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HKU POP SITE and Civic Exchange releases the 25th Legislative Council election rolling survey result

Preamble

This year, the Public Opinion Programme (POP) at the University of Hong Kong and the Civic Exchange are jointly conducting a series of rolling surveys on the 2004 Legislative Council direct elections starting from August 4. While the background and the methodology have been discussed before, please refer to the websites of POP and Civic Exchange at <u>http://hkupop.hku.hk</u> and <u>http://www.civic-exchange.org</u> respectively for the details. This press release mainly highlights the key findings in the rolling surveys conducted from August 28 to September 1, previous findings dating back to August 4 are available in the websites mentioned.

Knowledge of the election

The latest territory-wide rolling surveys (i.e. August 30 to September 1) revealed that, 34% of the voters interviewed had no idea on any list in their geographical constituency, while 66% knew at least one list. For the scenarios in individual constituencies, please refer to the websites for details.

Territory-wide rolling surveys	-						
Date of survey	<u>25-27/8</u>	<u>26-28/8</u>	<u>27-29/8</u>	<u>28-30/8</u>	<u>29-31/8</u>	<u>30/8-1/9</u>	<u>Latest</u> <u>change</u>
Sample base	1,280	1,278	1,285	1,297	1,305	1,364	
Sub-sample base *						1,109	
Overall response rate	74.5%	73.1%	73.9%	73.7%	73.9%	74.6%	
Sampling error of percentages (at 95% conf. level)**	+/- 3%	+/- 3%	+/- 3%	+/- 3%	+/- 3%	+/- 3%	
Totally no idea on the list in their constituency	38%	37%	36%	37%	35%	34%	-1%
Knew at least one list in their constituency ^	62%	63%	64%	63%	65%	66%	+1%
Knew at least half of the lists in their constituency $^{\wedge}$	26%	26%	27%	28%	33%	35%	+2%
Knew all lists in their constituency ^	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	

*From 1/9 onwards, 2 split questionnaires are used in our rolling poll. As this question only appears in one split questionnaire, the sub-sample size is therefore different.

** "95% confidence level" means that if we were to repeat a certain survey 100 times, using the same questions each time but

with different random samples, we would expect 95 times getting a figure within the error margins specified. ^ Since overlapping exists among these 3 answers, the total would add up to over 100%.

Propensity to vote

The territory-wide rolling surveys from August 30 to September 1 revealed that, the registered voters' propensity to vote was 83%. Nevertheless, this percentage should never be taken as a projection of the actual turnout rate because many people who claimed they would vote at this stage would eventually not vote. For the scenarios in individual constituencies, please refer to the websites for details.

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Proportion of respondents definitely will vote	57%	56%	59%	59%	59%	57%	-2%
Propensity to vote (summation of "definitely will" and "most likely will" vote)	84%	82%	81%	81%	83%	83%	

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Stray voters

Since many voters still had not decided how to cast their vote, while stray voters would always have significant influence on the election result, the POP Team therefore further look into the distribution of these votes in 5 constituencies. Firm voters are defined as those who said they would definitely and most likely vote, and have also decided to vote for which list, while stray voters are defined as those who said they would definitely and most likely vote, but have not decided to vote for which list. The rolling surveys in individual constituencies from August 28 to September 1 showed that, there were around 24-32% of stray votes in each of the 5 constituencies, while the largest proportion of stray votes was found in New Territories West (32%), the smallest in Hong Kong Island and New Territories East (24%). The figures are summarized as follows:

Rolling survey: Hong Kong Island	_					_	_
Date of survey	<u>23-27/8</u>	<u>24-28/8</u>	<u>25-29/8</u>	<u>26-30/8</u>	<u>27-31/8</u>	<u>28/8-1/9</u>	<u>Latest change</u>
Sample base	407	405	398	384	393	420	
Sampling error of percentages*	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	
Proportion of firm voters	54%	52%	51%	53%	53%	54%	+1%
Proportion of stray voters	22%	23%	25%	24%	24%	24%	

	Proportion of "no-votes"	24%	25%	24%	23%	22%	23%	+1%
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	Proportion of firm voters	45%	45%	41%	40%	39%	41%	+2%
Proportion of "no-votes" 25% 25% 26% 27% 28% 28%	Proportion of stray voters	30%	31%	33%	33%	33%	32%	-1%
	Proportion of "no-votes"	25%	25%	26%	27%	28%	28%	

*Calculated at "95% confidence level" which means if we were to repeat a certain survey 100 times, using the same questions each time but with different random samples, we would expect 95 times getting a figure within the error margins specified.

Candidate strength

Concerning the rolling surveys in individual constituencies from August 28 to September 1, the support

ratings of various lists are summarized as follows:

Question: In the forthcoming Legislative Council direct election, in fact there are several lists as follows. Which list you tend to support? (Interviewers to READ OUT all candidates' lists)			Suppor	t rating			<u>Latest</u> <u>change</u>	Error margin*	Candidates surpassing threshold
Hong Kong Island Constituency	(seats =	6, thresh	old = 17	%)					
Date of survey	23-27/8	24-28/8	<u>25-29/8</u>	26-30/8	<u>27-31/8</u>	28/8-1/9			
Sample base	407	405	398	384	393	420			
Sampling error of percentages*	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%			
Audrey Eu's list	17%	18%	18%	17%	19%	22%	+3%	+/-4%	Andrey Eu
Yeung Sum's list	18%	17%	16%	16%	16%	16%		+/-4%	
Rita Fan's list	18%	20%	17%	19%	17%	15%	-2%	+/-3%	
Ma Lik's list	8%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	+1%	+/-3%	
K. S. Tsang's list	1%	1%	<1%	1%	2%	2%		+/-1%	
K. F. Wong's list	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%		+/-<1%	
Not yet decide	32%	33%	34%	33%	33%	31%	-2%	+/-5%	
Others^	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	-1%	+/-2%	
Kowloon East Constituency (seats = 5, threshold = 20%)									
Date of survey	23-27/8	24-28/8	25-29/8	26-30/8	27-31/8	28/8-1/9			
Sample base	367	346	354	363	364	382			
Sampling error of percentages*	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%			
Y. H. Chan's list	23%	22%	20%	20%	20%	17%	-3%	+/-4%	
Alan Leong's list	14%	14%	15%	13%	13%	14%	+1%	+/-4%	
Albert Cheng's list	12%	12%	11%	11%	14%	13%	-1%	+/-3%	
W. M. Li 's list	8%	8%	9%	11%	10%	10%		+/-3%	
K. L. Chan's list	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%	5%		+/-2%	
Not yet decide	34%	34%	35%	35%	35%	38%	+3%	+/-5%	
Others^	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%		+/-2%	
Kowloon West Constituency (seats = 4, threshold = 25%)									
Date of survey	<u>23-2</u> 7/8	24-28/8	<u>25-2</u> 9/8	<u>26-3</u> 0/8	<u>27-3</u> 1/8	28/8-1/9			
Sample base	288	285	294	306	317	292			
Sampling error of percentages*	+/- 6%	+/- 6%	+/- 6%	+/- 6%	+/- 6%	+/- 6%			
James To's list	20%	16%	14%	15%	16%	16%		+/-4%	
Jasper Tsang's list	10%	10%	10%	10%	12%	14%	+2%	+/-4%	
C. S. Lau's list	11%	12%	13%	13%	14%	13%	-1%	+/-4%	
Frederick Fung's list	13%	14%	14%	12%	13%	12%	-1%	+/-4%	
S. L. Liu's list	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	-1%	+/-2%	

Question: In the forthcoming Legislative Council direct election, in fact there are several lists as follows. Which list you tend to support? (Interviewers to READ OUT all candidates' lists)			Suppor	t rating			<u>Latest</u> <u>change</u>	Error margin*	Candidates surpassing threshold
Y. S. Lau's list	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	-1%		
Not yet decide	41%	40%	40%	40%	37%	38%	+1%	+/-6%	
Others^	3%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	-1%	+/-2%	
New Territories East Constituen	cy (seats	s = 7, thre	eshold = 1	14%)					
Date of survey	23-27/8	24-28/8	25-29/8	26-30/8	27-31/8	28/8-1/9			
Sample base	548	533	532	546	550	577			
Sampling error of percentages*	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%			
Andrew Cheng's list	25%	27%	26%	24%	25%	27%	+2%	+/-4%	Andrew Cheng
K. W. Lau's list	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%	11%		+/-3%	
James Tien's list	15%	13%	12%	11%	11%	10%	-1%	+/-2%	
Andrew Wong's list	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%		+/-2%	
K. H. Leung's list	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%		+/-1%	
W. W. Tsoi's list	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%		+/-1%	
Not yet decide	35%	34%	36%	37%	38%	37%	-1%	+/-4%	
Others^	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%		+/-2%	
New Territories West Constituency (seats = 8, threshold = 13%)									
Date of survey	23-27/8	24-28/8	25-29/8	26-30/8	27-31/8	28/8-1/9			
Sample base	576	565	559	552	533	550			
Sampling error of percentages*	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%	+/- 4%			
Y. C. Tam's list	10%	11%	10%	9%	10%	9%	-1%	+/-2%	
C. Y. Lee's list	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%	8%	+1%	+/-2%	
Y. C. Leung's list	9%	9%	8%	9%	7%	7%		+/-2%	
C. Y. Ho's list	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	+1%	+/-2%	
W. T. Lee's list	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%		+/-2%	
Selina Chow's list	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%		+/-2%	
Albert Chan's list	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%		+/-1%	
T. S. Yim's list	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%		+/-1%	
Stephen Char's list	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	1%		+/-1%	
T. L. Ng's list	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	0%			
H. T. Lui's list	<1%	<1%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
P. T. Chow's list	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
Not yet decide	43%	44%	46%	48%	48%	46%	-2%	+/-4%	
Others^	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	+1%	+/-2%	

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^Included responses of "Won't vote" and "Won't support any political parties or candidates".

The support ratings shown above have not excluded those who had not decided and claimed not to vote. Readers may exclude this group of uncertain voters (assuming that they would not vote at all), reallocate the vote share according to the new base. The number of seats obtained by each list can then be deduced based on the Largest Remainder Formula. Yet, one must take note of the sampling errors.

It must be stated that since many voters have not yet made their choice, while most candidates' election campaign is still in progress, the influence of these stray votes is yet to be seen. For the other rolling surveys' result, survey method, contact information, respondents' demographics and full questionnaires, please refer to the websites for detailed information.

Other points to note

POP will release the latest results of the rolling surveys every day at 2 pm via our POP Site. Shall anyone have any question regarding the research design of the surveys published in the POP Site, members of the POP Team will be happy to answer them, but we will not further comment on the findings. Shall any journalist have any other questions, please email them to us person or at <pop.network@hkupop.hku.hk>. Please note that everything carried in the POP Site does not represent the stand of the University of Hong Kong. Dr Robert Ting-Yiu Chung, Director of Public Opinion Programme, is responsible for everything posted herewith, except for column articles which represent the stand of their authors.

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