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“We Hongkongers” Rolling Survey

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Background

“We Hongkongers” was advocated by Hong Kong Public Opinion Program (HKPOP) of the Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute (HKPORI), with the support of many members of the civic society. With reference to the petition website “We the People” hosted by the White House of the United States, “We Hongkongers” aims to reflect public sentiment by conducting scientific research on any issues raised by Hong Kong citizens. Please see: https://www.pori.hk/wehongkongers_factsheet_20191017_eng for details.

The rolling survey of “We Hongkongers” started officially on 17 October 2019, with a target sample size of at least 334 per rolling day. Report No.8 (this report) covers the survey period of 3 to 5 December 2019, and the following question has completed one rolling point with three consecutive rolling days of fieldwork within the period mentioned:

- Q1: How much do you support or oppose the cancellation of proxy votes in District Council meetings, that is, if a District Council member is absent and fails to participate in the discussion in person, he or she is not allowed to vote at the meeting?

Survey Findings

Herewith the contact information and results of the rolling survey of “We Hongkongers”:

Table 1: Contact information of rolling survey

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| Survey method | Random telephone survey conducted by real interviewers, plus telephone and online interviews with POP Panel samples |
| Target population | Cantonese-speaking Hong Kong residents aged 18 or above |
| Weighting method | The figures have been rim-weighted by day according to figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department. The gender-age distribution of the Hong Kong population came from “Mid-year population for 2018”, while the educational attainment (highest level attended) distribution and economic activity status distribution came from “Women and Men in Hong Kong - Key Statistics (2018 Edition)”. |
| Date of survey | 3-5/12/2019 |
| Full sample size | 1,041 |
| Landline sub-sample | (259) |
| Mobile sub-sample | (264) |
| POP Panel sub-sample | (518) |
| Effective response rate ^[1] | 76.5% |
| Sampling error ^[2] | Sampling error of percentages not more than +/-3%, that of net values not more than +/-5% at 95% confidence level |

[1] Before September 2017, “overall response rate” was used to report surveys’ contact information. Starting from September 2017, “effective response rate” was used. In July 2018, POP further revised the calculation of effective response rate. Thus, the response rates before and after the change cannot be directly compared.

[2] All error figures in this release are calculated at 95% confidence level, meaning that if we were to repeat a certain survey 100 times with different random samples, we would expect 95 times having the population parameter within the respective error margins calculated. Because of sampling errors, when quoting percentages, journalists should refrain from reporting decimal places, whereas one decimal place can be used when quoting rating figures.

Table 2: Results of Q1

| Q1: How much do you support or oppose the cancellation of proxy votes in District Council meetings, that is, if a District Council member is absent and fails to participate in the discussion in person, he or she is not allowed to vote at the meeting? | Survey date: 3-5/12/2019 | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Frequency | Percentage (base=1,041) |
| Very much support | 506 | 48.6% |
| Quite support | 266 | 25.5% |
| Half-half | 35 | 3.3% |
| Quite oppose | 86 | 8.3% |
| Very much oppose | 64 | 6.1% |
| Don't know / hard to say | 84 | 8.1% |
| Total | 1,041 | 100.0% |
| Missing | 0 | |
| Net value (Support – Oppose) | | +59.8% |