



# Democracy Defending Democracy

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## This year's most important election takes place tomorrow.

On Saturday, in Taiwan—Asia's most democratic nation—more than 20 percent of the country's unicameral legislators serving in the Legislative Yuan will face the voters in a [massive](#), multi-step, typhoon-size recall campaign.

Coinciding with a *real* typhoon [striking](#) this island nation.

Which could impact turnout.

Which matters.

To successfully oust each officeholder, both a majority of the turnout must agree as well as for that majority to equal 25 percent of all the

registered voters in the district.

“Supporters of the recall movement have portrayed their campaign as ‘anti-communist,’” [reports](#) CNN, “seeking to get rid of ‘pro-China’ opposition KMT lawmakers they perceive as collaborators of Beijing’s ruling Communist Party, which vows to ‘reunify’ Taiwan, by force if necessary.”

Taiwan has divided government. President Lai Ching-te heads the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), which does not desire reunification with Chinese Communist Party-ruled China, either by force or surrender, and has been working to improve Taiwan’s military posture. The 113-seat Legislative Yuan, controlled by a coalition between the Kuomintang (KMT) and the smaller Taiwan’s People Party (TPP), has “undermined democratic institutions and national security by obstructing Lai’s administration,” including “freezing defense spending” when China’s military threats are escalating.

The KMT has 24 legislators up for recall tomorrow and another seven in a recall election next month. Meanwhile, KMT efforts to respond by launching recalls against DPP lawmakers completely fizzled.

Taiwanese billionaire Robert Tsao, a major backer of the recall effort, [labeled](#) the 31 KMT lawmakers being recalled “China’s ‘Trojan Horse’ in Taiwan.”

A KMT official recently called the recall “totally unconstitutional and undemocratic.”

Really? The main point of democracy is to allow the peaceful removal of government officials.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.