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1,002 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
An asterisk symbol (*) represents less than one percent of responses for a given response option.
A dash symbol (-) represents no recorded responses for a given response option.*

NQ2C. I will read you topics that people might be interested in. As I read this list, please tell me for each topic whether or not you personally are interested in it.

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 04/25-06/16/25	Yes, I am interested	No, I am not interested	Don't know enough to say	SKP/REF
Business and personal finance	55	44	*	-
Domestic news and domestic current events	78	22	-	-
International news and international current events	65	35	*	-
Technology	74	26	-	-
Fashion	57	43	-	-
Sports	56	44	-	-

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Q3. Do you think it will be best for the future of China if we take an active part in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Active part	90
Stay out	9
Don't know enough to say	1
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DQ33. In your opinion, how strong or weak is China's overall position in the world? Is China's position very strong, somewhat strong, somewhat weak or very weak?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Strong NET	97
Very strong	43
Somewhat strong	54
Weak NET	3
Somewhat weak	2
Very weak	1
Don't know enough to say	*
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DQ34. In the next five years how will China's position in the world change? Will it grow much stronger, grow somewhat stronger, decline somewhat, or decline greatly?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Stronger NET	95
Grow much stronger	46
Grow somewhat stronger	49
No change	*
Decline NET	4
Decline somewhat	3
Decline greatly	1
Don't know enough to say	*
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Q223C. How important do you think each of the following is to China's influence in the world today?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 04/25- 06/16/25	Important NET	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important NET	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
China's economic power	98	73	25	1	1	1	*	-
China's military strength	98	79	19	2	1	1	-	-
China's technology and innovation	98	76	22	2	2	1	-	-
China's economic assistance to other countries	83	37	45	17	13	4	*	-
China's culture	96	66	30	4	2	1	*	-

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NQ5. I'd like your opinion about some possible concerns for China. For each of the following items, do you think it is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to China?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 04/25-06/16/25	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Cyberattacks from other countries	46	35	19	1	-
Global climate change	49	37	15	*	-
Tensions between North Korea and South Korea	28	43	27	2	-
Possible conflict between China and the United States over Taiwan	57	24	18	*	-
Economic competition between China and the United States	55	26	18	1	-
Territorial disputes between China and neighboring countries	48	34	18	*	-
A global economic downturn	51	34	15	1	-
Economic inequality in China	50	33	16	*	-

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Q11. What kind of leadership role should China play in the world? Should it be the dominant leader, play a shared leadership role, or should it not play any leadership role?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Be the dominant leader	41
Play a shared leadership role	48
Not play any leadership role	11
Don't know enough to say	*
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Q21. Some people say China has a unique character that makes it the greatest country in the world. Others say that every country is unique, and China is no greater than other nations. Which view is closer to your own?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
The greatest country in the world	69
No greater than other nations	30
Don't know enough to say	1
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DQX1. How important is China's participation in the United Nations in terms of influencing global policies?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Important NET	97
Very important	68
Somewhat important	28
Not important NET	3
Not very important	1
Not at all important	2
Don't know enough to say	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-

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Q145. Please select whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: When dealing with international problems, China should be more willing to make decisions within the United Nations even if this means that China will sometimes have to go along with a policy that is not its first choice.

	NORC 04/25- 06/16/25
Agree	77
Disagree	23
Don't know enough to say	*
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DQX2. How would you assess current economic conditions for China overall? Are they very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Good NET	84
Very good	21
Somewhat good	63
Bad NET	16
Somewhat bad	13
Very bad	4
Don't know enough to say	*
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DQX3. Compared to 12 months ago, has the economic situation for China improved a lot, improved somewhat, stayed the same, worsened somewhat, or worsened a lot?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Improved NET	61
Improved a lot	16
Improved somewhat	46
Stayed the same	23
Worsened NET	15
Worsened somewhat	23
Worsened a lot	13
Don't know enough to say	*
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DQX4. And in the next 12 months, do you think China's overall economic situation will improve a lot, improve somewhat, stay the same, worsen somewhat or worsen a lot?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Improved NET	68
Improved a lot	21
Improved somewhat	48
Stayed the same	23
Worsened NET	8
Worsened somewhat	6
Worsened a lot	2
Don't know enough to say	*
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CCWHYEO. In your view, what has contributed most to China's economic outlook?

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
U.S. economic restrictions	21
Property sector debt	15
Capital flight	16
COVID-19 pandemic	13
Government investments	13
Private sector investments	2
Youth unemployment	19
Don't know enough to say	1
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Q190. Overall, do you think international trade is good or bad for the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 04/25-06/16/25	Good	Bad	Don't know enough to say	SKP/REF
The Chinese economy	73	26	1	-
Consumers like you	70	27	2	-
Creating jobs in China	76	23	*	-
Your own standard of living	73	25	3	-

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PEWQ59. How much influence do you think the United States is having on economic conditions in China - a great deal of influence, a fair amount of influence, not too much influence, or no influence at all?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
A great deal/fair amount of influence	72
A great deal of influence	19
A fair amount of influence	53
Not too much/no influence at all	27
Not too much influence	21
No influence at all	6
Don't know enough to say	*
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Q193. Which of the following comes closest to your preferred trade policy. Should China pursue a policy of global free trade, create a trade bloc of friends and partners while excluding other nations, or reduce international trade and seek greater self-sufficiency in all areas?

	NORC 04/25- 06/16/25
Pursue a policy of global free trade	60
Create a trade bloc of friends and partners while excluding other nations	21
Reduce international trade and seek greater self-sufficiency in all areas	18
Don't know enough to say	1
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DQX5. Which description of how people are getting by best suits your situation?

	NORC 04/25- 06/16/25
We struggle to buy necessities	11
We can buy necessities, but not much more	33
We can afford a few extras	47
We can afford expensive things	9
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-

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DQX6. 12 months from now, do you expect to be economically worse, better off, or about the same?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Worse off	8
Better off	43
About the same	49
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-

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NQ45. For each of the following, please say if you think it's a friend to China or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 04/25-06/16/25	Yes	No	Don't know enough to say	SKP/REF
The United States	17	83	*	-
Japan	18	81	1	-
South Korea	36	63	*	-
Russia	83	16	1	-
North Korea	76	23	1	-
The current authorities (zhengfu) of the Taiwan Region	44	55	2	-
Our Taiwan compatriots (tongbao)	91	9	*	-
The European Union	50	49	2	-
India	37	62	1	-
Vietnam	47	52	1	-
The Philippines	37	61	3	-
Australia	51	47	2	-

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NQX. What do you think is the most important basis for the relationship between China and the following. Is it trade and economic ties, shared values, or common security interests?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 04/25-06/16/25	Trade and economic ties	Shared values	Common security interests	Don't know enough to say	SKP/REF
The United States	56	15	27	2	-
Russia	33	22	44	1	-
North Korea	21	28	50	1	-
The European Union	58	15	25	1	-

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Q336. At the present time, which nation do you feel is stronger in terms of military power, the United States or China or do you think they are about equal militarily?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
The United States	29
China	31
About equal	39
Don't know enough to say	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-

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Q337. At the present time, which nation do you feel is stronger in terms of economic power, the United States or China or do you think they are about equal economically?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
The United States	37
China	32
About equal	31
Don't know enough to say	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-

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Q350A. In dealing with the United States, do you think China should undertake friendly cooperation with the U.S., actively work to limit U.S. power, or undertake friendly cooperation when appropriate and limit U.S. power when appropriate?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
China should undertake friendly cooperation with the U.S.	23
China should actively work to limit U.S. power	15
China should undertake friendly cooperation when appropriate and limit U.S. power when appropriate	61
Don't know enough to say	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
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Q354A. Does trade between China and the U.S. do more to strengthen China's national security or weaken China's national security?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
More to strengthen	71
More to weaken	28
Don't know enough to say	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
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M2: Urban/rural residency

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Urban	74
Rural	26
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,002</i>

M3. Macro Region

	NORC 04/25- 06/16/25
East	24
North	14
North East	7
North West	4
South Central	35
South West	15
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,002</i>

D1. Gender

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Man	51
Woman	49
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,002</i>

D2. Age

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
18-29	19
30-44	28
45-59	35
60+	18
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D3. Education

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	22
Post high school vocational or associate degree	33
Bachelor or greater	35
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,002</i>

D4. Employment Status

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Working full-time	46
Working part-time	5
Unemployed and looking for work	5
Unemployed and not looking for work	2
Housewife/homemaker	3
Student/apprentice/job training	2
Unable to work due to health or disability	*
Retired	24
Business owner/entrepreneur	1
Self-employed in gig economy (delivery rider/similar)	4
Self-employed in traditional economy (e.g. tradesperson/craftsman/etc)	3
Other (Specify)	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-

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Asked if employed

D5. And what is your current or most recent job?

	NORC 04/25- 06/16/25
Unskilled Manual worker (e.g. factory manual worker, dish cleaner, etc.)	8
Skilled Manual worker (e.g. driveway construction worker, embroiderer	19
Ordinary or lower level technical personnel (e.g. Junior auto and elevator technician)	7
Middle level technical personnel (e.g. Experienced auto and elevator technician, laboratory technician, etc.)	7
High level technical personnel (e.g. aircraft maintenance technician)	2
Sales Worker (e.g. Auto sales, Insurance sales, etc.)	10
Service Worker (e.g. Customer services, waiter, etc.)	10
Support/Secretary/Clerical Staff (e.g. receptionists, key punchers, data entry, etc.)	11
Professional (e.g. lawyers, doctors, professors etc.)	3
Middle Management (Brand/Product managers)	6
Senior Management (CEO/Directors/GMs/Senior Managers)	1
Executive Staff (Non-Managerial)	5
Cadre in Party and Government offices	*
Farmer	2
Other (Specify)	10
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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D6. Are you a holder of an urban or rural Hukou?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Urban hukou	64
Rural hukou	36
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
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D7. What is your household's current monthly income from all sources?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
7,000 yuan or less	20
7,001-10,000 yuan	26
10,001-14,000 yuan	9
14,001-17,000 yuan	12
17,001-21,000 yuan	16
More than 21,000 yuan	17
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,002</i>

D8. Do you currently own the home you are living in or not?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Own	85
Do not own	15
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
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D9. Have you ever traveled outside China?

	NORC 04/25-06/16/25
Yes	34
No	66
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
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