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The Civic Exchange has commissioned a public opinion survey from Dr. Robert Chung, Director of the Public Opinion Programme, The University of Hong Kong in order to assess public reaction to the First July march and to reflect public opinion of the present Government as well as other matters.

The results show that 65% of the people do not support the Government and only 9% do. Furthermore, 67% perceived that people who marched on July 1<sup>st</sup> demanded a change in Hong Kong's leadership.

The results also show that the Government is not seen to be acting on principle because it has realized its mistakes nor because of a genuine change of heart out of respect for the demands of over half a million people, but that the current concession to the Article 23 legislation is merely a face-saving move and capitulation under compulsion.

The National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill raises fundamental issues of principle. Its many flaws cannot be remedied by the Government's present concessions. Enactment of laws is the highest and noblest function of human society as it lays down the rules that everyone has to live by. It requires the utmost wisdom and sense of responsibility.

Therefore the Government's latest decision to delay the Bill is the only proper way forward.