

Taiwanese on China's Invasion: "I'm actually a little worried"

Divided views amongst Taiwanese over China's invasion as tensions between the cross-strait continue to rise.



A Chinese war boat taking part in a military drill around the Taiwan-controlled Matsu Island

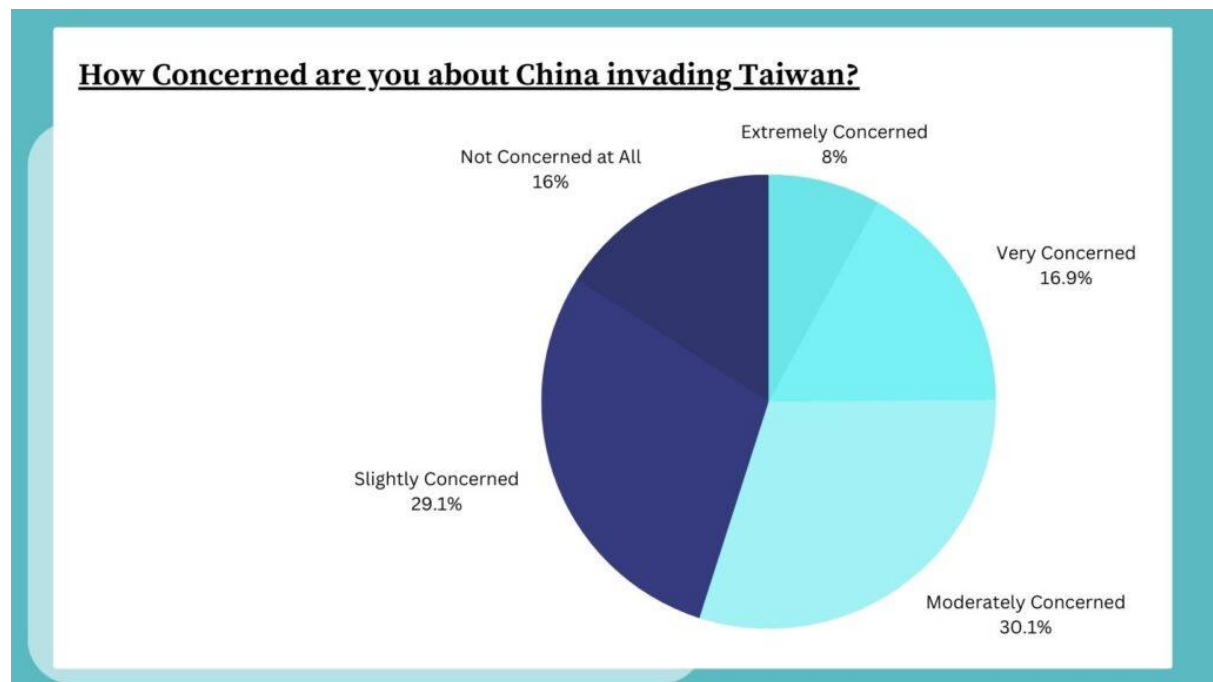
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Taiwan's Foreign Minister, Joseph Wu claimed that [China was ready to launch a war against](#) the island. The statement came after the 3-day Chinese military drill, a Beijing response to Tsai Ying-Wen, the Taiwan president's US visit.

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"I'm actually a little worried but there isn't much that can be done," said Sunnie Hsia, when asked about her prospect of an invasion. The 24-year old Taiwanese said, "If China wants to invade us, anything can be used as an excuse."

According to [an opinion poll](#), views about a China invasion are divided quite evenly.



Source: Global Taiwan Institute/ Timothy Rich

Andy is a Taiwanese masters student in East Asian studies who has a different view point as Sunnie.

"I am more worried about China making use of its economic power to restrict Taiwan's economic capability than an actual invasion." He said, "Because we rely on each other so much for our commercial and trading needs, an invasion may be costly to China."

"Although there were news reports about the military exercises, most of us just did not care," said Andy. "We are quite used to the threats that China has been imposing on us."

"People should also consider that Taiwan is an island, and it's comparatively harder than invading a piece of land that is just across the border."

Sunnie said, "If an invasion happens, I suspect it might be a similar situation like the Ukraine War where it might drag on a little while." She continued, "The battlefield is still our homeland, and it will still be our people dying, just like the Ukraine war."

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China always claims that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the country. China's president, Xi Jin-Ping has once publicly said that China would take Taiwan back before 2027, and with force if necessary.