

Aid and the National Interest

The State of Southeast Asia Survey 2020 (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)

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Q41: How confident are you that China will “do the right thing” to contribute to global peace, security, prosperity and governance?

Country	No confidence		Little confidence		No comment		Confident		Very confident	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ASEAN	16.0%	18.7%	35.5%	41.7%	28.9%	23.5%	17.9%	14.3%	1.7%	1.8%
Brunei	2.2%	9.3%	35.6%	35.0%	35.6%	36.1%	22.2%	17.5%	4.4%	2.1%
Cambodia	8.3%	3.8%	50.0%	50.0%	20.8%	7.7%	16.7%	38.5%	4.2%	0.0%
Indonesia	11.3%	11.5%	49.6%	58.8%	20.0%	17.5%	17.4%	12.2%	1.7%	0.0%
Laos	3.5%	8.7%	6.9%	21.8%	48.3%	30.4%	31.0%	26.1%	10.3%	13.0%
Malaysia	8.3%	13.5%	37.5%	37.4%	29.2%	24.5%	23.6%	21.5%	1.4%	3.1%
Myanmar	13.5%	21.7%	24.1%	29.1%	41.2%	36.5%	20.0%	11.5%	1.2%	1.2%
Philippines	25.9%	28.5%	40.7%	50.4%	22.2%	10.9%	9.3%	9.5%	1.9%	0.7%
Singapore	13.3%	10.4%	33.6%	48.6%	32.0%	19.4%	20.3%	19.4%	0.8%	2.2%
Thailand	14.3%	21.9%	37.5%	40.6%	24.1%	20.8%	22.3%	15.6%	1.8%	1.1%
Vietnam	37.9%	38.2%	35.5%	38.8%	21.0%	19.7%	5.6%	1.3%	0.0%	2.0%

Q42: Why do you trust China?

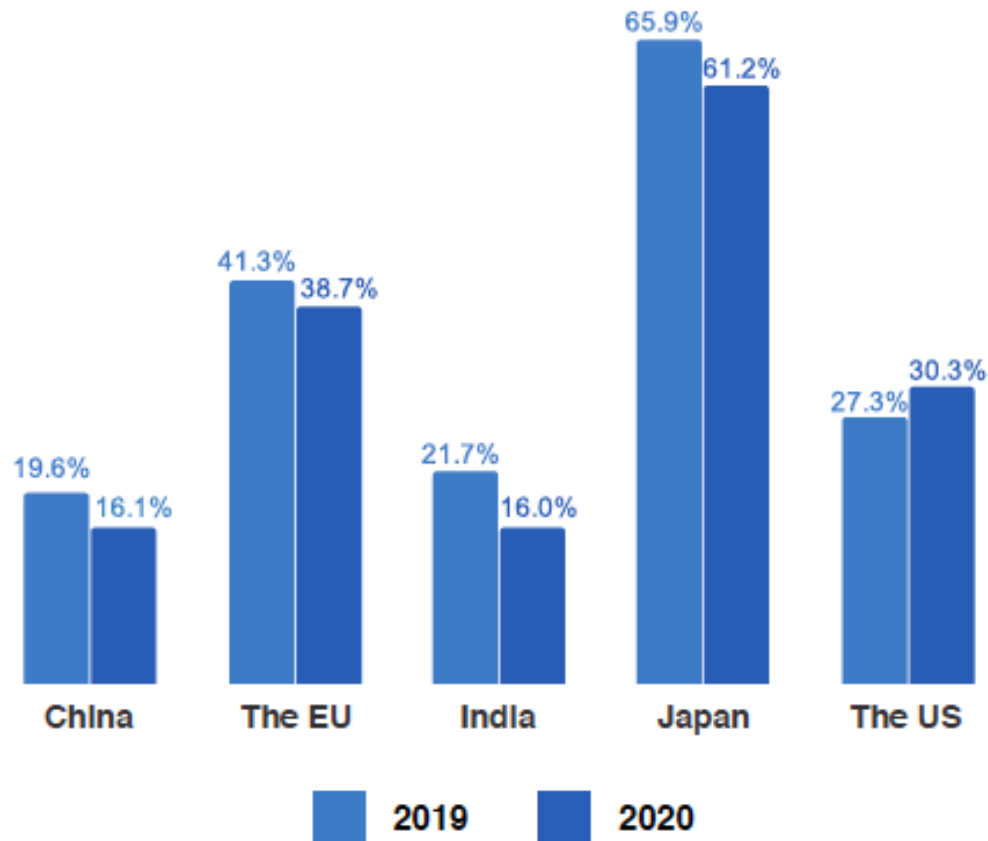
Country	China has vast economic resources and strong political will to provide global leadership.	My country's political culture and worldview are compatible with China's.	China is a responsible stakeholder that respects and champions international law.	China's military power is an asset for global peace and security.	I respect China and admire its civilisation and culture.
ASEAN	52.4%	11.4%	10.5%	7.6%	18.1%
Brunei	57.9%	5.3%	5.3%	10.5%	21.0%
Cambodia	50.0%	30.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%
Indonesia	44.4%	5.6%	22.2%	11.1%	16.7%
Laos	55.6%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%
Malaysia	55.0%	10.0%	5.0%	7.5%	22.5%
Myanmar	67.7%	12.9%	9.7%	3.2%	6.5%
Philippines	43.0%	7.1%	7.1%	21.4%	21.4%
Singapore	47.9%	8.3%	16.7%	6.3%	20.8%
Thailand	50.0%	18.8%	6.2%	0.0%	25.0%
Vietnam	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%

Q43: Why do you distrust China?

Country	China does not have the capacity or political will for global leadership.	My country's political culture and worldview are incompatible with China's.	I am concerned that China is distracted with its internal affairs and thus cannot focus on global concerns and issues.	China's economic and military power could be used to threaten my country's interest and sovereignty.	I do not consider China a reliable power.
ASEAN	9.5%	9.5%	8.4%	53.5%	19.1%
Brunei	7.0%	11.6%	18.6%	55.8%	7.0%
Cambodia	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	71.4%	14.3%
Indonesia	14.4%	15.4%	19.2%	30.8%	20.2%
Laos	28.7%	0.0%	14.3%	57.0%	0.0%
Malaysia	4.8%	14.5%	9.6%	62.7%	8.4%
Myanmar	12.9%	7.3%	6.4%	59.7%	13.7%
Philippines	4.6%	11.1%	2.8%	73.2%	8.3%
Singapore	8.4%	12.2%	6.1%	42.8%	30.5%
Thailand	13.3%	5.0%	13.4%	43.3%	25.0%
Vietnam	7.7%	1.7%	2.6%	56.4%	31.6%

State of Southeast Asia Survey 2020: Trust and confidence

Perception of trust among Southeast Asians in the major powers



Perception of distrust among Southeast Asians in the major powers

