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Post-“July 1st Demonstration” Opinion Survey on BL23
Executive Summary

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On July 1, 500,000 people marched for opposing the legislation. On July 5, three amendments were announced by the government, including the removal of the proscription of groups affiliated with bodies banned on the mainland, the introduction of public interest as a defence in connection with the unlawful disclosure of certain official information, and the deletion of the provision which conferred on the police a power to search without court warrant in the exercise of their emergency investigation powers. However, the schedule for passing the bill remained to be July 9. As in early dawn today, after anticipating that the amended bill would not be passed in the Legislative Council, the government finally announced the deferral of the legislation. Have the several actions taken by the government been responsive to the public demand?

Civic Exchange sponsored again the Concern Group on Article 23 of the Basic Law to commission the POP Team to conduct a follow-up survey, in order to gauge people's latest opinion towards the legislation. The main areas of the investigation were:

- i. The changes in the support level of CE and the SAR Government after the “July 1st Demonstration” and the government's amendments;
- ii. Whether people accept the government's concessions;
- iii. People's latest demands.

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The questionnaire was designed by the POP Team independently, without giving notification to any bodies, while the POP Team was given full autonomy in the operation and data analysis of this study. The survey was a random telephone interview, conducted in two stages. Stage one was conducted between 2 and 4 July 2003, which successfully interviewed 1,046 Cantonese-speaking Hong Kong citizens aged 18 or above, with its response rate being 66.3%. Stage two was conducted between 4 and 5 July 2003, with a sample size of 1,160 respondents and a response rate of 71.0%.

Results showed that, people's rating of CE Tung Chee-hwa after the "July 1st Demonstration" has drastically dropped by 8.7 marks, from 43.7 marks of mid-June to the latest 35.0 marks, setting its record low. After the announcement of the three amendments, Tung's rating registered was 35.4 marks, indicating that in terms of CE's popularity, the three amendments failed to pull him out of the current confidence crisis. Moreover, if a general election of the Chief Executive were to be held tomorrow, and the people had the right to vote, 71% of the respondents would not vote for Tung, whereas only 13% would. An increase of 9 percentage points was recorded for those who did not trust Tung over the month past.

With respect to people's satisfaction with the SAR Government, 65% were dissatisfied, 22% said "half-half", while only 9% (9.2%) were satisfied. The dissatisfaction figure has surged for 12 percentage points from mid-June to set its historic high again.

As for the Article 23 Legislation, results revealed that, after the government's three amendments, 54% still opposed passing the bill on July 9 as scheduled, whereas only 23% supported such move. If the legislation for Article 23 was passed, 40% of the respondents would continue the struggle in compliance with the law, while 16% would continue the struggle by civil disobedience.

Finally, considering the fact that people have started to pay their concern on a change in

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SARG's leadership after the "July 1st Demonstration", therefore, this survey has especially incorporate one question, which asked the respondents whether they believe a change in SARG's leadership was actually the demand of people who joined the march. Results indicated that 67% believed that the demand was there, which proved that the people have begun to have such concern.

There were indeed other questions in this survey, including people's perceived views on the demonstration, as well as the route of demonstration. Because these data was irrelevant to the topic of this release, details would not be provided here. For details of the figures, please refer to the "HKU POP SITE" (<http://hkupop.hku.hk>).

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