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Our leaders have been surprisingly expressive in signaling U.S. military support for the defense of Taiwan.

Ironic, considering that official U.S. policy is dubbed “strategic ambiguity,” meaning we don’t say one way or the other about our defensive intentions for helping the island nation against a regularly threatened and rehearsed-for Chinese invasion or naval blockade.

Four separate times during his term, however, former President Joe Biden publicly [pledged](#) American military help to counter a People’s Republic of China assault on Taiwan. As for the Trump 2.0 Pentagon, weeks ago it leaked (or suffered a leak of) a global defense strategy [memo](#) that said preventing a PRC takeover of Taiwan was the “sole pacing scenario” engaging our armed forces.

Surprising unanimity for the two parties in Washington. But has

anyone asked what the American people think?

Well, Humanity for Freedom Foundation conducted a poll, [released](#) yesterday.*

Informed that “China claims Taiwan as its own territory,” 82 percent of respondents agreed that “Taiwan is an independent country.” Only 3 percent felt “Taiwan is part of China.”

A 58 percent majority favored full U.S. diplomatic recognition for Taiwan. When it comes to American military defense, a plurality of 39 percent wanted to continue the status quo of *not saying* (“strategic ambiguity”), while 32 percent of Americans preferred their government make a clear commitment to Taiwan. Only 2 percent supported ending arm sales and adopting a neutral stance.

The above results are thoroughly—and surprisingly—non-partisan, with arch conservatives and far-out progressives [finding](#) common ground to defend Asia’s freest society against the world’s most maniacal totalitarian state.

Could the specter of a future dictated by the Chinese Communist Party be bringing the world closer together?

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.

* In full disclosure, I’m on HFF’s board of directors. As for the national poll, it had 800 respondents, giving the results a 3.5 percent margin of error with a 95 percent confidence level. Full results are [here](#).