New Strategies for Abolition
~ Taiwan Experience

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2000: DPP President
   The government announced to abolish the DP first time

2006: 2006-2009, de facto moratorium

2008: KMT President

2009: ICCPR+ICESCR

2010: Reopen the executions, end of the moratorium

2013: TAEDP’s public opinion survey
   34 executions

2016: DPP President

2017: Preparation for the Public Deliberation Program

2018: Let’s Discuss the Alternatives to the Death Penalty

2019: President election
Public Opinion Survey in Taiwan 2013~2014

1. Academia Sinica, Prof. Chiu Hei-Yuan
2. Face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of Taiwanese citizens over age 20
3. Over 2,000 respondents received
4. A full questionnaire of 104 items
Do you support abolishing the death penalty?

In favor + Strongly in favor 12%
Against + Strongly against 85%
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<td>10%</td>
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<td>Against + Strongly against</td>
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Do you support life imprisonment without parole as a substitute for the death penalty?

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<td>Life imprisonment without parole plus requirement to work in prison to provide compensation for victims’ families</td>
<td>71%</td>
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Let’s Discuss the Alternatives to the Death Penalty

A Public Deliberation Program
Preparation Phase 2017/4-2018/4

Forty preparation meetings, information sessions, training workshops, simulation sessions, and campus simulation sessions were held across Taiwan.

Website Launch
Launch the new website by the end of April 2018. The content of the website includes discussion guide, registration, and introduction of civic deliberation.

General Sessions
At least 20 sessions are to be held across Taiwan. Collaboration with local grassroots organizations starting from May 2018 in South Taiwan.

20-25 citizen participants are expected in each session. Regardless of the attitude to the death penalty, participants are welcomed as long as they are willing to discuss possible alternatives to the death penalty.

Expert sessions and special relevant individuals sessions
Sessions will be held for participants such as prison staff, judges, prosecutors, indigenous people, and relevant individuals such as offenders’ and/or victims’ family members. 20 participants are expected for each session.

Execution Phase 2018/5-2019/5

Campus sessions
Educational material on citizens’ deliberation in line with curriculum guidelines (mainly high-school). Using case studies to discuss possible alternatives to the death penalty.

Campaign Phase 2019/5-2020/1

Political and Social Dialogue
2019 is an election campaign year. We are looking forward to meaningful and interactive dialogues of relevant discussions during this period.

1. Concluding report
We will compile a concluding report based on the 30 sessions held in the past year.

2. Policy and human rights evaluation
We will conduct an evaluation on policies and human rights based on the key issues in the concluding report.

3. Policy recommendations
Policy recommendations for election candidates will be developed.

Entering phase 2 tasks
Workshops in Legislative Yuan to follow in June 2020.
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- 06/24 教師場 @ 台中
- 08/19 監所場 @ 台北
- 7/1 台北
- 7/14 新竹
- 9/22 新北
- 12/13 桃園
- 11/3 花蓮
- 11/4 台東
- 12/18 宜蘭
- 5/20 嘉義
- 5/26 台南
- 5/27 高雄
- 5/19 屏東
**General Sessions**

12 sessions in 12 cities, 155 participants
1/3 support the DP, 2/3 against the DP in the begin

after discussion, 2/3 didn't change their first opinion and 1/3 changed.

Changed their opinion from Life imprisonment without parole to Life imprisonment with possibility of parole.

**Preparation Phase**

Community Colleges
Local NGOs
Bookstores
Students’ organization
Cafe
合辦單位
Expert sessions and special relevant individuals sessions

Prison staff → Ice Breaking
Collect more information

Campus sessions

Teachers’ training
Curriculum

the next steps and difficult

3 mins videos
I'm not an adamant supporter for abolition
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