36%)
  - China competes for public projects unfairly, such as using bribes or trying to limit bids or imposing finance restrictions (17%)
  - Don't know/Refused to answer (48%)
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country’s engagement with China?

- **38%**: Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country
- **22%**: Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country
- **14%**: Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country
- **26%**: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Which of the following best reflects your opinion regarding a COVID vaccine?

- I would prefer to receive a vaccine developed by China such as: CanSino, Sinopharm and Sinovac (7%)
- I would prefer to receive a vaccine developed by the US or a European country: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (14%)
- I have no preference regarding which country developed a vaccine (20%)
- I do not intend to get the COVID-19 vaccine - no matter who developed it (5%)
- I already received the COVID-19 vaccine (52%)
- Don’t know/Refused to answer (3%)
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Up to three responses permitted)

- Television: 36% First, 23% Second, 14% Third
- Social media: 33% First, 17% Second, 10% Third
- Internet (other than social media): 16% First, 20% Second, 14% Third
- Communication platforms like WhatsApp: 3% First, 11% Second, 14% Third
- Radio: 4% First, 8% Second, 13% Third
- Print media: 1% First, 3% Second, 5% Third
- Other: <1% First, 2% Second, 1% Third
- None: 5% First
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%
How interested are you in news about China?

Disaggregated by:
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Somewhat uninterested
- Not at all interested
- Don't know/Refused to answer
Which topics about China are you most interested in?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=467)
From which specific media outlet do you obtain most news about China?

(Spontaneous response; Among those interested in news about China, n=467)

- TV news: 50%
- Social media: 19%
- Websites: 14%
- Facebook: 7%
- Newspapers: 2%
- Radio: 2%
- Twitter: 1%
- Youtube: 1%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 7%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

- 25% Very objective
- 17% Somewhat objective
- 13% Somewhat biased
- 8% Very biased
- 37% Don't know/Refused to answer
**Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.**

### Demographics

#### Language spoken at home

- **Spanish**: 99%
- **English**: <1%
- **Other**: 1%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: <1%

#### Occupation

- **Employed in a paid job full-time**: 16%
- **Employed in a paid job part-time**: 8%
- **Self-employed full-time**: 9%
- **Self-employed part-time**: 5%
- **Homemaker**: 29%
- **Retired**: 4%
- **Unemployed, looking for a job**: 11%
- **Unemployed, not looking for a job**: 2%
- **Student/pupil**: 6%
- **Other**: 9%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 1%

#### Employment Sector

- **Private**: 74%
- **State**: 13%
- **Non-Governmental Organization**: 2%
- **None**: 2%
- **Other**: 8%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: <1%
Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?

- 41%: I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
- 29%: I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things
- 12%: I am able to afford a few extra things
- 10%: I am able to afford most things I want
- 8%: Don't know/Refused to answer

*I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival*
National Survey of Panama
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- In the right direction: 70%
- In the wrong direction: 23%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 7%
What is the most important problem facing the country today?

(Spontaneous response)

- Economy - unemployment: 39%
- Corruption: 12%
- COVID-19: 10%
- Crime/Public safety/Violence/Insecurity: 8%
- Economy - other/general: 6%
- Health: 5%
- Economy - cost of living, high prices: 5%
- Education: 4%
- Poverty: 3%
- Economy - small business opportunities/access to loans: 1%
- Inequality: 1%
- Water: 1%
- Other: 3%
- No problems: <1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- Very Good: 52%
- Somewhat Good: 21%
- Somewhat Bad: 9%
- Very Bad: 4%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 14%
How likely are ordinary people to influence decisions made in our country?

- Very likely: 42%
- Somewhat likely: 18%
- Somewhat not likely: 14%
- Very unlikely: 3%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 23%
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?

- Very important: 61%
- Somewhat important: 16%
- Somewhat not important: 12%
- Not important: 9%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%
Do you believe that democracy is the best form of government for Panama or not?

- 41%: Democracy is the best form of government
- 35%: There are other forms of government equally best
- 15%: There are other forms of government better than democracy
- 9%: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

- 33%: It has had a lot of negative impact
- 32%: It has had some negative impact
- 18%: It has had little negative impact
- 14%: It has not had any negative impact
- 3%: Don't know/Refused to answer
Which would you say is the biggest foreign donor to Panama?

- **United States**: 50%
- **China**: 22%
- **Venezuela**: 2%
- **Colombia**: 1%
- **Germany**: 1%
- **Other**: 4%
- **None**: 1%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
Please tell me your opinion of each of the following countries:

- **United States**: 35% Very favorable, 35% Somewhat favorable, 11% Somewhat unfavorable, 9% Very unfavorable, 9% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **China**: 23% Very favorable, 33% Somewhat favorable, 13% Somewhat unfavorable, 18% Very unfavorable, 13% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Costa Rica**: 13% Very favorable, 42% Somewhat favorable, 18% Somewhat unfavorable, 11% Very unfavorable, 17% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Russia**: 15% Very favorable, 24% Somewhat favorable, 19% Somewhat unfavorable, 22% Very unfavorable, 22% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Mexico**: 8% Very favorable, 29% Somewhat favorable, 24% Somewhat unfavorable, 21% Very unfavorable, 18% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Brazil**: 7% Very favorable, 29% Somewhat favorable, 21% Somewhat unfavorable, 19% Very unfavorable, 23% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Dominican Republic**: 7% Very favorable, 26% Somewhat favorable, 26% Somewhat unfavorable, 19% Very unfavorable, 22% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Cuba**: 7% Very favorable, 21% Somewhat favorable, 23% Somewhat unfavorable, 30% Very unfavorable, 20% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Venezuela**: 4% Very favorable, 13% Somewhat favorable, 20% Somewhat unfavorable, 44% Very unfavorable, 18% Don't know/Refused to answer
How would you characterize the governments of the following countries?

- **United States**: 75% Democracy, 19% Dictatorship, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Panama**: 68% Democracy, 25% Dictatorship, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **China**: 42% Democracy, 46% Dictatorship, 12% Don't know/Refused to answer
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for Panama?
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for Panama?

- United States: 62%
- China: 22%
- European Union: 4%
- Russia: 3%
- Cuba: 2%
- Venezuela: 1%
- None of these: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes: 62%
- No: 27%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 11%
Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=332)

Are you aware of any Chinese investment in our country?

- Yes: 62%
- No: 27%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

If you are aware, which major Chinese investment?

- Infrastructure: 42%
- Opening of companies/Job creation: 21%
- Supermarkets: 5%
- COVID-19 vaccines: 5%
- Goods/Chinese products: 4%
- Donations: 4%
- Telecommunications: 3%
- Technology: 3%
- Mining: 2%
- Trade agreements: 2%
- Vehicles: 1%
- Restaurants: 1%
- Free trade zones: 1%
- Factories: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%
To your best knowledge, what is the level of Chinese investment in the following sectors in our country?

- **Telecommunications**
  - 30%: Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
  - 24%: Chinese investment is one of the largest sources of foreign investment
  - 13%: Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
  - 16%: There is no Chinese investment in this sector
  - 18%: Don’t know/Refused to answer

- **Finance and Banking**
  - 26%: Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
  - 29%: Chinese investment is one of the largest sources of foreign investment
  - 14%: Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
  - 14%: There is no Chinese investment in this sector
  - 17%: Don’t know/Refused to answer

- **Infrastructure**
  - 24%: Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
  - 28%: Chinese investment is one of the largest sources of foreign investment
  - 16%: Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
  - 14%: There is no Chinese investment in this sector
  - 18%: Don’t know/Refused to answer

- **Natural Resources other than oil**
  - 18%: Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
  - 19%: Chinese investment is one of the largest sources of foreign investment
  - 17%: Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
  - 24%: There is no Chinese investment in this sector
  - 22%: Don’t know/Refused to answer

- **Energy, including oil**
  - 16%: Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
  - 19%: Chinese investment is one of the largest sources of foreign investment
  - 17%: Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
  - 25%: There is no Chinese investment in this sector
  - 23%: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?

1. Amador Convention Center: 62% Yes, aware, 37% No, not aware, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
2. Fourth Panama Canal Bridge: 57% Yes, aware, 42% No, not aware, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
3. Puerto Mararita Expansion: 24% Yes, aware, 76% No, not aware, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
4. Martano Power Plant: 12% Yes, aware, 88% No, not aware, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?

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Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country’s engagement with China?

- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country: 44%
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country: 19%
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country: 15%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 23%
Some people believe that China could emerge as a global leader in the world following the COVID-19 Pandemic. How likely do you think this is?

- Very likely: 31%
- Somewhat likely: 25%
- Less likely: 15%
- Not likely: 24%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 5%
How would you evaluate the overall performance of China in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?

- **All Respondents**
  - Very positive: 23%
  - Somewhat positive: 34%
  - Somewhat negative: 20%
  - Very negative: 18%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 6%

- **Yes (n=332)**
  - Very positive: 29%
  - Somewhat positive: 35%
  - Somewhat negative: 19%
  - Very negative: 15%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **No (n=755)**
  - Very positive: 21%
  - Somewhat positive: 35%
  - Somewhat negative: 20%
  - Very negative: 19%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 6%

Colors:
- Very positive
- Somewhat positive
- Somewhat negative
- Very negative
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

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Which of the following best reflects your opinion regarding a COVID vaccine?

- I would prefer to receive a vaccine developed by China such as: CanSino, Sinopharm and Sinovac (4%)
- I would prefer to receive a vaccine developed by the US or a European country: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (27%)
- I have no preference regarding which country developed a vaccine (9%)
- I do not intend to get the COVID-19 vaccine - no matter who developed it (6%)
- I already received the COVID-19 vaccine (53%)
- Don’t know/Refused to answer (2%)
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Up to three responses permitted)

*None and Don’t know/Refused responses refer to First response.*
How interested are you in news about China?

Disaggregated by...
Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?
Which topics about China are you most interested in?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=410)

How interested are you in news about China?

- Interested: 64%
- Not interested: 34%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

- Origins of COVID-19: 21%
- New investment projects: 20%
- Technology: 10%
- Chinese political system and government: 7%
- Cultural celebrations/Culture: 5%
- Human rights: 5%
- Economy: 5%
- Commercial topics: 3%
- Diplomatic agreements: 3%
- China's provision of COVID vaccines globally and...: 3%
- Health: 2%
- Vaccination: 1%
- Aid programs: 1%
- Education: 1%
- Other: 6%
- Nothing specific: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 10%
From which specific media outlet do you obtain most news about China?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=410)

How interested are you in news about China?

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

- **Very objective**: 37%
- **Somewhat objective**: 21%
- **Somewhat biased**: 16%
- **Very biased**: 15%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 11%
Demographics

- Gender: Women 50%, Men 50%
- Age: Age 18-35 39%, Age 36-55 37%, Age 56+ 25%
- Urbanity: Urban 69%, Rural 31%
- Bocas: 4%
- Chiriquí: 12%
- Cochlé: 6%
- Colón: 8%
- Emberá: 1%
- Kuna Yala: 1%
- Ngöbe Buglé: 4%
- Darién: 2%
- Herrera: 3%
- Los Santos: 2%
- Panamá: 40%
- Panamá Oeste: 14%
- Veraguas: 5%
- Educational Attainment: Primary or less 35%, Secondary/Technical 44%, Higher 21%
Language spoken at home

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Occupation

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Employment Sector

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*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.
Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?

- 41%: I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
- 28%: I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things
- 13%: I am able to afford a few extra things
- 11%: I am able to afford most things I want
- 7%: Don't know/Refused to answer