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## Elections and Increasing Tensions in Taiwan

**Why China-Taiwan Relations Are So Tense** – In addition to providing a comprehensive overview of China-Taiwan relations, this article touches on some of the most pressing questions concerning Taiwan, including the impact of tensions on microchip supply chains, the presence of foreign election interference in the latest Taiwanese elections, and the extent to which a war is likely to erupt in the region, *Council on Foreign Relations*. Read [the article](#).

**Taiwan's 2024 Elections: Results and Implications** – This article provides a summary and in-depth analysis of the 2024 Taiwanese Elections. Beginning with an overview of the results, the authors then discuss the implications of the election for Taiwan, the conflict with China, and geopolitics. A must read to understand how Taiwan domestic politics shape China-Taiwan relations and global foreign policy, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*. Read [the article](#).



**China drops 'peaceful reunification' reference to Taiwan** – This article discusses the recent surge in tensions between China and Taiwan. In addition to fears of China's 7.2 per cent defence spending boost, the authors highlight the significance of China's recent shift towards tougher

language and a more menacing stance on Taiwan. Increased military spending by China and new naval capabilities are leading many to worry about conflict escalation, *Reuters*. Read [the article](#).

## Podcasts of Note



### Foreign Policy Live

This episode of the Foreign Policy Live podcast presents an interview with Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu and draws insight on how Taiwan can – and is – learning from Ukraine.



### The President's Inbox

The 2024 Taiwanese Elections is the focus of this episode of The President's Inbox with David Sacks, fellow for Asia Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.



### L'Heure du Monde

This episode delves into the tensions arising from the recent election in Taiwan; can the new president prevent a war with China? [in French].



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**The Taiwan Long Game** – This research article examines the US foreign policy stance on Taiwan and provides a normative analysis of existing and proposed strategic positions, *Foreign Affairs* [link behind paywall]. Read [the article](#).

**How China Exploited Taiwan's Election—and What It Could Do Next** – This analysis piece investigates the interference by China in the 2024 Taiwanese Elections, including the circulation of a 300-page book containing falsehoods about the incumbent president Tsai Ing-wen, *Foreign Policy*. Read [the article](#).

**The microchip industry would implode if China invaded Taiwan, and it would affect everyone** – This article dives into the potential repercussions of a larger conflict between China and Taiwan on the supply of microchips around the world. As a leader in microchip manufacturing, Taiwan is a critical supplier for many of the world's electronic companies, *The Conversation*. Read [the article](#).

**See also:** **No, Japan Will Not Defend Taiwan**, *The Diplomat*, Read [the article](#); **New Zealand raises South China Sea, Taiwan tensions with China during foreign minister's visit**, *Reuters*, Read [the article](#); and **In the busy waters between China and Taiwan, the de facto border is being tested**, *The Guardian*, Read [the article](#); **How Can Taiwan Manage an Angry China?**, *Foreign Policy*, Read [the article](#).

### Upcoming Events



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| <b>Global Security Forum 2024:<br/>Gathering Strength in a Gathering Storm</b><br>Center for Strategic and International Studies<br>Register <a href="#">here</a> . Event in Washington D.C. (Hybrid)                                | 24 April, 2024<br>08:30–17:00 EDT |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference</b><br>CDA Institute<br>Register <a href="#">here</a> . Event in Ottawa, Canada  | 9-10 May, 2024                    |
| <b>Two years into the Biden administration's Indo-Pacific Strategy: A conversation with Assistant Secretary Daniel Kritenbrink</b><br>The Brookings Institution<br>Register <a href="#">here</a> . Event in Washington D.C. (Hybrid) | 05 April, 2024<br>14:00–15:00 EDT |
| <b>Killing Precisely: A History of Drones and Precision Warfare</b><br>Centre for International and Policy Studies (CIPS)<br>Register <a href="#">here</a> . Event in Ottawa, Canada   | 24 April, 2024<br>11:30–13:00 EDT |
| <b>North American Taiwan Studies Association<br/>29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b><br>New York City<br>Register <a href="#">here</a> . Event in New York, NY.  | 11-13 June, 2024                  |

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