Pollution, Institutions and Street Protest in Urban China

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The Research question: what motivate people to participate in street protest

a. Reality

b. Theory
II Research Design

III Data Collection
Findings

1. Descriptive findings
If a polluting accident happens in your living area, what would be your first choice of action?

- Contacting local officials with others, 48.30%
- Local officials, 16.30%
- Street protest, 19.80%
- PC deputy, 4.90%
- No action, 4.10%
- Others, 6.60%
Grading pollution level in your city

气球中显示的值为百分数
### How much do you know about PM2.5?

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<th>Knowledge Level</th>
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<td>不了解</td>
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<td>不知道，说不清</td>
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<td>了解一些</td>
<td>42.90%</td>
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## Willingness to help protect the environment

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<td>Sorting garbage</td>
<td>15.5%</td>
<td>76.9%</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<td>Bring shopping bags</td>
<td>16.1%</td>
<td>71.0%</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
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<td>Donate to environmental causes</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
<td>60.8%</td>
<td>18.2%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Volunteer in environmental activities</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
<td>72.6%</td>
<td>13.3%</td>
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How much do you know about the causes of pollution?
How much harm do you think pollution causes to your personal health?

- 有很大伤害: 51.4%
- 有一些伤害: 23.2%
- 没多大伤害: 16.6%
- 没任何伤害: 4.8%
- 说不清: 4.1%
Which is more important: economic development or environmental protection?

- Economic Development: 11.2%
- Don’t know: 11.6%
- Environmental protection: 77.2%
System support

- Gradual reform: 43.7%
- Fundamental change of the system: 25.6%
- No problems: 1.4%
- Don’t know: 29.2%
Trust of central and local governments

- Central government always wants to do what is right and beneficial for the people.
- Your city government always wants to do what is right and beneficial for the people.

Survey results:

- 62.90% strongly agree.
- 53.20% agree.
- 16.00% neutral.
- 13.00% disagree.
- 7.50% strongly disagree.
- 10.50% say they don’t know.
Chinese central government officials should be directly elected by the people, do you agree?
Do you think the Chinese government is transparent with environmental issues?

- 非常公开: 35.40%
- 公开: 27.90%
- 不公开: 3.40%
- 非常不公开: 31.40%
- 不清楚: 2.00%
Are you interested in national politics?

- 非常关心: 13.3%
- 比较关心: 42.6%
- 一般关心: 35.1%
- 不太关心: 7.4%
- 根本不关心: 0.3%
- 说不清，不知道: 1.3%
In general, are you happy with your life?

10.2 42.9 37.4 7 0.7 1.8

非常幸福  比较幸福  一般  不太幸福  非常不幸福  说不清
2. Analytical findings
VI Conclusions
Thanks!