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## “We Hongkongers” Rolling Survey

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### Research Report (2)

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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” by the White House of the United States, “We Hongkongers” Initiative aims to reflect public sentiment by conducting scientific research on any issues raised by Hong Kong citizens. If any person can mobilize more than 10,000 “petitions”, his or her suggested questions would be included in the survey after verification. 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. This report covers the survey period of 18 to 28 October 2019, with the following 7 questions:

- Q1: There are views in the society saying the 7.21 incident involved collusion of the Police Force and triads. How much do you agree or disagree with this view?
- Q2: There are views in the society saying there are Chinese People’s Police or People’s Armed Police Force in the Police Force. How much do you believe in this view?
- Q3: There are views in the society saying Hong Kong people should seek help from the international community if the SAR government could not safeguard human rights in Hong Kong. How much do you agree or disagree with this view?
- Q4: Some people initiated a non-cooperation movement, which involved actions such as blocking traffic and going on strike, to push the government to respond to their demands. How much do you support or oppose the non-cooperation movement?
- Q5: Some people initiated changes in consumption patterns, such as boycotting or supporting selected brands or shops to express their views toward the anti-extradition law protests. How much do you support or oppose such behavior?
- Q6: There are views in the society saying some people were beaten to death by the police in Prince Edward station on 31 August. How much do you agree or disagree with this view?
- Q7: A police truck armed with water cannons shot blue-dyed liquid at South Asians and journalists outside the mosque in Tsim Sha Tsui on Sunday (October 20). The Chief Executive and the Commissioner of Police apologized to the mosque afterward. Do you think the cause of the incident needs to be looked into or people be held accountable?

## Survey Findings

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

Table 1: Contact information of rolling survey

Survey method	Random telephone survey conducted by real interviewers, and 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	18-22/10/2019	21-23/10/2019	22-24/10/2019	23-25/10/2019	24-28/10/2019
Full sample size	1,117	1,066	1,061	1,038	1,042
Landline sub-sample	(310)	(263)	(265)	(261)	(259)
Mobile sub-sample	(319)	(265)	(264)	(261)	(261)
POP Panel sub-sample	(488)	(538)	(532)	(516)	(522)
Effective response rate <sup>[1]</sup>	78.4%	79.2%	78.4%	80.8%	81.6%
Sampling error <sup>[2]</sup>	Sampling error of percentages not more than +/-3%, that of net values not more than +/-5% at 95% confidence level	Sampling error of percentages not more than +/-3%, that of net values not more than +/-5% at 95% confidence level	Sampling error of percentages not more than +/-3%, that of net values not more than +/-5% at 95% confidence level	Not applicable	Sampling error of percentages not more than +/-3%, that of net values not more than +/-6% 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 2-8: Results of Q1 to Q7

Q1: There are views in the society saying the 7.21 incident involved collusion of the Police Force and triads. How much do you agree or disagree with this view?	Survey date: 17-21/10/2019		Survey date: 18-22/10/2019		Survey date: 21-23/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,062)	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,107)	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,058)
Very much agree } <b>Agree</b>	573	53.9%	584	52.7%	532	50.3%
Somewhat agree } <b>Agree</b>	132	12.5%	141	12.7%	118	11.1%
Half-half	31	2.9%	37	3.3%	50	4.8%
Somewhat disagree } <b>Disagree</b>	74	7.0%	70	6.4%	74	6.9%
Very much disagree } <b>Disagree</b>	179	16.9%	196	17.7%	209	19.7%
Don't know / hard to say	73	6.9%	80	7.2%	75	7.1%
Total	1,062	100.0%	1,107	100.0%	1,058	100.0%
Missing	10		10		8	
<b>Net value (Agree – Disagree)</b>		<b>+42.5%</b>		<b>+41.4%</b>		<b>+34.7%</b>

Q2: There are views in the society saying there are Chinese People's Police or People's Armed Police Force in the Police Force. How much do you believe in this view?	Survey date: 17-21/10/2019		Survey date: 18-22/10/2019		Survey date: 21-23/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,071)	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,114)	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,063)
Very much believe } <b>Believe</b>	472	44.1%	471	42.2%	419	39.4%
Somewhat believe } <b>Believe</b>	194	18.1%	222	19.9%	213	20.0%
Half-half	91	8.5%	98	8.8%	78	7.4%
Somewhat unbelieve } <b>Unbelieve</b>	95	8.8%	81	7.3%	80	7.6%
Very much unbelieve } <b>Unbelieve</b>	173	16.1%	193	17.4%	223	21.0%
Don't know / hard to say	46	4.3%	50	4.5%	49	4.6%
Total	1,071	100.0%	1,114	100.0%	1,063	100.0%
Missing	1		3		3	
<b>Net value (Believe – Unbelieve)</b>		<b>+37.2%</b>		<b>+37.5%</b>		<b>+31.0%</b>

Q3: There are views in the society saying Hong Kong people should seek help from the international community if the SAR government could not safeguard human rights in Hong Kong. How much do you agree or disagree with this view?	Survey date: 22-24/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,059)
Very much agree	441	41.6%
Somewhat agree	204	19.2%
Half-half	63	5.9%
Somewhat disagree	102	9.6%
Very much disagree	202	19.1%
Don't know / hard to say	48	4.5%
Total	1,059	100.0%
Missing	2	
<b>Net value (Agree – Disagree)</b>		<b>+32.2%</b>

Q4: Some people initiated a non-cooperation movement, which involved actions such as blocking traffic and going on strike, to push the government to respond to their demands. How much do you support or oppose the non-cooperation movement?	Survey date: 22-24/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,060)
Very much support	227	21.4%
Somewhat support	213	20.1%
Half-half	114	10.8%
Somewhat oppose	172	16.2%
Very much oppose	318	30.0%
Don't know / hard to say	16	1.5%
Total	1,060	100.0%
Missing	1	
<b>Net value (Support – Oppose)</b>		<b>-4.7%</b>

Q5: Some people initiated changes in consumption patterns, such as boycotting or supporting selected brands or shops to express their views toward the anti-extradition law protests. How much do you support or oppose such behavior?	Survey date: 22-24/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,054)
Very much support	336	31.9%
Somewhat support	170	16.1%
Half-half	112	10.6%
Somewhat oppose	133	12.6%
Very much oppose	214	20.3%
Don't know / hard to say	90	8.6%
Total	1,054	100.0%
Missing	7	
<b>Net value (Support – Oppose)</b>		<b>+15.1%</b>

Q6: There are views in the society saying people were beaten to death by the police in Prince Edward station on August 31. How much do you agree or disagree with this view?	Survey date: 24-28/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,026)
Very much agree	313	30.5%
Somewhat agree	175	17.0%
Half-half	94	9.1%
Somewhat disagree	94	
Very much disagree	207	20.3%
Don't know/Hard to say	144	14.0%
Total	1,026	100.0%
Missing	16	
<b>Net value (Agree – Disagree)</b>		<b>+18.2%</b>

Q7: A police truck armed with water cannons shot blue-dyed liquid at South Asians and journalists outside the mosque in Tsim Sha Tsui on Sunday (October 20). The Chief Executive and the Commissioner of Police apologized to the mosque afterward. Do you think the cause of the incident needs to be looked into or people be held accountable?	Survey date: 24-28/10/2019	
	Frequency	Percentage (base=1,041)
<b>Yes</b>	672	<b>64.6%</b>
Half-half	21	2.1%
No	302	29.0%
Don't know/Hard to say	46	4.4%
Total	1,041	100.0%
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1</i>	
<b>Net value (Agree – Disagree)</b>		<b>+35.6%</b>