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Changes in political participation of civil society in East Asia: before and after the covid-19: chinese case

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Content

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND CIVIL SOCIETY

-Civil society & externalities
- Voluntary organizations enhance civil skills
-Civil society organization generate interest to participate

WHAT AFFECTS POLITICAL PARTICIPATION?

Strong local presence of a multitude of voluntary associations

Strong Social networks (social capital)

Number of voluntary organizations per capita

What aspect of political participation do we explore?

Civil participation (latent political participation)		Manifest political participation		
Involvement (attention)	**Civic engagement (action)**	**Formal political participation**	**Activism (extra-parliamentary participation)**	
			Legal	**Illegal**
Collective forms				
A sense of belonging to a group or a collective with a distinct political profile or agenda

Life-style related politics (e.g. identity, clothes, music, food, values) | Voluntary work to improve conditions in the local community, for charity, or to help others (outside the own family and circle of friends) | Organized political participation: membership in conventional political parties, trade unions and organizations | Loosely organized forms or network-based political participation: new social movements, demonstrations, strikes, and protests | Illegal and violent activities and protests: demonstrations, riots, squatting buildings, damaging property, confrontations with the police or political opponents |
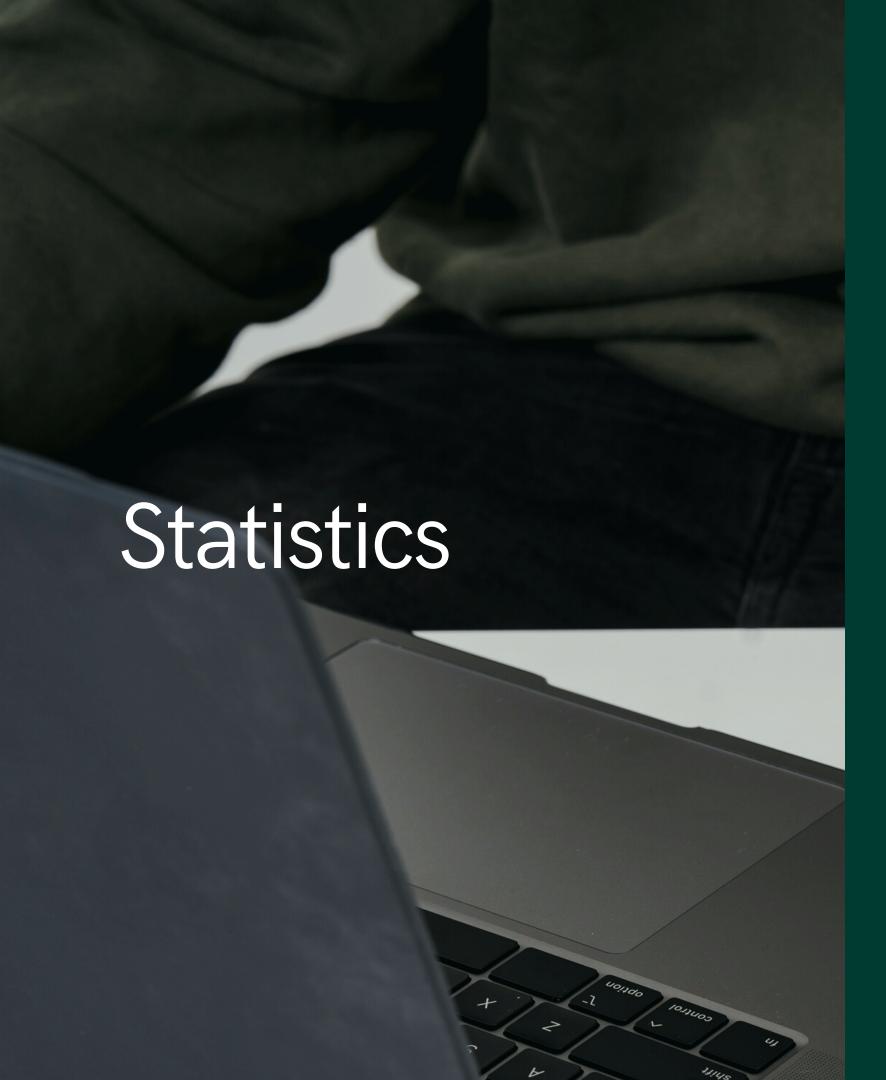
THE GOAL OF THE PAPER:

Explore changes in Chinese political participation (civil engagement) and decipher the independent variables that affected them.

HYPOTHESIS

During the covid-19, the need of NGOs and civic engagement increased. As a result, social capital rised as well as the number of volunteers per capita. Hence people's political participation increased.

Statistics

INCREASE IN SOCIETY SOCIAL CAPITAL (MIYANG LUO; 2020)

>10%

NEW VOLUNTEERS

>100 mil.

Political paticipation in priority spheres

The government decided what spheres to participate in:

- help to vulnerable groups
- help to local villages
- charity organizations

Conclusion

The government & society cooperation

01 — symbiosis of civil society and government

02 — governmental policy

03 — increase in SC and CSO

04 — Unique political system

05 — Who is the driver?