## In Our Own Words



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## Supporting Independent Journalism Is Supporting the Next Generation

Dear Epoch VIP,

I'm Chris Bob, a recent graduate who joined The Epoch Times while studying the politics of socialist countries in college.

I went into college with a choice: either go to law school or enter the seminary. When I arrived, I discovered that young people are being sold on the merits of socialism and told that patriotism is problematic. **As a student, I often felt like an intellectual punching bag, discouraged from standing up for our country and its values.** 

Three generations after my family fled the Soviet Union for my future, my professors and peers were cheering that socialism is our future. We aren't given enough information to form our own opinions and aren't exposed to diverse viewpoints.

If I had just accepted the readings I was assigned, the books I had to purchase, and the articles I had to annotate, I wouldn't be writing this letter. I was blessed to find **The Epoch Times**, a resource that stood out to me not only as truthful but dependable—a tool I used to defend my country and myself. Supportive Americans from The Epoch Times community such as you have given me the courage to change my career aspirations and make truthful, independent journalism my mission.

From my experience, I learned that the horror of censorship isn't that one is robbed of an opportunity to speak one's piece, it's that one is robbed of an opportunity to hear the truth. Because I experienced this firsthand, I understand the importance of a reliable source of information.

I want more students to have access to our journalism, and your subscription makes that possible. I'm thankful for your support and for giving young people like me the chance to hear the truth. Supporting independent journalism is supporting the next

generation.

In Truth and Tradition,

Chris Bob The Epoch Times

