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TAIWAN IS NOT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Why do many people use Republic of China as a synonym for “Taiwan”? Is that correct? What are the details?

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THE ONE CHINA POLICY AND TAIWAN

Is it reasonable to have a One China Policy? What are the details?

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TAIWAN IS OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF THE USA

Is it reasonable to continue regarding Taiwan’s legal status as “undetermined”? What are the details?

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THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE

Is it reasonable to regard the Republic of China as the legal government of Taiwan? What are the details?

*(Taiwan History for Dummies) graphic*

[ Quora style Q&A]

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Q: The current governing authorities in Taiwan call themselves the “Republic of China” (ROC). Does Taiwan belong to China?

A: The treaties that concluded WWII in the Pacific did not award Taiwan to China. A correct characterization of the ROC on Taiwan is -- (1) proxy occupying forces, and (2) a government in exile.

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Q: The current governing authorities in Taiwan call themselves the “Republic of China” (ROC). Is the ROC on Taiwan an independent country or part of China?

A: It is neither independent nor part of China. The ROC on Taiwan is best characterized as proxy occupying forces, and government in exile. In summary, Taiwan is occupied territory.

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Q: Taiwan is often described as having an undetermined legal status. What does this mean? Is Taiwan independent?

A: The military occupation of Taiwan began on October 25, 1945. The conqueror is the legal occupier. Up until the present day, Taiwan has remained under a legal condition of military occupation, and has not yet reached a final political status. Currently, Taiwan is neither independent nor part of China.

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Q: The current governing authorities in Taiwan often say that the existence of the “Republic of China” (ROC) is a fact. Moreover, they stress that this fact should not be ignored by the international community. Is this a valid argument?

A: It is beyond dispute that Taiwan remained as sovereign Japanese territory until Japan gave up its sovereignty over Taiwan in the San Francisco Peace Treaty, effective April 28, 1952. Hence, when the ROC moved its central government to occupied Taiwan in December 1949, it was moving outside of China’s national territory and immediately became a government in exile.