



# DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES AND GOVERNANCE EFFECTIVENESS IN CHINA

## GLOBAL SURVEY



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## About the Survey

With the strong guarantee of the socialist political system with Chinese characteristics, China has made great economic and social progress. In order to better understand the global perception of the effectiveness of China's democratic practices and governance, the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies (ACCWS), in collaboration with Dataway Horizon, conducted a thematic survey on public opinion, covering Asia (China, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia), Europe (UK, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Greece, Serbia), North America (USA, Mexico), South America (Brazil, Argentina), Africa (Egypt, South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya), and Oceania (New Zealand). The respondents were aged 18 and above with college education or above in each country. A total of 9,598 valid samples were collected, with no less than 400 samples from each country.

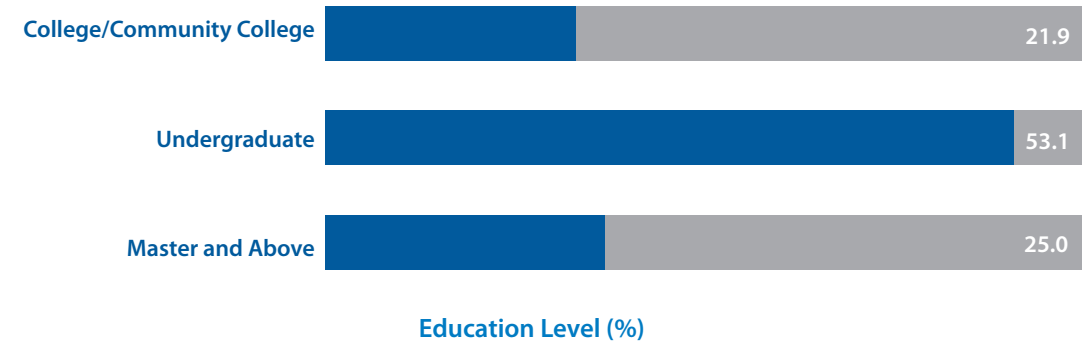
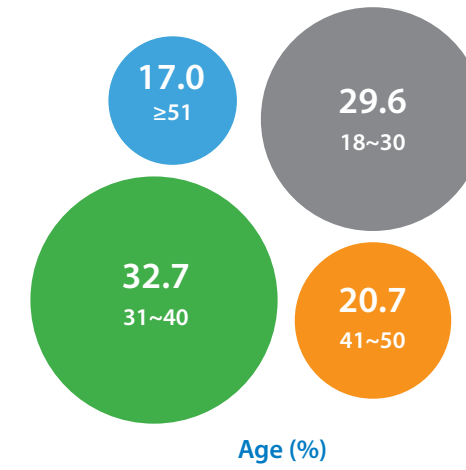
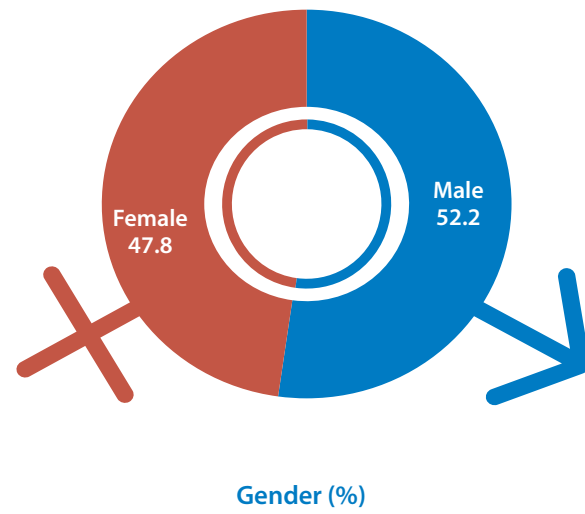
The survey focuses on people's perception and evaluation<sup>1</sup> in 23 countries of the effectiveness of democracy in China's economic and social development, which will hopefully facilitate further studies of the development of democracy and national governance in China. The survey was an online web-based one, with data collected through the global sample database of Dataway and ESO-MAR's global member network, rigorously following international standards for online surveys.

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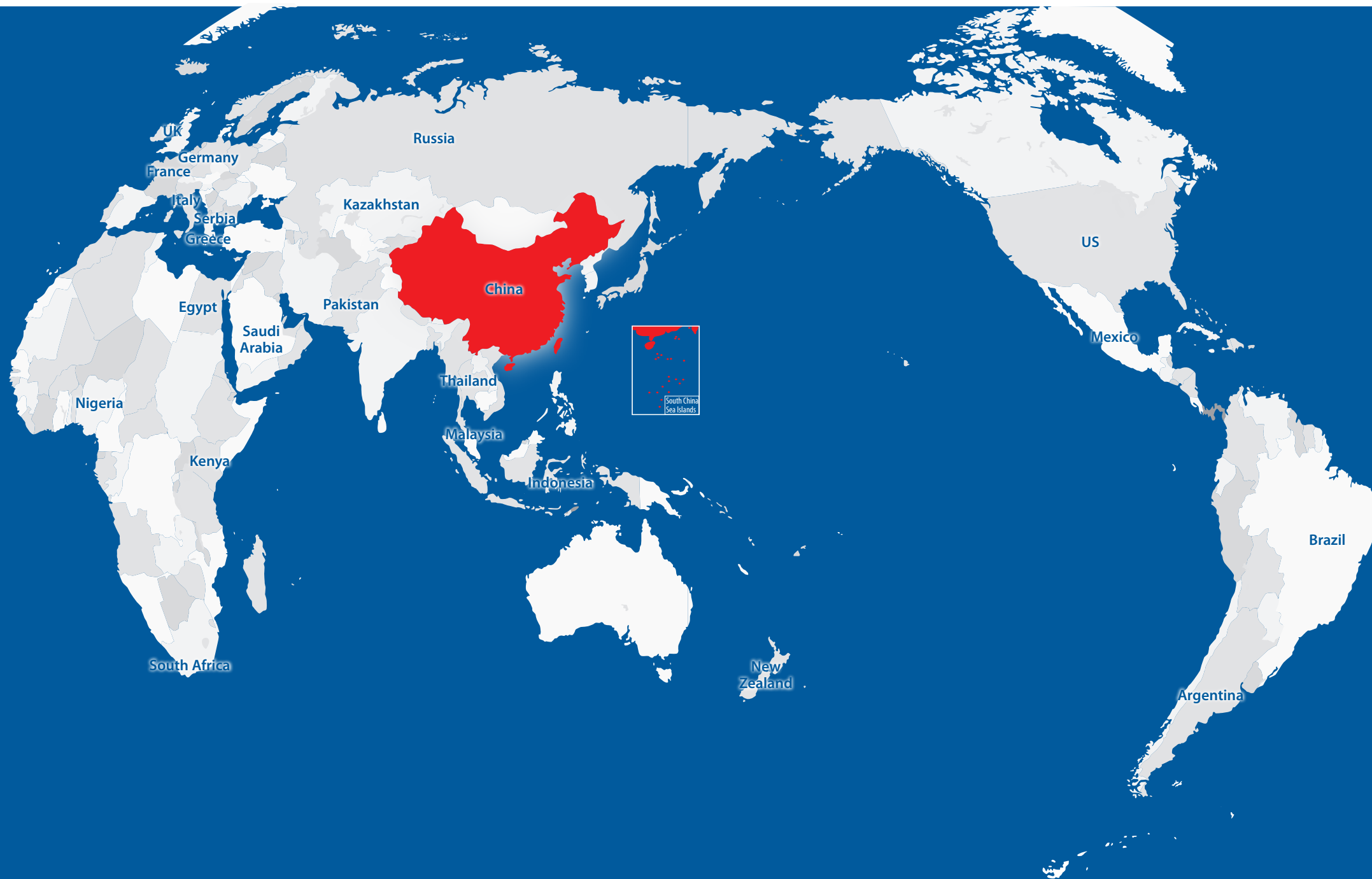
<sup>1</sup> Based on international practice, this survey divides the recognition into four categories of evaluation indicators: highly agree (≥90%), agree (≥70%), fairly agree (≥50%), and disagree (<50%).



## Sample Structure







**23**  
Countries

**9598**  
Samples

**400+**  
Samples/Country

## Key Discoveries

**Common values of humanity reflect broad global consensus**



**Leadership of the Communist Party of China is highly regarded**

**Peoples across the world are universally positive about China's economic growth**



**China's social harmony and stability are highly acclaimed by the global community**



**China's cultural heritage and its continuation are positively evaluated**



**The effectiveness of China's epidemic prevention and control wins global recognition**



**The effectiveness of China's state governance is highly acknowledged by the Chinese people**



**China's ecological and environmental protection actions are widely regarded as powerful**



## Part 1: Overall Assessment

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Democracy is a common value of humanity and an instrument for addressing the issue that concern the people.

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## Common values of humanity are widely accepted

The peoples of 23 countries all expressed a high degree of recognition of the common values of “peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom” that China advocates, with an average rating of 96.7 percent. This concept is echoed by a broad consensus among countries around the world, with recognition rates exceeding 98% in Egypt, Argentina, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Mexico.

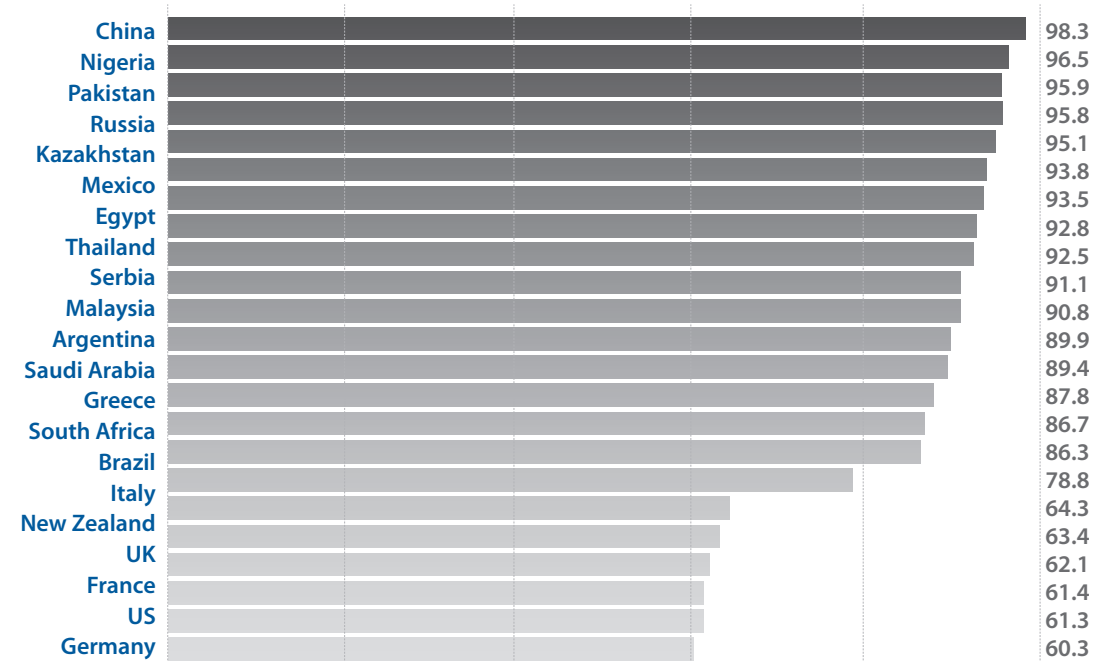
Figure: Recognition of Common Values of Humanity (%)



## Political decision-making is efficient, stable and sustainable

Respondents in 23 countries all said that they “fairly agree”, “agree” or “highly agree” with the efficiency and effectiveness of China’s political decision-making. Among them, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan, Russia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Egypt, Thailand, Serbia “highly agree” that China’s political decision-making is efficient, stable and sustainable.

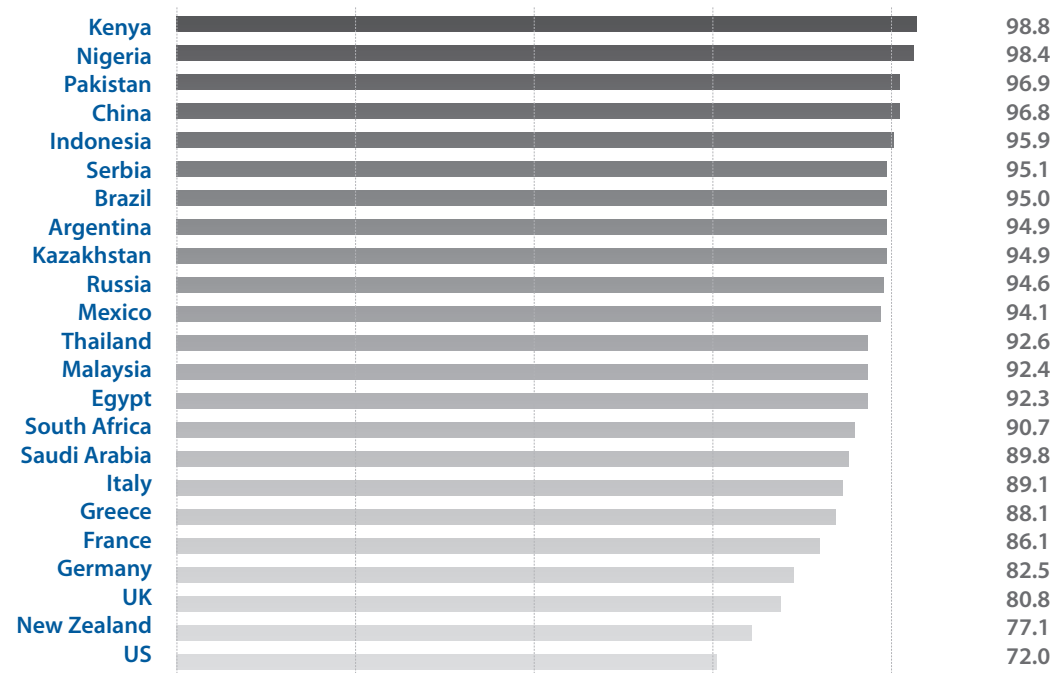
Figure: Recognition of China’s Political Decision-Making Efficiency (%)



## China's economy maintains long-term stable and healthy growth

Respondents in 23 countries are positive about the long-term development of the Chinese economy, as all of them voted “agree” or “highly agree”. Among them, those from 15 countries are “highly positive”, representing 65% of the total. In Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia, Serbia and Brazil, the rate of “agree” and above exceeds 95%, believing that the Chinese economy maintains a healthy and stable growth.

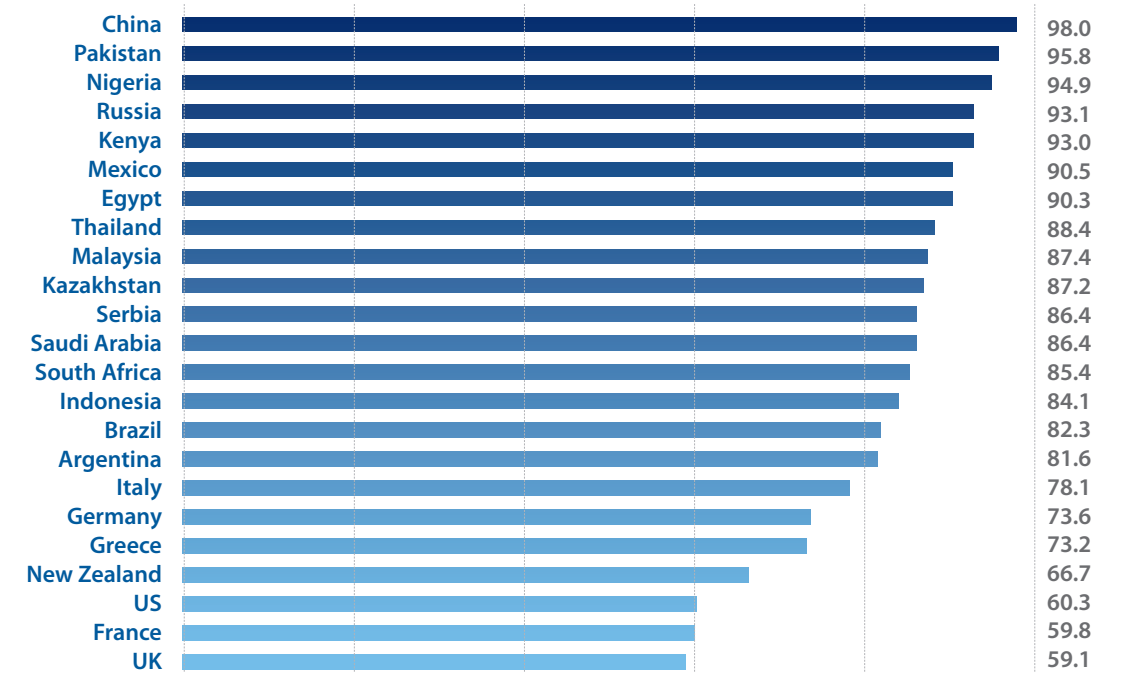
Figure: Recognition of China's Economic Growth (%)



## Chinese society is harmonious and stable with good law and order

Respondents from 23 countries all said they “fairly agree”, “agree” or “highly agree” with China’s social stability. Among them, those from Pakistan, Nigeria, Russia, Kenya, Mexico, Egypt “highly agree”, believing that China’s society is harmonious and stable with good law and order.

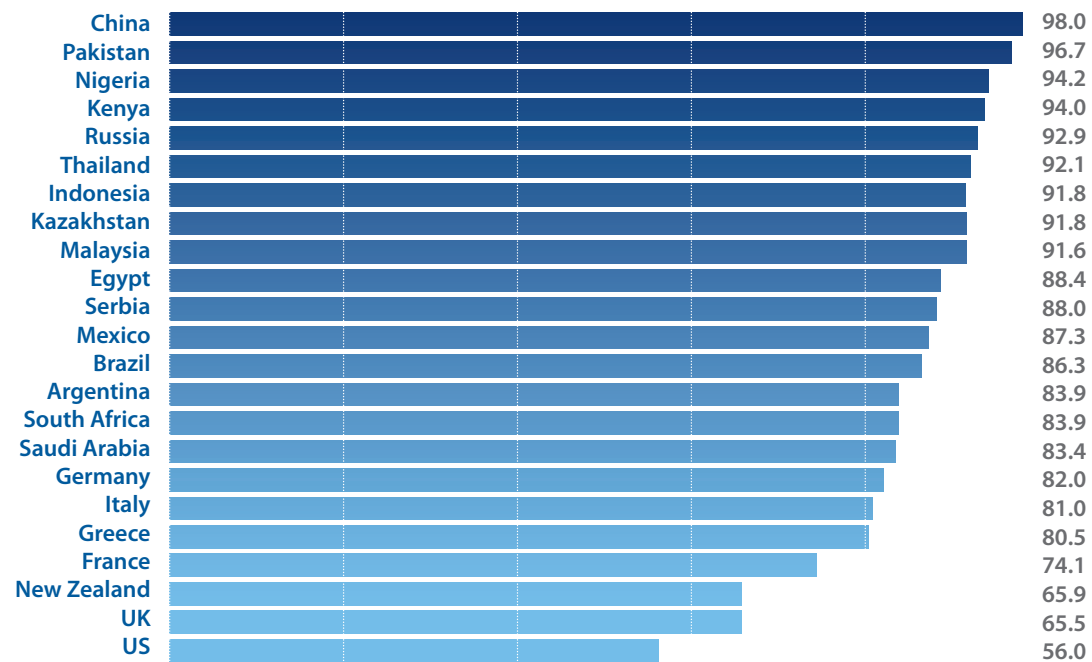
Figure: Recognition of China's Social Stability (%)



## China's epidemic prevention and control is effective

In terms of epidemic prevention and control, respondents in 23 countries all said they “fairly agree”, “agree” or “highly agree” with the effectiveness of China’s measures. Among them, those from Pakistan, Nigeria, Kenya, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia “highly agree” that China’s prevention and control measures are effective.

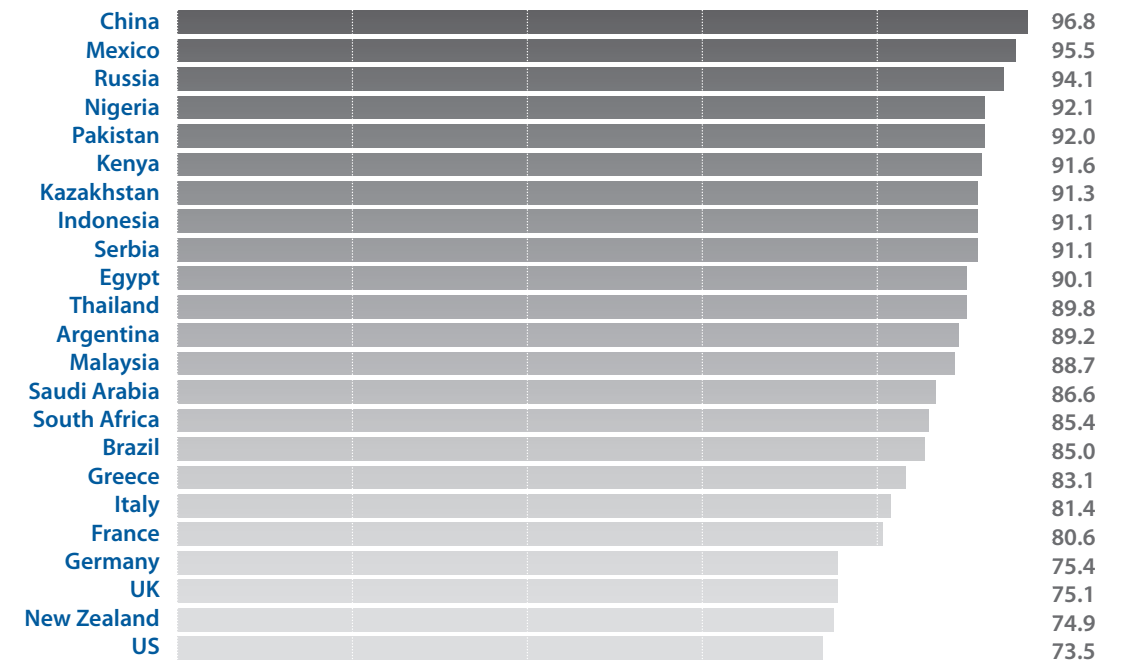
Figure: Recognition of China's Epidemic Prevention and Control (%)



## The Chinese culture is well preserved and promoted

Respondents in all 23 countries “agree” or “highly agree” of China’s cultural heritage preservation and development. Among them, those from Mexico, Russia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Serbia and Egypt “highly agree” that as an ancient civilization, China’s outstanding culture has been effectively preserved and promoted.

Figure: Recognition of the Preservation and Promotion of the Chinese Culture (%)



## Part 2: Specific Assessment

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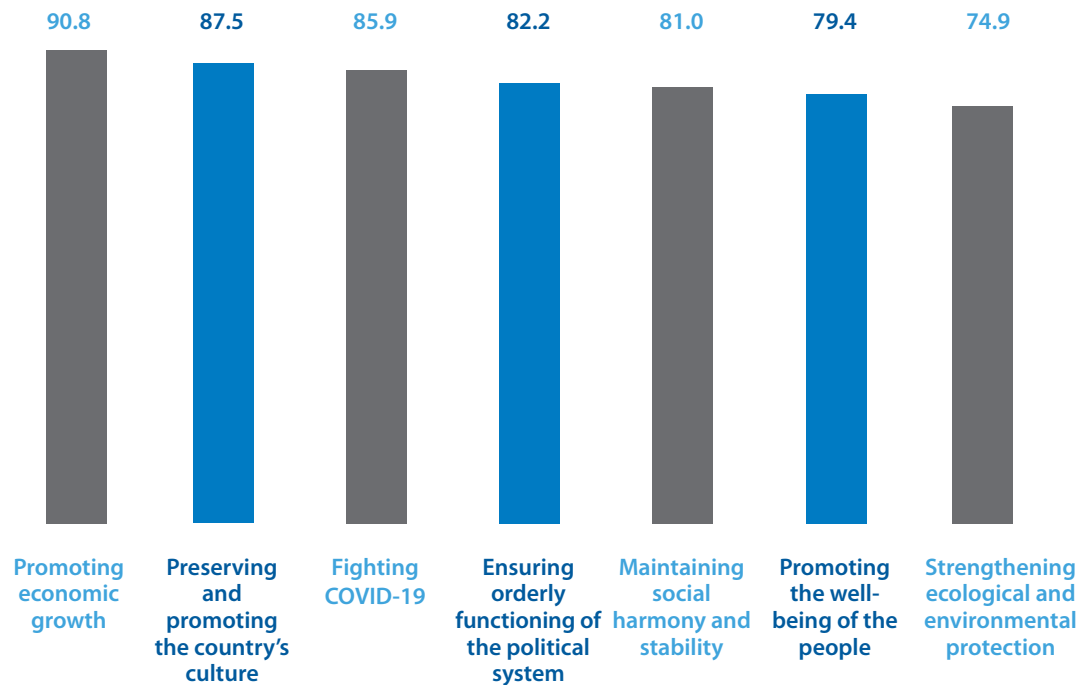
Whether a country is democratic should be acknowledged by the international community.

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## The Communist Party of China plays a key role in the governance of the country

Respondents from the 23 countries highly agree that China’s ruling party plays an important role in national governance, believing that the CPC has played a key role in promoting economic development (90.8%), preserving and promoting the country’s culture (87.5%), fighting the epidemic (85.9%), ensuring orderly functioning of the political system (82.2%), maintaining social harmony and stability (81.0%), promoting the well-being of the people (79.4%), and strengthening ecological and environmental protection (74.9%).

Figure: Recognition of the Role of the Ruling Party in China, by Area (%)



## China has rich traditional principles of governance

Respondents from the 23 countries highly agree with China’s preservation of and drawing on its traditional ideas of governance, with an average recognition of 93.2%, 89.2%, 93.1% and 94.3%, respectively of the ideas of “benevolent governance”, “rule of virtues”, “rule of law” and “priority of harmony”. They believe that these traditional ideas can still serve as important practical guidance.

Figure: Recognition of Traditional Chinese Governance Principles (%)

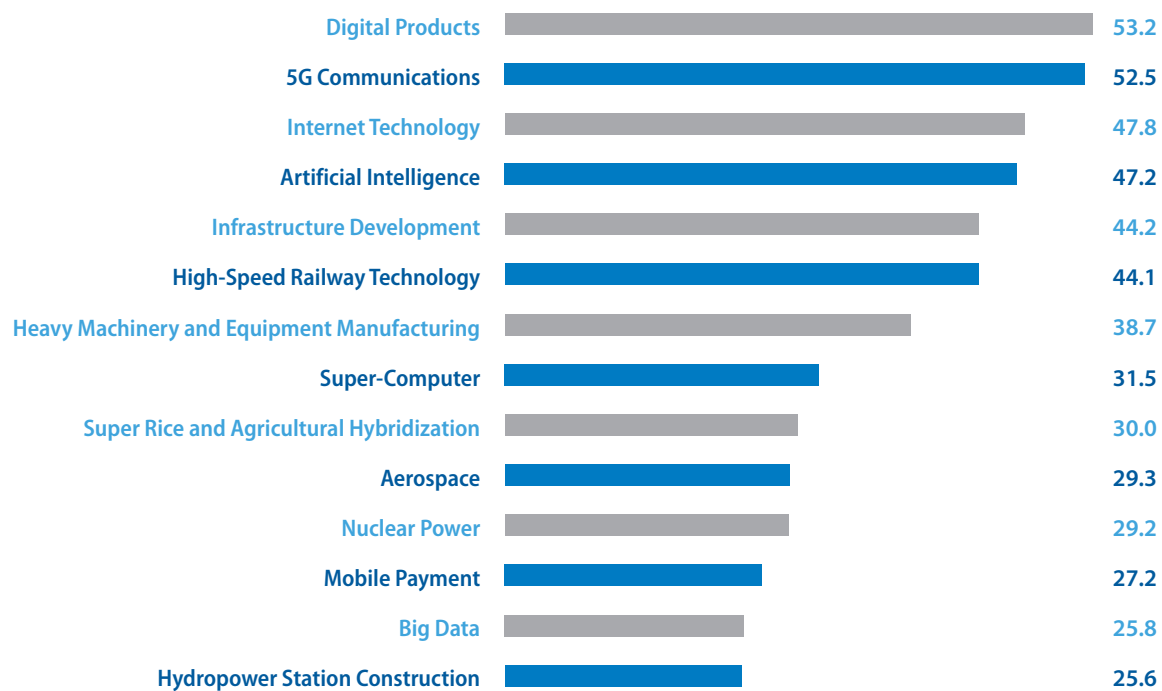




## China leads the world in manufacturing and technology industries

Respondents in 23 countries widely recognize China’s manufacturing and technological innovation capabilities, and believe that China possesses leading capabilities in the world in digital products (53.2%), 5G telecommunications technology (52.5%), internet technology (47.8%), artificial intelligence (47.2%), infrastructure construction (44.2%) and high-speed rail technology (44.1%), and that “Made in China” and “Created in China” products are renowned worldwide.

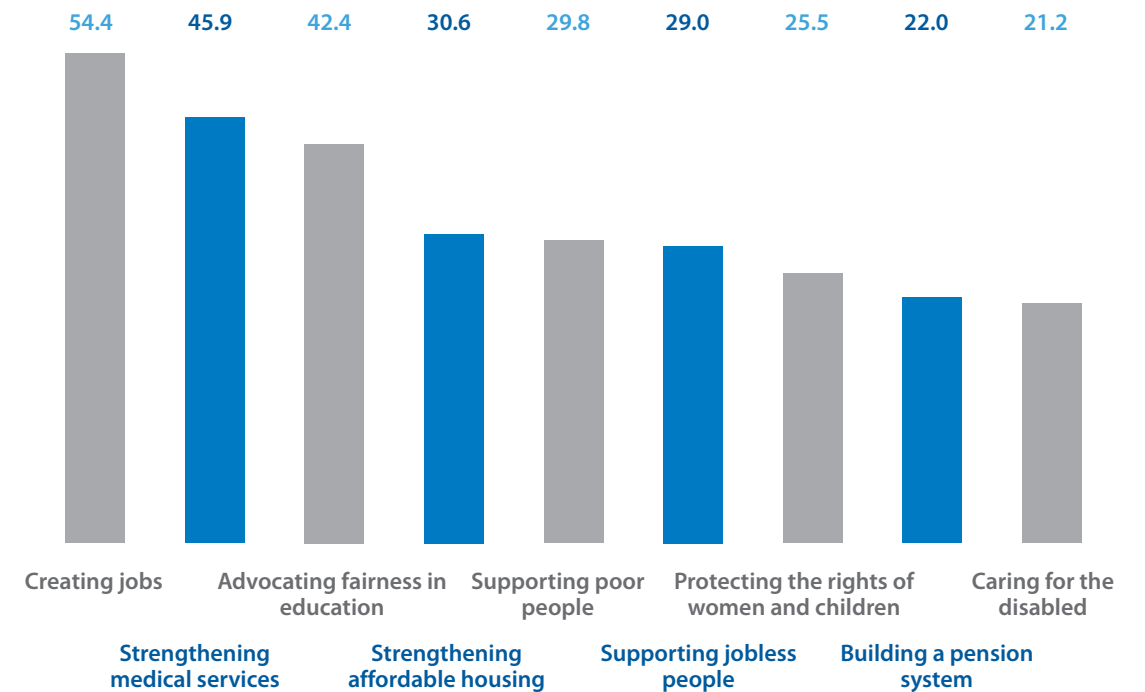
Figure: Recognition of World-Leading Chinese Industries (%)



## China strongly promotes social fairness in employment, healthcare and education

Respondents in the 23 countries believe that China has effectively promoted social fairness in areas such as creating jobs (54.4%), strengthening medical services (45.9%) and education (42.4%), ensuring that the people live and work in peace and happiness.

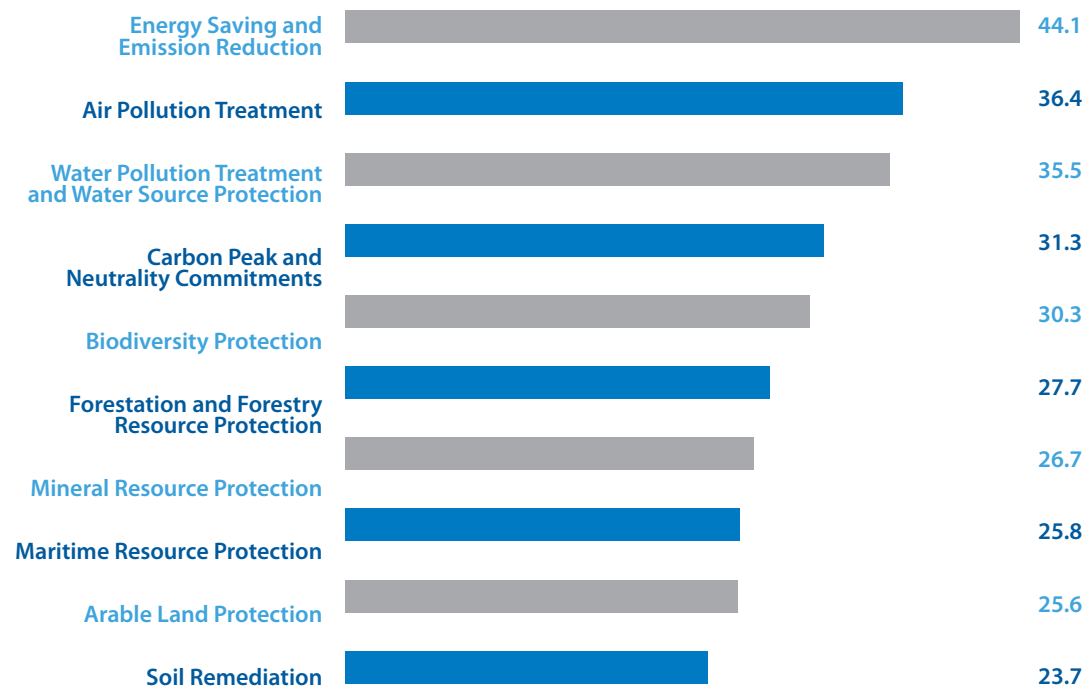
Figure: Recognition of Social Fairness Promotion in China (%)



## China takes firm actions in energy conservation and pollution control

Respondents believe that China has taken effective measures in energy conservation and emission reductions (44.1%), air pollution treatment (36.4%), water pollution treatment and protection of water sources (35.5%). They also agree that China has done a good job in delivering on its carbon peak and carbon neutrality commitments (31.3%), and adhering to the path of prioritizing ecological conservation and boosting green development.

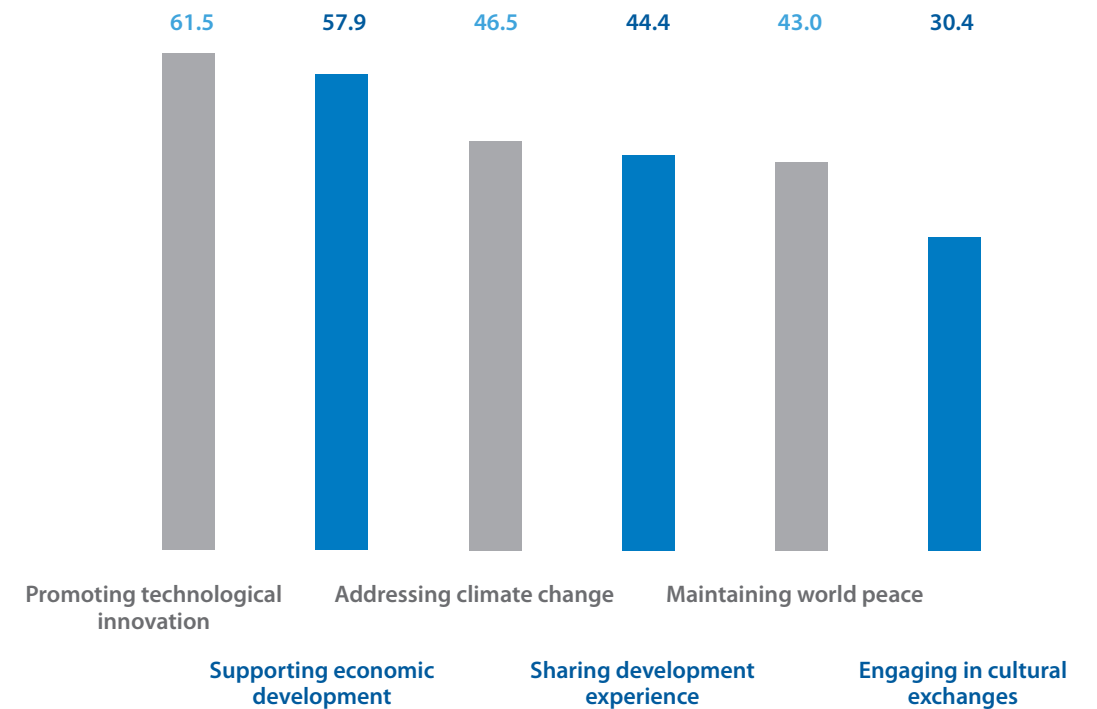
Figure: Recognition of Major Environmental Protection Measures in China (%)



## China has significant influence in global affairs such as technological innovation, economic recovery and climate change

In the face of complex and diverse global issues, respondents from the 23 countries believe that China has played an important role in global governance areas such as promoting technological innovation (61.5%), supporting economic development (57.9%), addressing climate change (46.5%), sharing development experience (44.4%), maintaining world peace (43.0%), and engaging in cultural exchanges (30.4%).

Figure: Recognition of China's Role in Areas of Global Governance (%)



## Part 3: Effectiveness Assessment

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Whether a country is democratic  
should be judged by its people.

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## The Chinese people highly trust and identify with their own government

In terms of trust in their own government, the Chinese people’s survey figures are as high as 99.8%, with 63.7% “highly agree”, indicating that the Chinese government’s policies and measures are widely supported and endorsed by the public.

## The Chinese people’s sense of economic gain has improved

Regarding the perception of economic gain in the country’s economic development, as many as 93.8% of the Chinese people surveyed believe that their income has steadily increased alongside economic growth in the past five years, and that their sense of economic gain has been increasing.

Figure: Chinese People’s Trust in and Identification with Their Government (%)

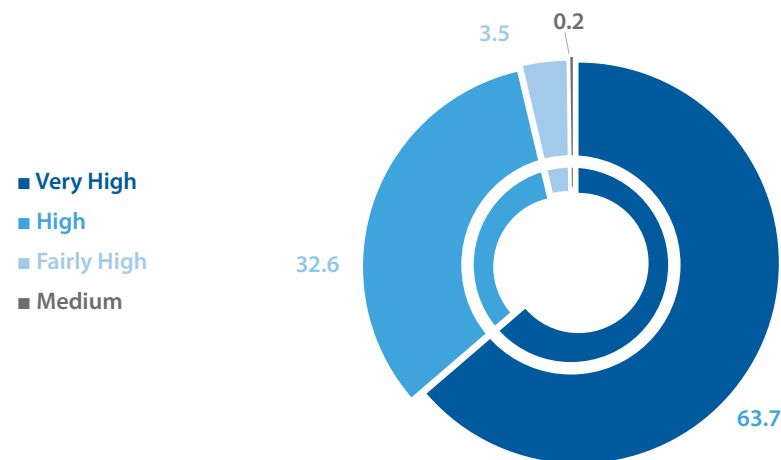
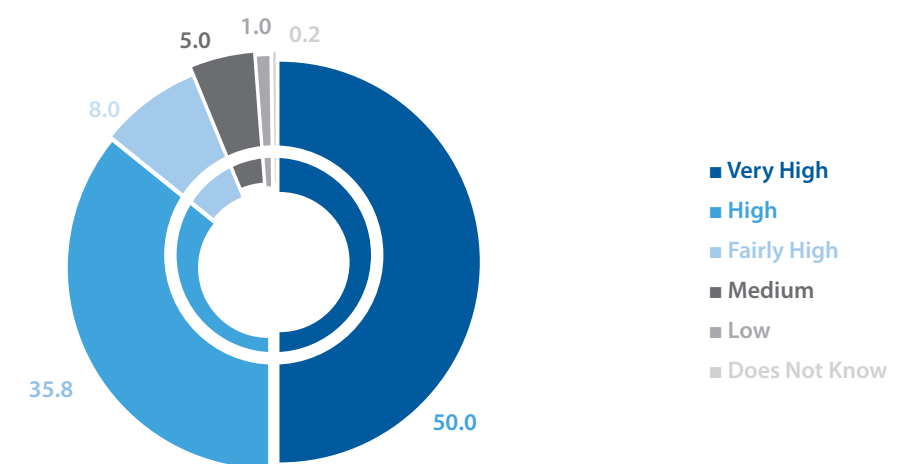


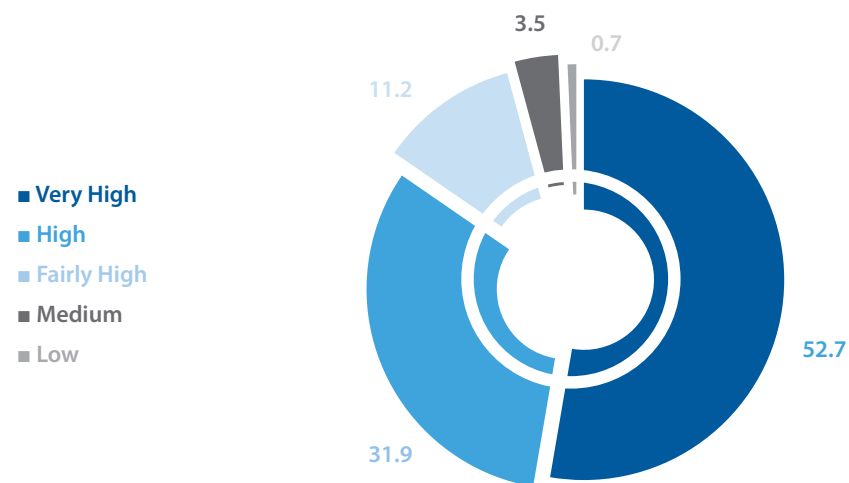
Figure: The Chinese People’s Sense of Economic Gain (%)



## The Chinese people feel that social fairness has improved

In terms of promoting social fairness in China, 95.8% of the Chinese surveyed believe that, in this new era, as China has eliminated absolute poverty and completed the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, the gap between the rich and the poor has been significantly narrowed, and they feel that social fairness has significantly improved.

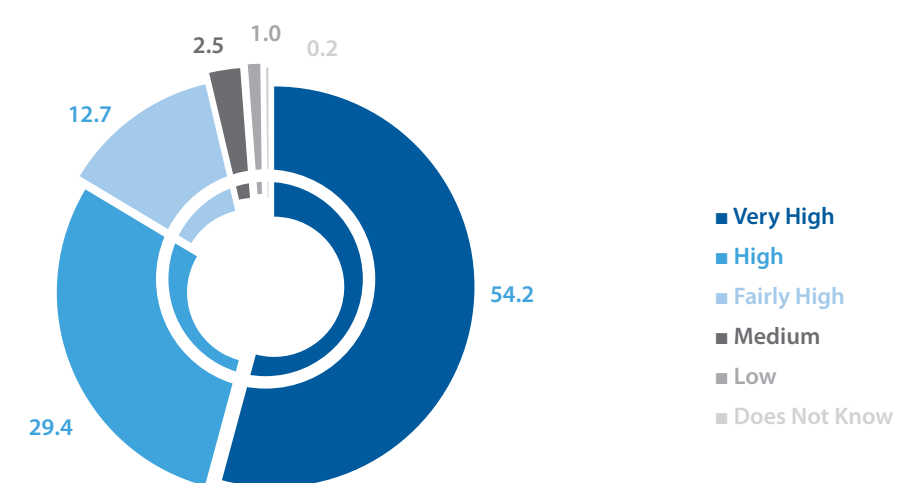
Figure: The Chinese People’s Perception of Social Fairness (%)



## The Chinese people are satisfied with the environment

The Chinese people surveyed show high satisfaction with green development of their country, with 96.3% believing that their country has achieved good results in promoting green and low-carbon development, and that the environment has improved significantly over the past five years. This indicates that the effectiveness of “A Beautiful China” campaign has been well recognized.

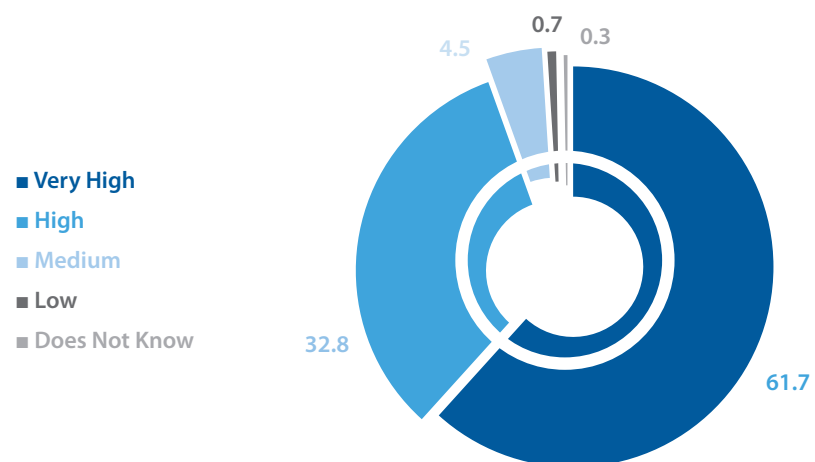
Figure: The Chinese People’s Satisfaction with the Environment (%)



## The Chinese people are confident about their culture

In terms of assessment of their culture, 94.5% of the Chinese people surveyed show a favorable attitude, a sign of high cultural confidence and recognition.

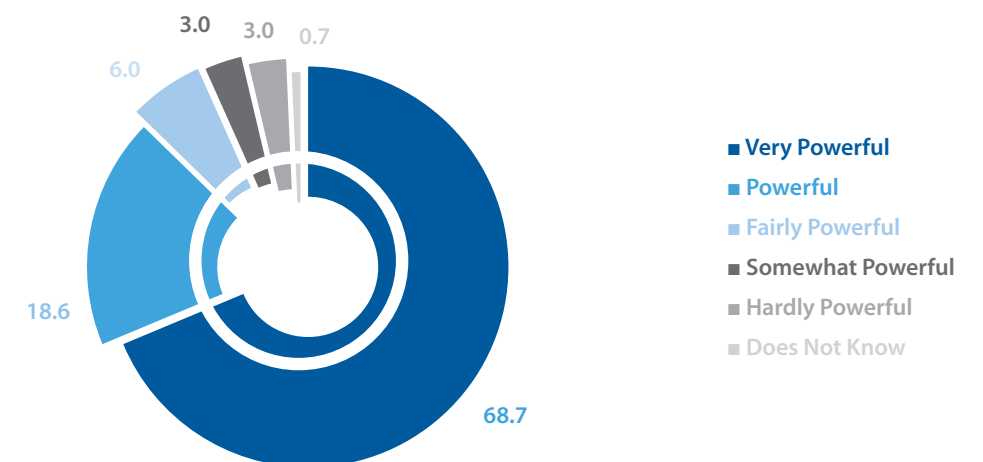
Figure: The Chinese People's Appreciation of Their Own Culture (%)



## The Chinese people widely recognize their government's anti-corruption actions

In terms of building a clean government, 93.3% of the respondents in China approve of their government's efforts of anti-corruption. China's policies and measures are highly regarded by its people.

Figure: The Chinese People's Recognition of the Fight Against Corruption by Their Government (%)





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