

Country: Taiwan

Dear Professor Cheng-Feng Shih,

“Regimes of Ethnicity: A Global Database of Ethnic Demography and Survey of State Policies on Ethnicity” is a project aimed at, first, creating a database by gathering the most up to date information on the ethnic demography of the 172 countries in the world with a population over 250,000; and second, conducting an expert survey of state policies on ethnicity in these countries in order to gauge the relationship between ethnicity and nationality as reflected in state policies.

It is hoped that the database of global ethnic demography thus compiled will be a major improvement over the current databases, five of the most reputable ones you can find below. The second part of this survey asks one question each on 15 different policy areas, which gauge the institutionalization of ethnicity in a given country. The first part of the survey has a single question, where you are asked to agree or disagree with, or suggest better sources for, the ethnic demographic data collected by the researcher and provided as part of the survey.

Results may be made available online in order to facilitate the dissemination of accurate information on ethnic demography and state policies on ethnicity around the world, and to receive feedback on the data and the survey results from the wider public and the scholarly community. Disclosure of your identity will be strictly subject to their consent. **PLEASE INDICATE AT THE END OF THE SURVEY WHETHER YOU WOULD AGREE TO HAVING YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION PUBLISHED AS AN EXPERT IN PRINT AND/OR ONLINE PUBLICATIONS RESULTING FROM THIS SURVEY.** At the end of the project, the goal is to publish the results of the survey as a reference book on ethnic demography and state policies on ethnicity.

REGIMES OF ETHNICITY SURVEY—PART A

Below you will find ethnic demographic information on Taiwan from five major sources. Please mark the source that you think most accurately represents ethnic composition of Taiwan today. If you have a better estimate and/or a more accurate source, write down this source and/or provide your estimate of ethnic groups' population in Taiwan.

You are free to use your definition of ethnicity. For the general purposes of this global survey, we find it useful to use Max Weber's definition, whereby ethnicity is defined as "subjective belief in common descent."

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| 1) <i>Alesina, Devleschauwer, Easterly, Kurlat, Wacziarg</i> | Taiwanese 84%, Chinese 14%, Aborigine 2% |
| 2) <i>Laitin and Fearon</i> | Taiwan 84%, Mainland Chinese 14%, Aborigine 2% |
| 3) <i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i> | Taiwanese c. 84%; mainland Chinese c. 14%; indigenous tribal peoples c. 2%, of which Ami 0.6% |
| 4) <i>CIA Factbook</i> | THIS DATASET DOES NOT HAVE ETHNIC DATA FOR TAIWAN. |
| 5) <i>Ethnologue (2009)</i> | Taiwan Total: 22,749,838. Amis 138,000 (2002); Nataoran Amis 5 (2000); Atayal 84,300 (2002); Babuza 4 (2000); Bunun 38,000 (2002); Hakka Chinese 2,370,000 (1993); Mandarin Chinese 4,320,000 (1993); Min Nan Chinese 15,000,000 (1997); Kananaburu 8 (2005); Kavalan 24 (2000); Kulon-Pazeh 1 (2000); Paiwan 66,100 (2002); Puyuma 8,490 (2002); Rukai 10,500 (2002); Saaroa 6 (2000); Saisiyat 4,750 (2002); Taroko 2,000 (2008); Thao 6 (2000); Tsou 2,130 (2002); Yami 3,380 (2002). |
| <i>Your judgment</i> | <p><i>Which of the five sources is the most accurate? Please write down the name or the number:</i></p> <p>None of them since one of the minority groups, the Hakka (roughly 15% of the total population), is left out.</p> <p><i>If none of them is accurate, please provide your own estimate <u>or</u> indicate a better source</i></p> <p>There is no official figure on the ethnic composition in Taiwan. While the government keeps records of the identity of the Indigenous Peoples for the purpose of affirmative action as well as those of the marriage migrants (470,000) and guest workers (440,000) for obvious reasons, the census taken every ten year has shied away from this sensitive issue. It would be safe to give the following figures for the so-called Four Main Ethnic Groups: Indigenous Peoples, 2% (14 peoples/nations/"tribes" recognized by the government), Hakka, 15%, Mainlander (those whose parents or grandparents migrated to Taiwan after the War), and Holo/Hoklo (the rest). Please refer to the figures attached:</p> |

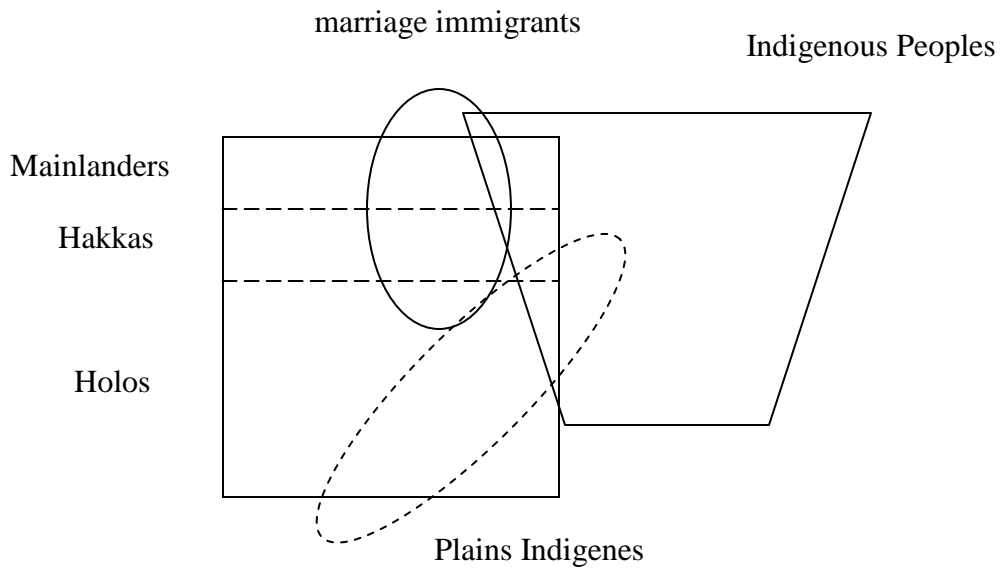


Fig. 1: Ethnic Structure of Taiwan

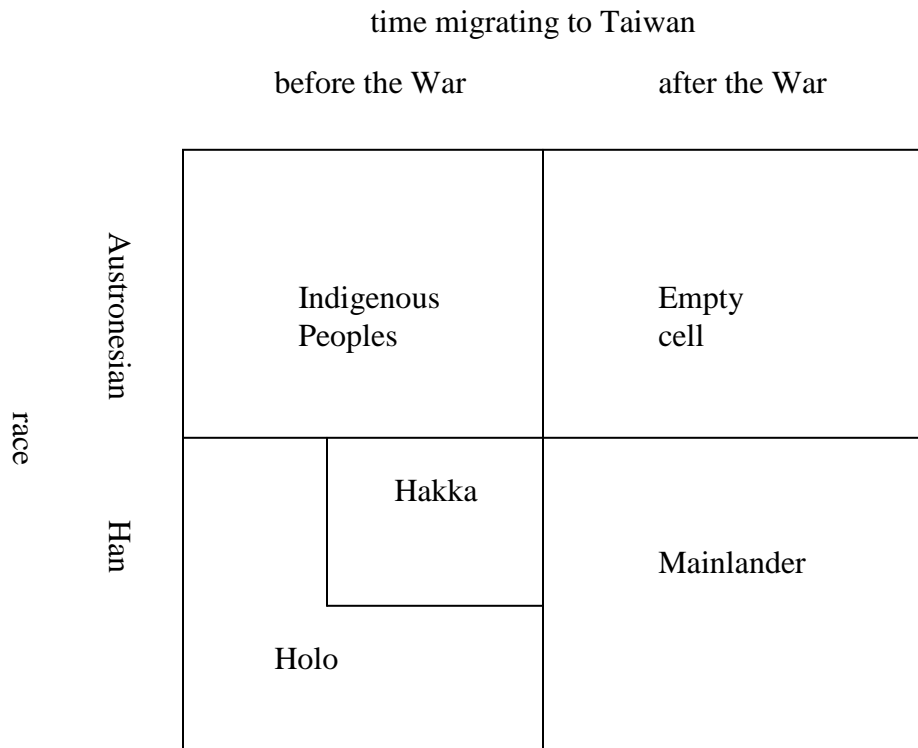


Fig. 2 : Ethnic Groups in Taiwan

REGIMES OF ETHNICITY SURVEY—PART B

Below you will find 15 questions on state policies toward ethnicity and religion in Taiwan. To the best of your knowledge, please first mark either “Yes” or “No” for each question by putting an “X” under either the “Yes” or “No” box. If yes, please provide the additional details, if you can.

| <i>QUESTION</i> | <i>YES</i> | <i>NO</i> | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> |
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| <i>1) Is there an ethnic group privileged in naturalization or citizenship?</i> | | | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> |
| <i>2) Is there a preference given to an ethnic group in immigration?</i> | | × | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> |
| <i>3) Is there an officially defined ethnic minority status?</i> | × | | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> Indigenous Peoples |
| <i>4) Is there an officially defined religious minority status?</i> | | × | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> |
| <i>5) Is there more than one ethnic group mentioned in the Constitution?</i> | × | | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> The Constitution, imposed by the émigré Nationalist Chinese, has only the concept of “nationalities in the frontiers,” meaning non-Han minority nationalities (ethnic minorities). The 10 th Constitutional Amendment mentions the “Indigenous Peoples.” |
| <i>6) Is there a reference to a specific religion in the Constitution?</i> | | × | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> |
| <i>7) Is there more than one official language?</i> | × | | <i>If YES, which one(s)?</i> Mandarin is the de facto National Language at all levels. <i>At the federal or regional level?</i> |
| <i>8) Is there ethnically based territorial autonomy?</i> | | × | <i>If yes, where and for which ethnicity?</i> There have been some efforts to have Indigenous Autonomous Regions. |
| <i>9) Is there ethnically specific information in the census?</i> | × | | <i>If yes, what?</i> Indigenous Peoples. At some points, the government had tries to collect the figure on the Hakka. Also, the cabinet-level Council on |

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| | | | the Hakka has some estimates. |
| 10) Is there religiously specific information in the census? | | × | If yes, what? |
| 11) Is there an official record of every individual's ethnicity? | × | | If yes, where? On the Indigenous Peoples right now. In the past, the ID card would also record one's origin of province, i.e., Taiwan and other Chinese provinces, which would differentiate the native Taiwanese from the Mainlanders. |
| 12) Is there an official record of every individual's religion? | | × | If yes, where? |
| 13) Is there ethnically based affirmative action? | × | | If yes, for whom? Indigenous Peoples |
| 14) Is there an establishment/national church? | | × | If yes, which one? |
| 15) Is there instruction about one or many religions in public schools, or schools partially funded through public resources? | | × | If yes, which one(s)? |

Do you agree to having your name and affiliation published in printed and online products (books, articles, websites, etc.) resulting from this survey?

Sure, my pleasure.

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Thank you very much for participating in the *Regimes of Ethnicity* project.