Measures Description

War Threat Perception

Measured on an 11-point scale (0 – 10), where higher scores indicate stronger belief that China will attack Taiwan.

Treated as a continuous variable in regression analyses.

Candidate Security Evaluation

Respondents evaluated each candidate (Lai, Hou, Ko) on a 0 – 10 scale reflecting perceived ability to maintain cross-strait peace.

Higher values indicate stronger perceived competence in maintaining security.

Presidential Vote Choice

Categorical variable (1 = Ko, 2 = Lai, 3 = Hou).

Party Identification

Operationalized as categorical variable and dummy variables (KMT, DPP, TPP).