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Australian views on the Australia-China relationship

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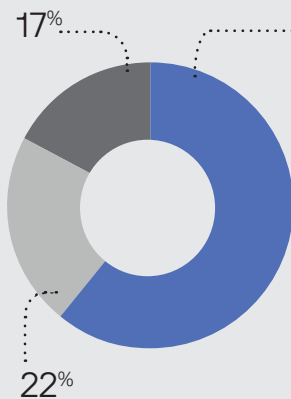
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Building stronger connections and ties, a stronger relationship

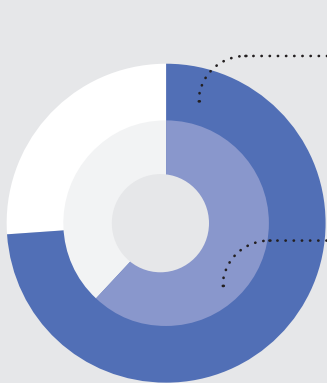


Six in 10 Australians (61%) believe **Australia should continue to try to build strong connections with China.**

● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree



Concerns and benefits



About three quarters of Australians (74%) express concerns about Australia's relationship with China.



Approximately six in 10 Australians (62%) say they also see the benefits of the relationship.

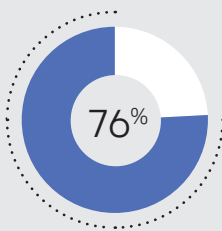
Changing views



About six in 10 Australians (62%) say that their view of China **'has become more negative following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic'**.

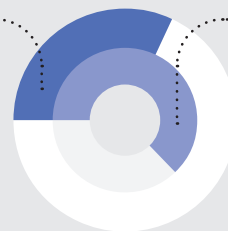
Trust in the Chinese government

The majority of Australians (76%) express mistrust of the Chinese government.



The Australian government's management of the relationship

About three in 10 Australians (32%) say that **the Australian government is managing Australia's relationship with China well.**



Approximately six in 10 Australians (63%) believe that **the Australian government should take a harder line with respect to its policies dealing with China.**

Responsibility for improving the relationship

Eight in ten Australians (80%) say that **'The responsibility for improving the Australia-China relationship lies with both countries'**.



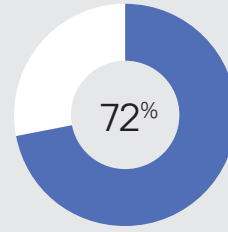
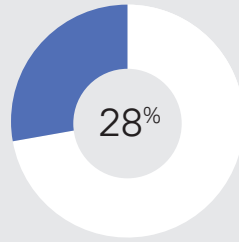
Future outlook

27% of Australians say that **'the Australia-China relationship will improve in the next three years'**.



Political communication

About three in 10 Australians (28%) say that **'The Australian government should not publicly call out actions by the Chinese government that Australia disagrees with'**.



Almost three-quarters of Australians (72%) say that **'The Australian government was right to publicly call for an international investigation into the origins of COVID-19'**.

The United States



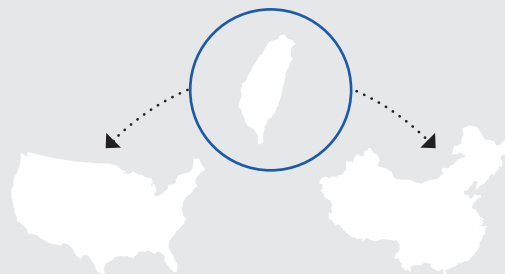
About six in 10 Australians (63%) say that **'Australia can enjoy a good relationship with both China and the United States at the same time'**.



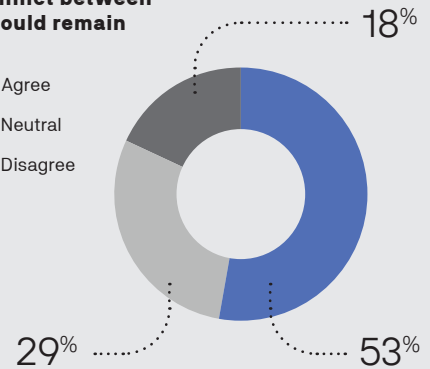
65% of Australians believe that **'China has more influence than the US in Australia's regional neighbourhood'**.

Conflict over Taiwan

Just over half of Australians (53%) that **'In the event of conflict between the United States and China over Taiwan, Australia should remain neutral'**.

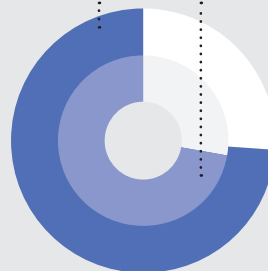


- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree



Global and regional cooperation

74% of Australians say that **'It is beneficial for Australia to work with China on global issues such as climate change and global health'**.

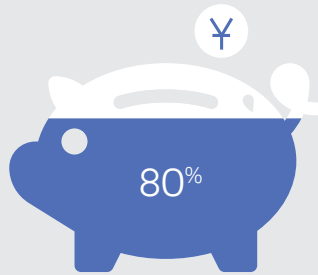


72% of Australians say that **'It is beneficial for Australia to work with China on regional issues, such as ending malaria in the Pacific'**.

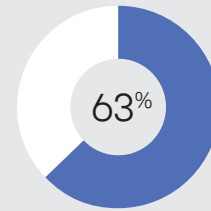


The economic relationship overall

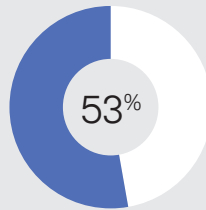
80% of Australians say that **'Australia is too economically reliant on China'**.



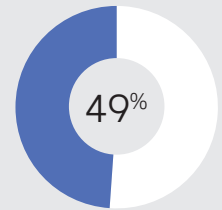
About six in 10 Australians (63%) say that **'Without close engagement with China, Australia would not be as prosperous as it currently is'**.



Just over half of Australians (53%) say that **'Australia's economic relationship with China is more of an economic risk than an economic opportunity'**.

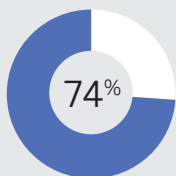


Almost half of Australians (49%) say that **'The Australian government needs to be supportive of having closer economic ties with China'**.

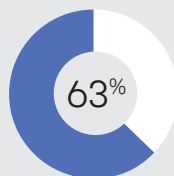


Trade case studies

Tourism



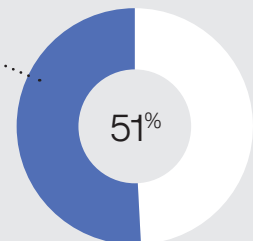
Almost three-quarters of Australians (74%) believe that **'Tourists from China provide a major economic benefit to Australia'**.



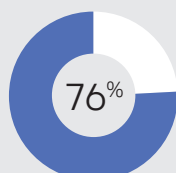
About six in 10 Australians (63%) say that **'Australia should continue towards making Australia an attractive destination for Chinese tourists'**.

Foreign investment

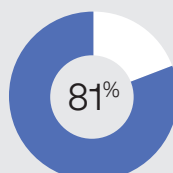
Just over half of Australians (51%) believe that **'Foreign investment from China is more detrimental than beneficial to Australia'**.



Education



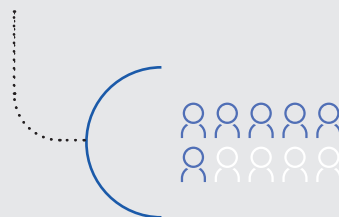
Just over three-quarters of Australians (76%) believe that **'International students from China provide a major economic benefit to Australia'**.



Approximately eight in 10 Australians (81%) say **'Australian universities are too financially reliant on international students from China'**.

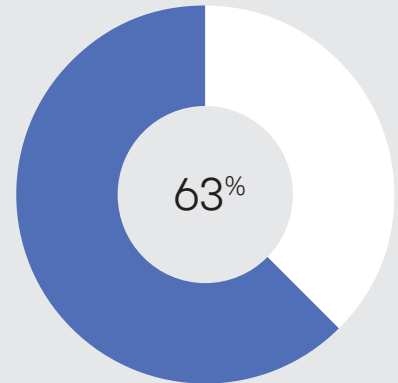
Business ties

About six in 10 Australians (61%) say that **'Australian companies should continue to pursue business opportunities with China'**.

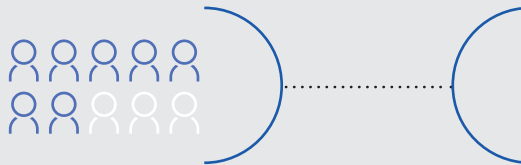


The Australian-Chinese community

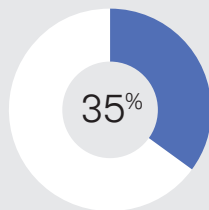
Approximately six in 10 Australians (63%) say that **'political tensions in the Australia-China relationship are negatively impacting Australians of Chinese origin'**.



Foreign interference



About seven in 10 (72%) of Australians believe that **'Foreign interference in Australia stemming from China is a major problem'**.

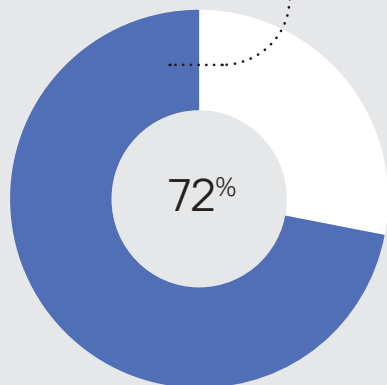


35% of Australians believe that **'The Australian government is successfully responding to Chinese government interference in Australia'**.

Arbitrary detention



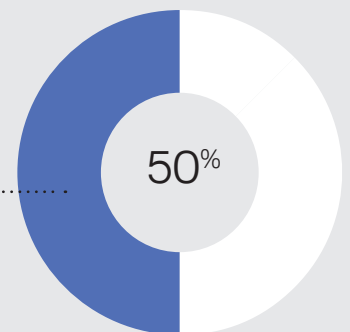
About seven in 10 Australians (72%) say that **'The risk of arbitrary detention is a concern when considering travel to China'**.

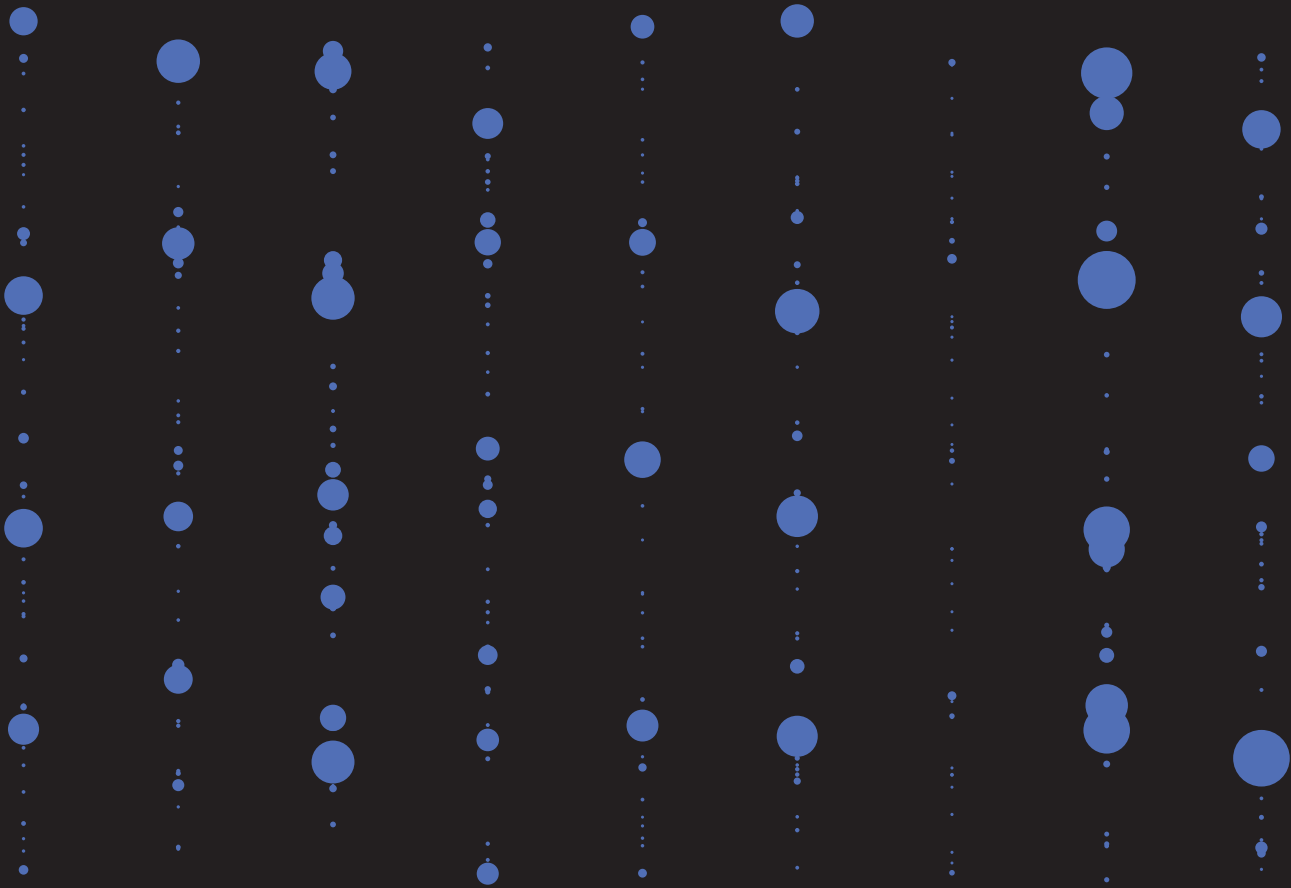


Cybersecurity



Half of Australians (50%) believe that **'Australia should ban Chinese-owned apps such as TikTok and WeChat'**.





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