**Interview Guide**

Demongraphic:

* What is your age?
* Which gender do you identify with?
* What is your profession?
* What is your educational background?
* How would you describe your political involvement?

Fandom identities and practices:

* When and how did you become a fan of Xiao Zhan/Taylor Swift?
* Have you ever been part of any fandom before?
* What kind of activities do you engage in as a fan?

Controversies- and politics-related:

* Can you describe what happened in the 227 incident and how you felt? (Xiao)
* Why do you think Xiao and his fans did what they do? (Xiao)
* When Swift revealed her support for the Democratic senators, how did this make you feel? (Swift)
* Why do you think Swift has come out politically? (Swift)
* As a fan, did you participate in any of the collective actions? Did you have any conflict or argument with other fans? Is there any disagreement among the fans?
* What is the current situation of Xiao Zhan/Taylor Swift’s fandom?
* Was there any organised activity from his/her fans trying to solve consequences brought by the contraversies?
* Where do you think the public’s strong emotions come from?
* Do you have any struggle dealing with the different identities you have in this incident?
* So what’s your vision on the future fandom culture?
* What do you think about the public discussion or the public sphere after these incidents.
* Do you think this incident has any implication for citizens’ political participation or public discussion in societies in general?