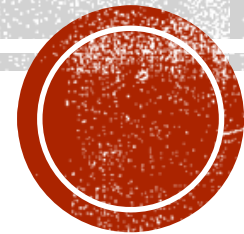


CURRENT AFFAIRS

INTERNATIONAL

Sai Kumar Swamy



2016

- **Colombia-FARC Peace Deal**
 - Civil War
 - Drug Cartels
- **South Korean President Scandal**
 - Samsung involvement
 - Impeachment
- **Brazil impeaches President**
 - Corruption
 - Fiscal Imprudence
- **Umbrella Movement**
 - Democracy in HK
 - Implications for Mainland





COLOMBIA — FARC PEACE DEAL

An Uncertain Peace



WHAT IS FARC?

- Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
 - Guerrilla Movement – 1964
 - Formed as a Marxist Leninist Peasant Force
- Funding
 - Kidnap & Ransom - Illegal Mining
 - Extortion & Taxation - Illegal Drugs
- Estimated at 10,000 fighters
- Timeline
 - June 2016 – Ceasefire Accord
 - 25th Aug 2016 – Peace Deal
 - To be ratified through referendum
- Referendum
 - 2nd Oct – Rejected
 - Revised Peace Deal – 30th Nov

Colombia and FARC rebels reach historic peace deal



Agreements reached



An integrated agrarian development policy (05/2013)



Political participation (11/2013)



Illegal drugs (05/2014)



Reparations for conflict victims (12/2015)



Bilateral ceasefire and disarmament (06/2016)



Final, full and definitive agreement reached on August 24, 2016
Must be confirmed by referendum on October 2

The conflict in numbers



Displaced
6.8 million



Deaths
260,000



Disappeared
45,000



Area of influence



Sources: Fundacion Paz y Reconciliacion, Colombian defence ministry, Unidad para las victimas, Acnur

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FOUNDING OF FARC

- 1948 – Civil War
 - La Violencia
 - Conservative Vs. Liberal
- 1958 – National Front
 - AED – Accelerated Economic Devpt.
 - Large Farms – Rural landless marginalised
- 1961
 - Marquetilla Attack - FARC formed
 - Peace Talks – 1984
 - 1985 – Union Patriotica
- FARC about turn
 - Political Assassinations
 - War breaks out - Hostage taking
 - Ingrid Betancourt
- Peace Talks
 - Safe Haven - Alvaro Uribe – Manual Santos



CAN THE PEACE ACCORD BE RATIFIED?

- Distrust of FARC
 - **Andres Pastrana Peace Efforts**
 - **1998-2002**
 - **Demilitarised Zone**
- Castro-Chavismo
 - **Influence of Venezuela & Cuba**
 - **Guerilla movement → Mainstream Politics**
 - **Spectre of extreme Left Wing Politics**
- Immunity from Prosecution
 - **Community Service**
 - **Getting away with murder - Literally**
 - **Human Rights Watch – *Surrender of Justice***
- Salaries for FARC fighters
- Opposition of Alvaro Uribe
- End Result – Peace deal rejected





**FARC leader
Iván Márquez
thanks
Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
& Art of Living for
Colombian peace
initiative.**





SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL SCANDAL

All Pervasive Corruption



PARK & CHOI – FAMILY CONNECTIONS



Park Geun-hye
President

father & daughter



Choi Soon-sil

father & daughter



Park Chung-hee
Former President

close friends



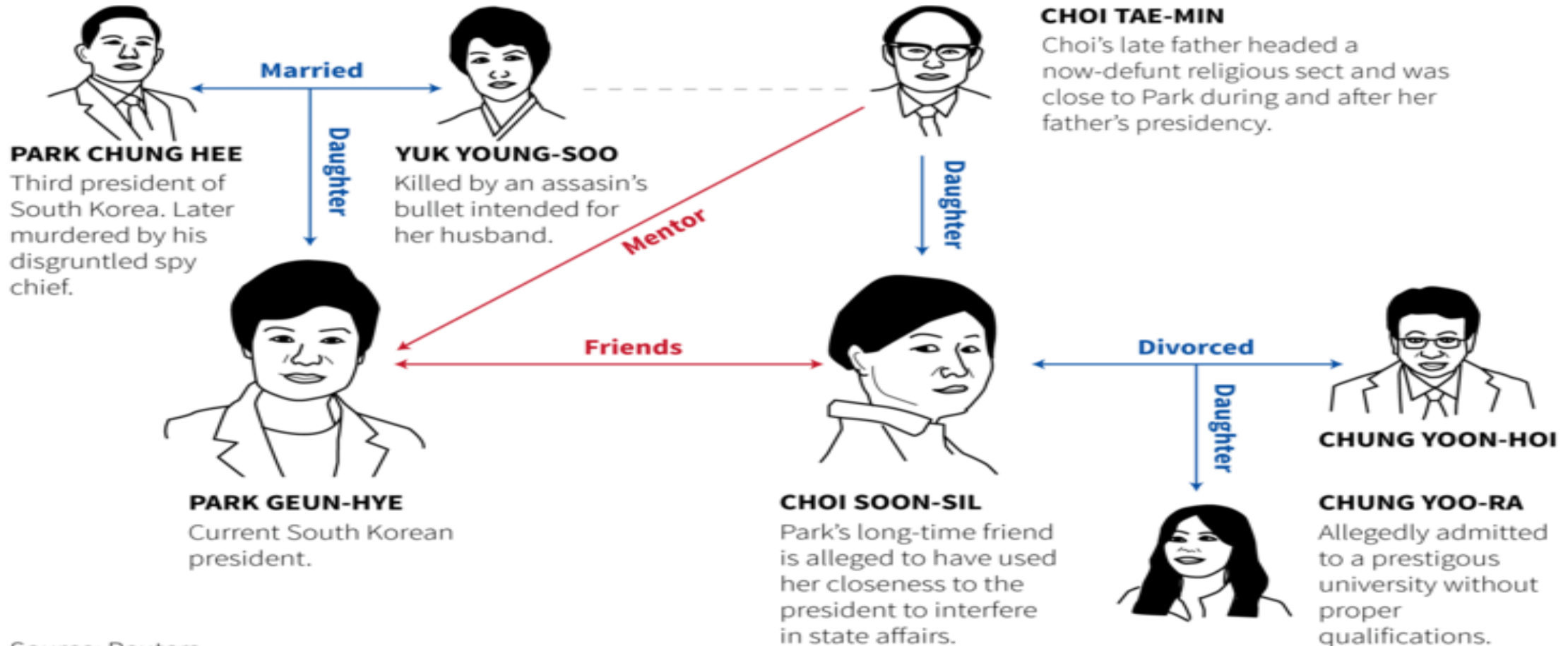
Choi Tae-min
Cult Leader

friends since 1970s

CONNECTING THE DOTS

The Parks and the Chois

South Korean President Park Geun-hye has been rocked by allegations that a personal friend of hers used her ties to meddle in state affairs and wield improper influence.



Source: Reuters

W.Cai, 09/11/2016

REUTERS



THE FULL STORY

- Park Gyeun Hye
 - Corruption
 - Cult Activities
 - Influence Peddling
 - Leak of Classified Documents
- 1974
 - Park's mother killed
- Choi Tae-Min
 - Korean Rasputin
 - Church of Eternal Life
 - Influenced Park - Wealth & Power
- Choi Soon Sil
- Apology
 - *"Regardless of what the reason may be, I am sorry that the scandal has caused national concern and I humbly apologise to the people."*



PROTESTS



PROTESTS IN PICS



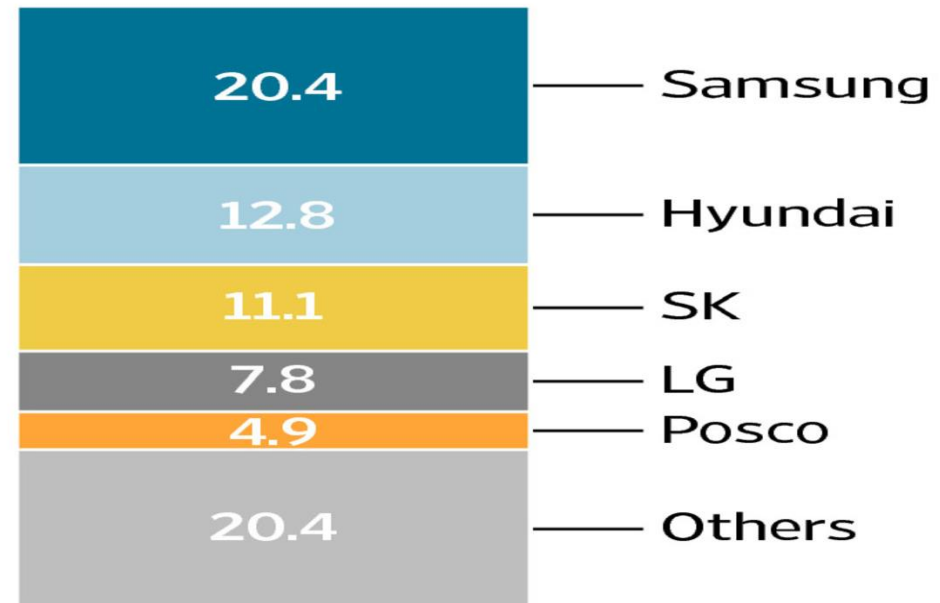
SAMSUNG INVOLVEMENT

- Bribery
 - Accused of contributing \$36Mn
 - Recipient – Choi Soon Sil
- Why
 - Secure Govt. backing for merger
 - 2 Samsung affiliates
 - Cheil Industries – Samsung C&T
- Defense
 - Not a bribe
 - Contributed to Foundation
- Who Else?
 - EIGHT Chaebols
 - LG, Hyundai, Hanjin, Lotte, SK, CJ, Hanhwa
- Any positives??
- Impeachment

Generous Givers

Tax records examined by a corporate research firm show how much South Korea's conglomerates have given to two foundations at the center of a political scandal.

77.4 billion won



Note: 10 billion won = \$8.8 million

Source: Chaebol.com

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



EIGHT CHAEBOLS – PARLIAMENTARY PROBE

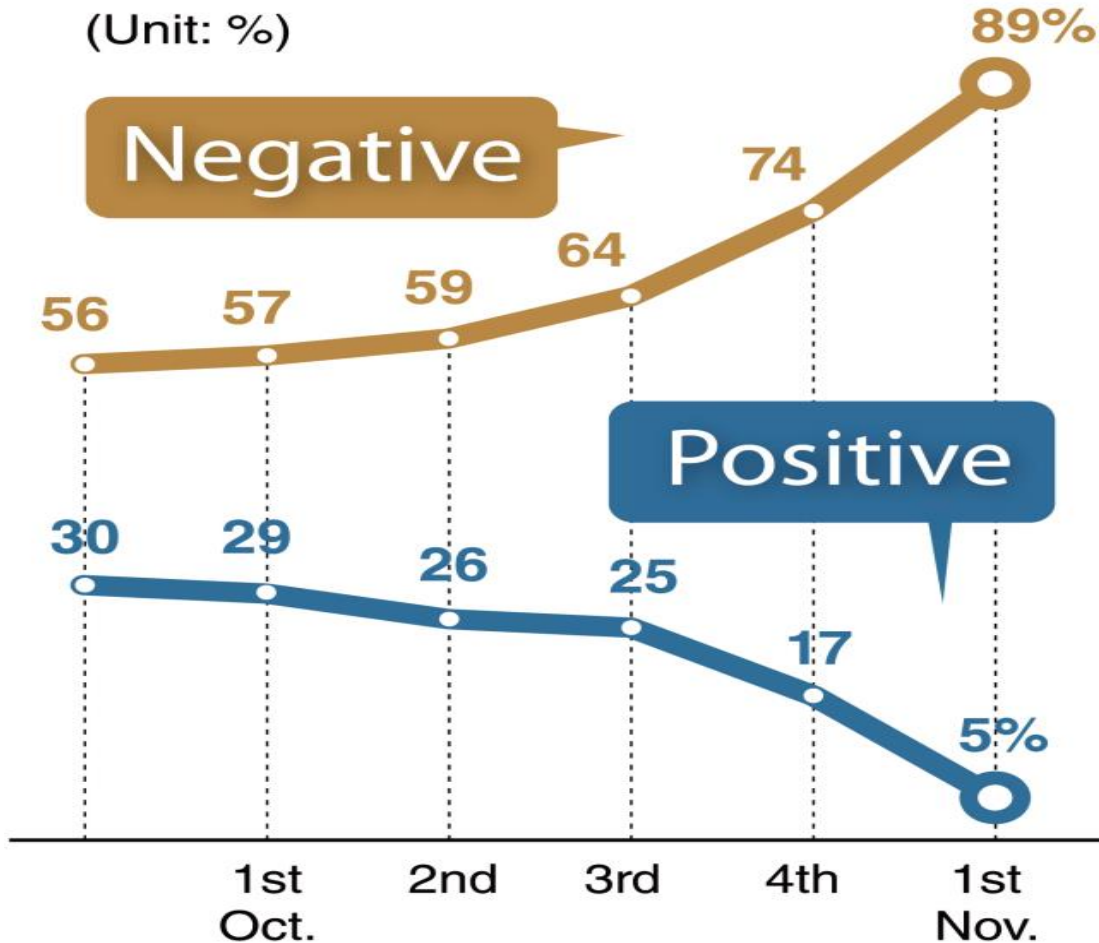


APPROVAL RATINGS

Park's approval rating

(Survey of 1,005 adults, 3.1% margin of error)

(Unit: %)



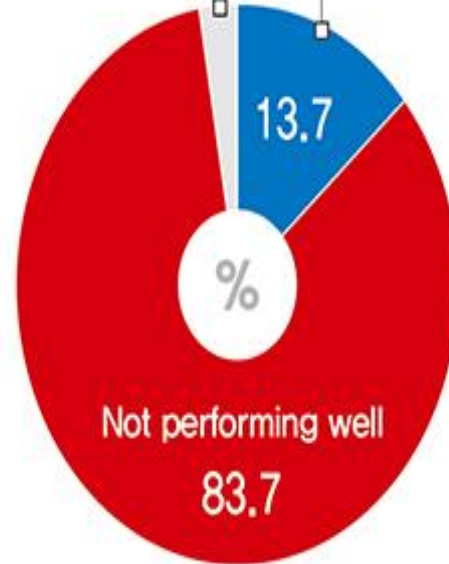
Source: Gallup Korea

Public opinion poll data on Pres. Park and the Choi Sun-sil scandal

President Park's handling of state affairs (Unit: %)

〈Poll by Munhwa Ilbo and Embrain〉

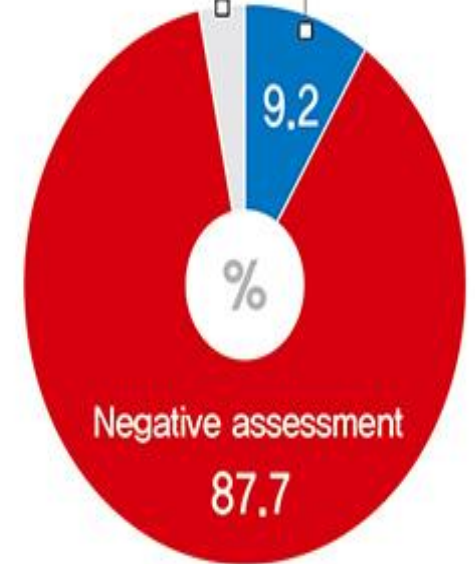
Don't know no answer 2.6



- Telephone poll of 1,000 adults nationwide conducted Oct. 29-30
- 95% confidence rate, 3.1± percentage point margin of error

〈Poll by Naeil Shinmun and The Opinion〉

Don't know no answer 2.6



- Telephone and internet poll of 1,000 adults nationwide conducted Oct. 31
- 95% confidence rate, 3.1± percentage point margin of error



IMPEACHMENT

DA
DILMA
ROUSSEFF !!!

PAISAGEM
E
PAISAGEM

DILMA ROUSSEFF IMPEACHMENT

Brazilian Parliamentary Crisis



IMPEACHMENT - REASONS

- Began in 2015
- One Year into her 2ND 4 Yr term
- Charges
 - Criminal responsibility in discharge of duties
 - Administrative misconduct
 - Violation of Article 85 & Article 36
 - *Fiscal Pedalling*
 - Failing to act against Petrobras
 - *Operation Car Wash*
- What is Article 85?
- What is Article 36?
- Result
 - Impeached on 31st August 2016
 - 61-20 Vote – Guilty of breaking budgetary laws
- *Surprise at the end of the tale!!*

WHAT'S REALLY BEHIND THE IMPEACHMENT OF DILMA ROUSSEFF?



DILMA ROUSSEFF – HISTORY OF THE CRISIS

- Dilma Rousseff
 - 36th President – Brazil
 - Board of Directors – Petrobras - 2003-2010
 - President – 2010
- Presidential Elections – 2014
 - Fragmented Political landscape
 - Multiple parties – Fractured verdicts
 - 2015 – Low approval ratings
 - Calls for impeachment – 37
 - *Only 1 accepted – Eduardo Cunha*
- Operation Car Wash
 - Corruption scandal involving Petrobras
 - Directors raided – Political Involvement
 - *Favors to foreign companies*
 - *Donations to Party/Individuals*



DIFFERENT MOODS

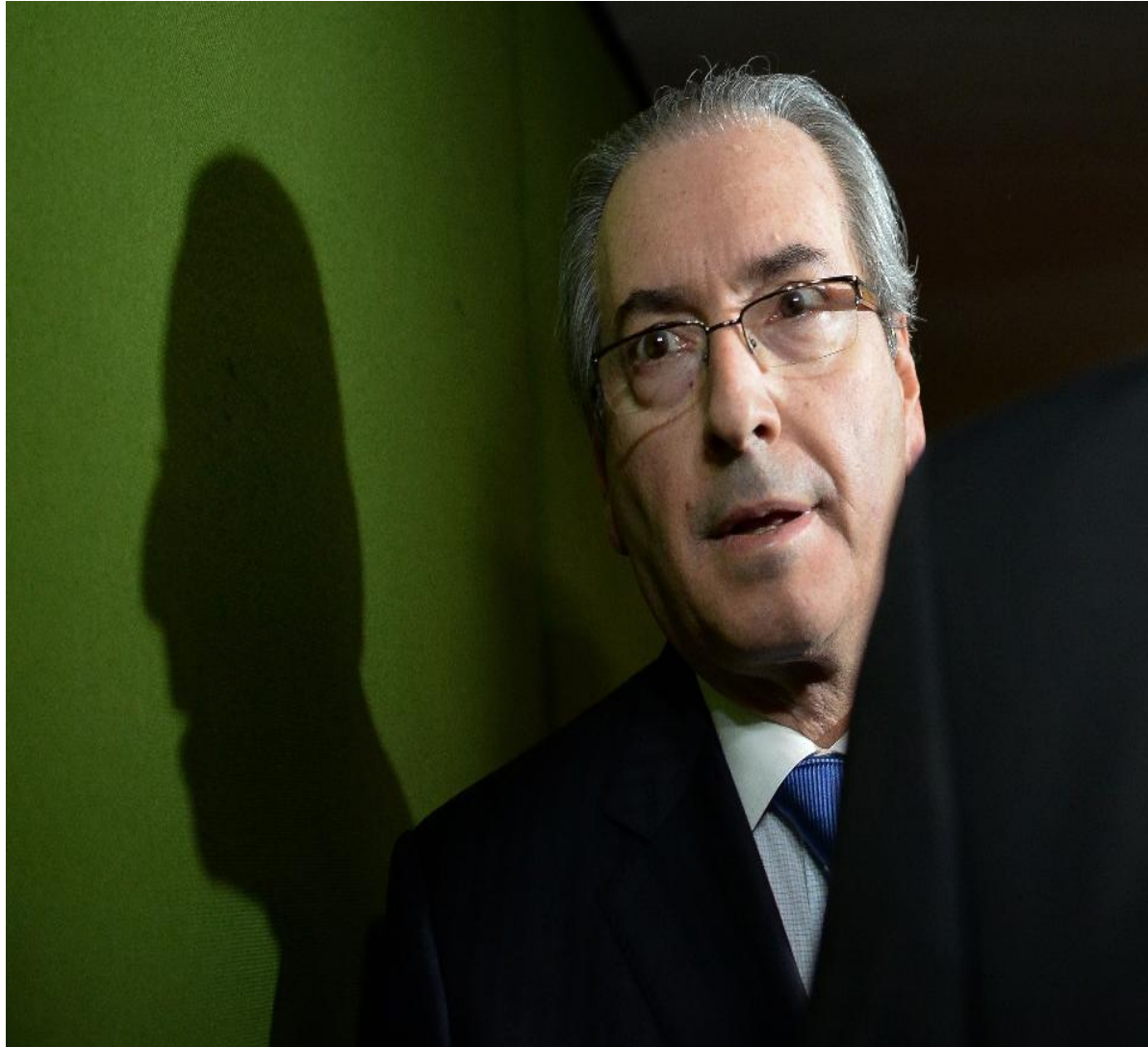


DIFFERENT MOODS



PRINCIPAL ACTORS

Eduardo Cunha



Renan Calheiros – Michel Temer



UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

- Democracy in HongKong



HONG KONG PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTESTS

- Status of Hong Kong?
 - British Colony – 99 year lease – 1st July 1898
 - Prospered under the British
 - To revert to China in 1997
- Relationship with China?
 - One country – 2 systems
 - High degree of autonomy except Foreign & Defence Affairs
 - Own legal system – Free speech & Assembly
 - HK mini constitution called the Basic Law
 - Chief Executive – Elected by 1200 member Election Committee
- What has changed?
 - China's promise of direct elections in 2017
 - Aug 2014 – Voters to have a choice of 2-3 candidates selected by NC
 - Current Election Committee to form NC – 50% of NC support required



UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

- Fears
 - China will use NC to screen out candidates it disapproves of
 - HK will lose the freedom it enjoys – turn into mainland
- Who is leading the Pro-democracy debate?
 - Occupy Central
 - Hong Kong Federation of Students - Scholarism
- Umbrella movement – Adam Cotton on Twitter
 - Non violent civil disobedience
 - Street protests – Occupy Government buildings
- Is there a Pro-China movement?
 - YES – Silent Majority for HK; Caring HK Power
- Why is China worried?
 - Xinjiang – Tibet – HK - Tiananmen



CHIEF EXECUTIVE — LEUNG CHUN-YING



DEEP DISTRUST



Who voted for Hong Kong's chief?

How 689 people out of a population of 7 million voted for the city's Chief Executive in 2012

In 2012

- 1 Hong Kong had **3.5 million** registered voters
- 2 Of which **249,499** had voting rights to form the 1,200-member **Election Committee**
These are mostly representatives of various business and industry sectors
- 3 They were subdivided into four **uneven** voting blocks
Including representatives of:
- 4 Who voted-in the Committee

5 Who voted for...

Leung Chun-ying

Gained **689** out of 1,050 valid votes on March 25, 2012

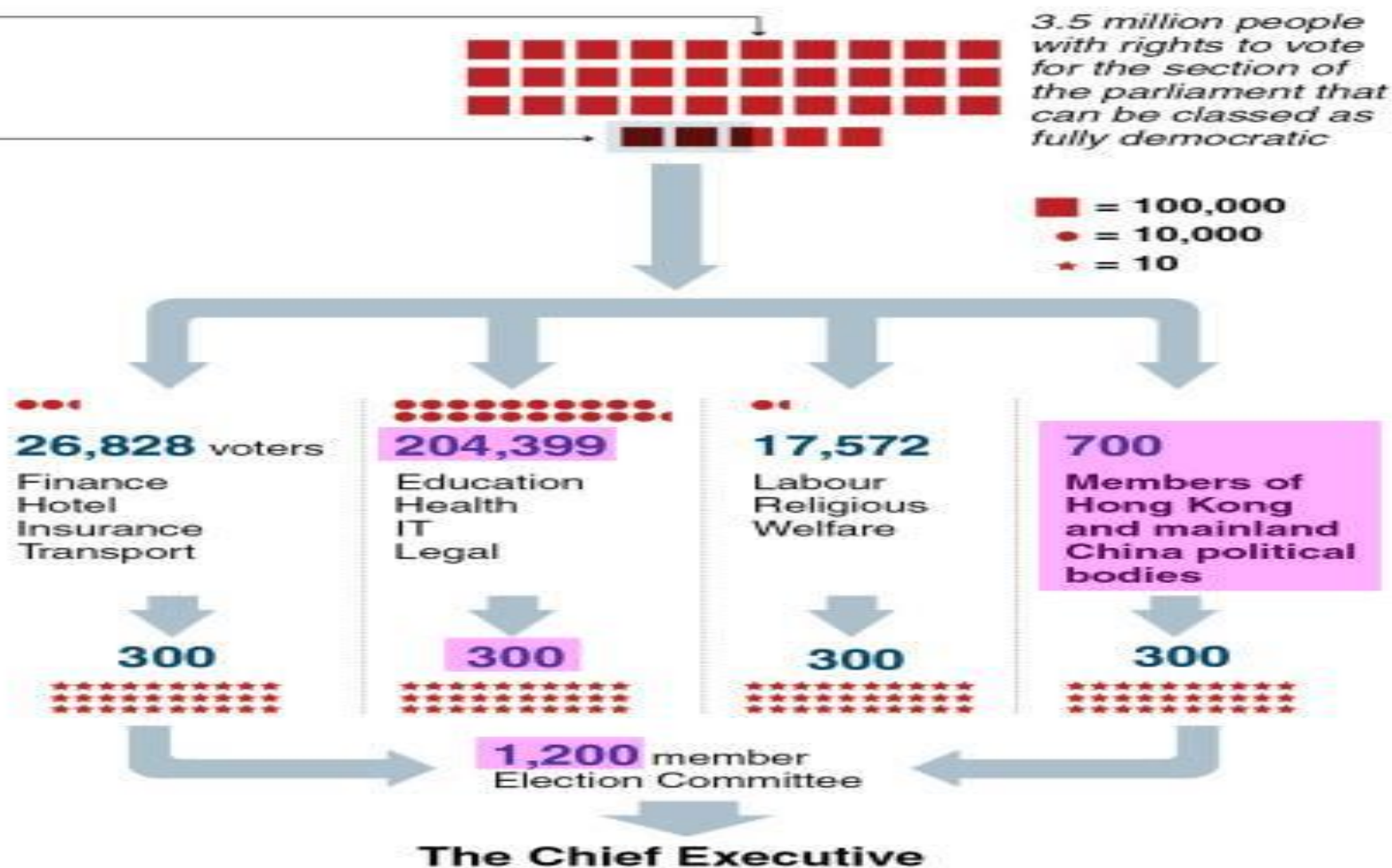
Born in Hong Kong in 1954



▶ Self-made millionaire property consultant

▶ Former secretary general of the Basic Law Consultative Committee, tasked with drafting Hong Kong's constitution after its return to Chinese rule

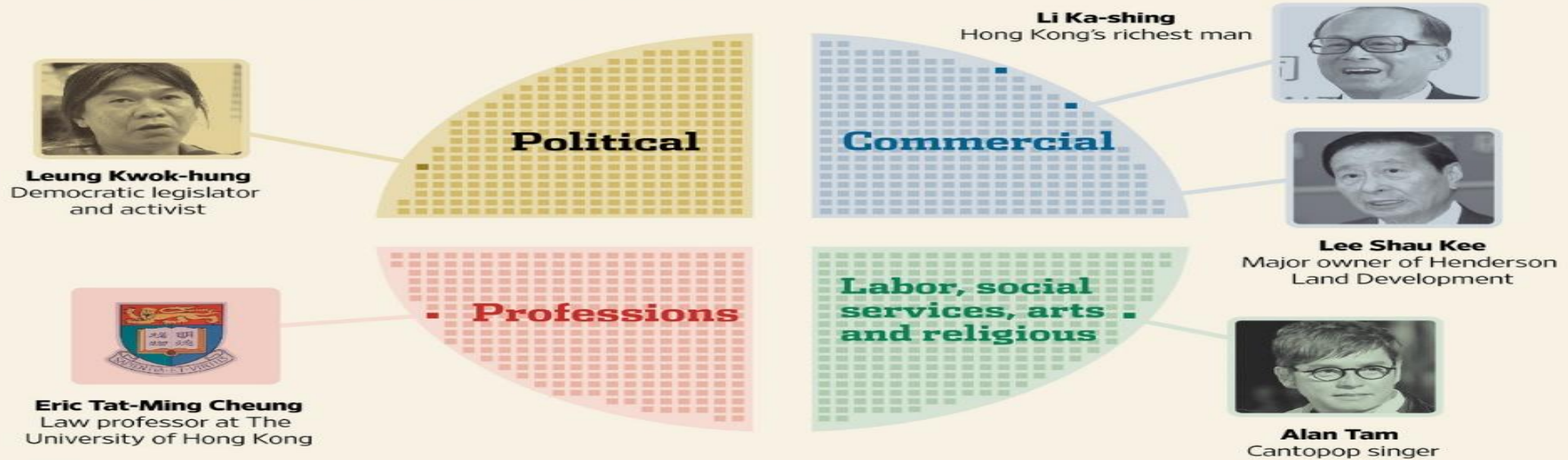
▶ Former convenor of the Executive Council, the city's top policy-making body



ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee

In the past, Hong Kong's chief executive was elected by a 1,200-member election committee. Starting in 2017, Hong Kong permanent residents will vote for chief executive, but they will be limited to a slate of candidates approved by a nominating committee that will be based on the former election committee. A look at the makeup of the committee that elected Hong Kong's current chief executive, Leung Chun-yin, in 2012:



Unfolding the election process

Votes cast in the subsector elections

Final register of the **1,200** election committee members divided into four sectors

New chief executive is elected



Sources: Hong Kong government

Photos: Reuters (Li); Bloomberg News (Lee and HKU); Agence France-Presse/Getty Images (Tam and Leung)

The Wall Street Journal



ONE COUNTRY – TWO SYSTEMS



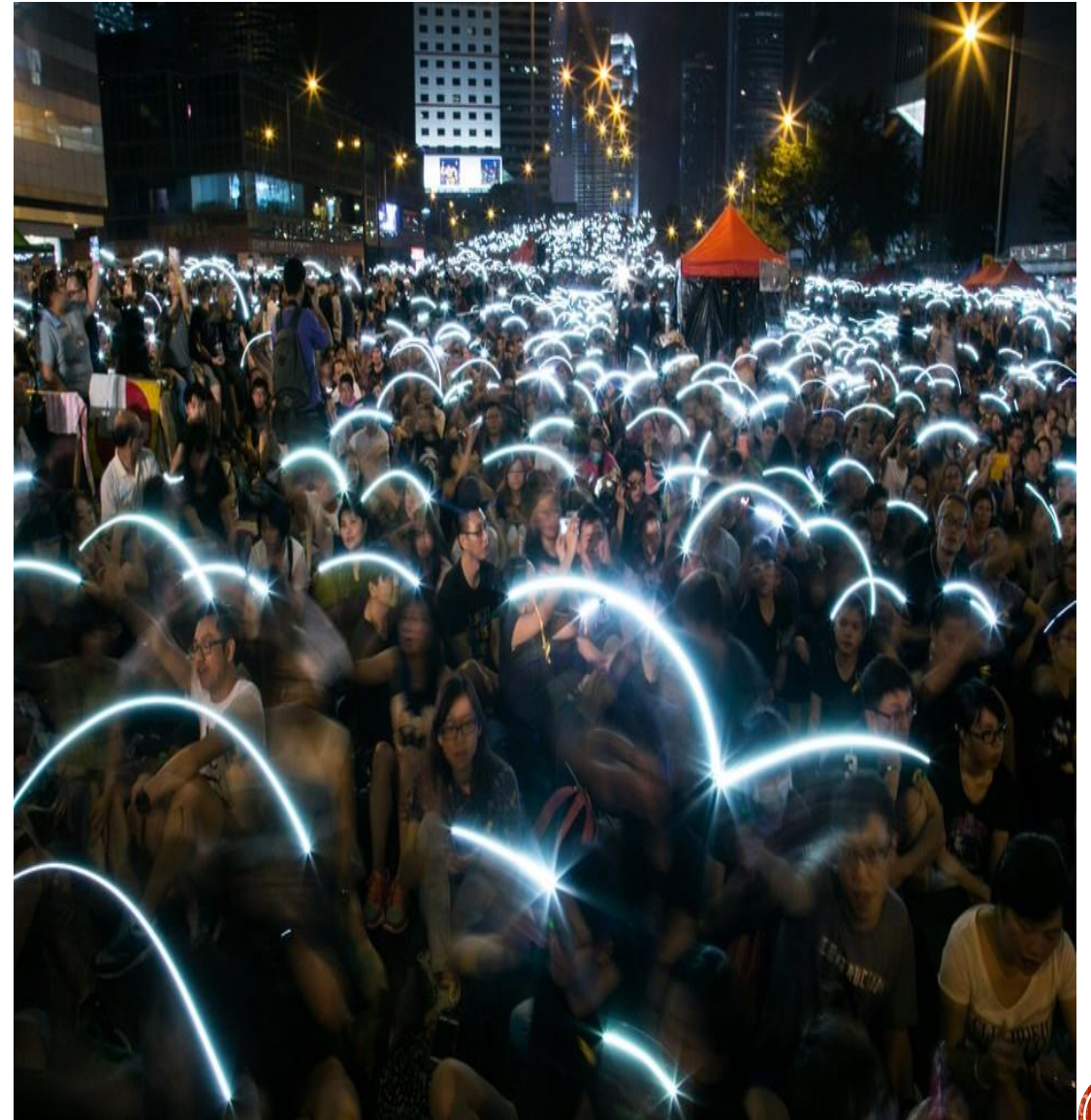
SEA OF UMBRELLAS — ALEX CHOW & JOSHUA WONG



MOVEMENT IN PICS



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OCCUPY CENTRAL



WHAT ANGERED CHINA? — UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE



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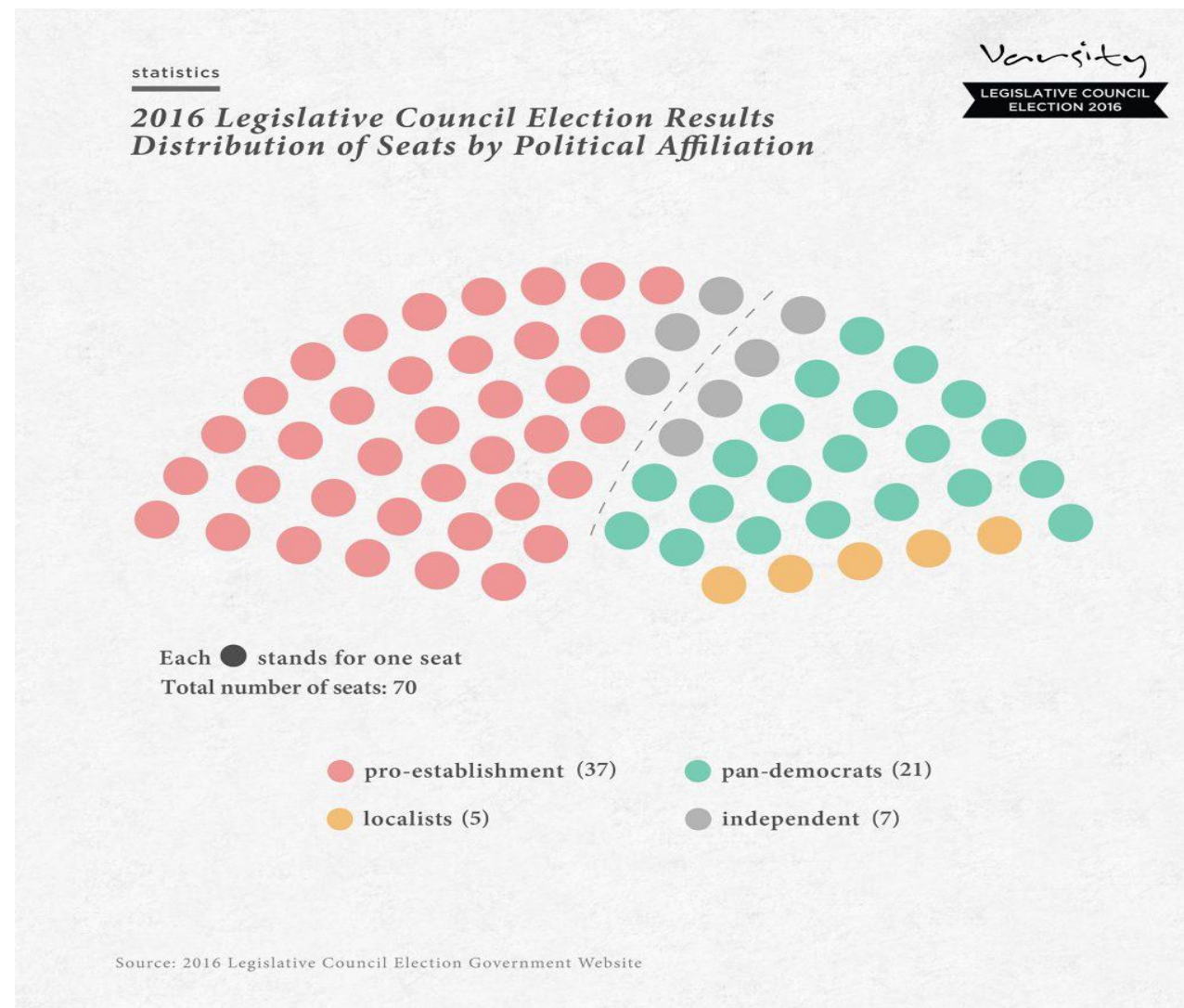


OTHER ISSUES & PRO-CHINA PROTESTS



ELECTIONS - 2016

- Legislative Council – 70 seats
 - Geographical Constituency – 35
 - Functional Constituency – 35
 - Direct Elections – 40 Seats
- 4 Year Term
 - 2016-2020
- Council has a Pro-China Tilt
 - Composition
- Pro-Democracy is gaining ground



HK ELECTIONS - 2016

- Rubbish Council
 - Rubbish sounds like Legislative in Cantonese
- Not Representative
 - Only 40 are elected
 - 30 are chosen by Business/Professional Groups
- Deep Divide
 - Pro-Beijing Group
 - **DAB – Dubbed Shameless**
 - Pro-democracy Group
 - **Dubbed ‘Traitors to China’ – ‘Lackeys of US’**
- CY Leung – Deeply Unpopular
 - **ABC – Anyone but CY**
 - **Wolf – 689**
- Lee Bo Case



THE CONTROVERSIES DON'T END.....

Sixtus Leung – Yau Wai-Ching



What Happened?

- Used derogatory slur during oath
- Case filed
- China intervenes (NPC)
- Threat to Territorial Integrity of China

- What is the Issue?
 - Interpretation of Basic Law
 - Who has the right to do so?
 - China's Interference in HK
 - Curtailing individual freedoms



Q & A

