

# To Protect the American Dream



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Dear Epoch VIP,  
Greetings, and thank you for being one of our readers! I hope that your paper's been getting to you on time. If it's not, and you live in the Southern California region, please give us a call.

Two years ago, I left the family business to become the circulation manager of The Epoch Times' Southern California branch. My relatives and friends were shocked when I rejected a comfortable career and a good income to pursue something new and uncertain.

**And their reaction was no surprise to me. To them, I was throwing away my own American Dream that I had earned with my own hard work.**

Sixteen years ago, my uncle and I started a family business from a loan. Our business has since grown into a multimillion-dollar company with stable revenue. I'd had it all: a career I was proud of, a nice house, a happy marriage, and two daughters.

But when I heard that The Epoch Times needed talents to help expand in my area, I knew that I wanted to join up and make a difference—that this was my new American Dream.

My family members were wealthy landlords in China, and when the Chinese Communist Party took over in 1949, the communists took away everything we had. Some of my distant relatives managed to escape persecution and find a new life in the United States. After the Cultural Revolution, they helped bring my family over.

As a Chinese immigrant who had nothing to his name, I am grateful for the American values that have allowed me to succeed. Because of our free market and emphasis on self-reliance, I was able to find plenty of opportunities to pursue my dream of owning a business. Because of the traditional American values—like equality, honesty, and diligence—that influenced me, I was able to accomplish my dream and become a responsible business owner.

And yet, over recent years I feel like our legacy

media outlets have begun to attack these values. Even more alarmingly, many mainstream media are promoting socialism, something that I knew would only take away our freedoms and divide our country. Coming from China, a place that was deeply impacted by socialism and communism, I was disturbed and saddened.

Many times, I had felt like I needed to do something because our future was at stake. But I didn't quite know what to do next.

I've been a longtime reader of The Epoch Times, and I knew that it was one of the few outlets dedicated to seeking the truth through insightful and independent journalism. Not only that, but it was also dedicated to the preservation of our American values.

So when I saw that The Epoch Times was hiring in Southern California, something inside me clicked: **It was time for me to give back to the country that's granted me such a wonderful life.**

Though it was difficult to adjust to a whole new industry at first, fortunately, I was not alone. I work with many colleagues who are also willing to dedicate, sacrifice, and do whatever it takes to help The Epoch Times and our readers. With their support, we've been able to reach more and more readers each month, and we're still continuing to grow today.

These last two years have flown by. We're a distance away from where we started out, but our work is far from finished. Every day, we strive to improve your reader experience a little more. To me, being able to serve our readers—patriots like you—is a very satisfying experience.

**I feel that coming to The Epoch Times is the best decision of my life, and I cannot be any happier to contribute to the mission of defending our American values so that our future generations will be able to live out their American Dreams, just like I did.**

*In Truth and Tradition,*

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