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Abstract	<p>The article explores Taiwanese public opinion toward public policies. We assume that Taiwan's general public has systematic preferences toward public policies beyond national and ethnic identity issues. By using survey data, we first analyze mass policy preferences in the aggregate level, and then construct two indicators to summarize one's policy preferences-namely, the "Social Justice" and "Economic Development" policy orientations, respectively. Furthermore, we dissect the two policy orientations through a number of socioeconomic variables and examine the extent to which one's policy orientations affect voting behavior. Our findings can be summarized in four points. First, Taiwan's general public tends to prefer spending on redistributive policy rather than on developmental policy. Second, an individual's policy orientations are related to not only her priorities on budget allocation, but also her preference between environmental protection and economic development. Third, one's social-economic status is highly associated with her policy orientations. Finally, policy orientations do affect voting behavior. Yet, in comparison with the independence/unification issue position and ethnic identity, policy orientations are indeed less influential on voting behavior.</p>
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