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What is good government? A government should be “good” both morally and in terms of its capacity. Aside from capacity, people judge a government that exists for the people to be a morally good government. Survey research shows that people in East Asia view their governments via the lenses of both morality and capacity.

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