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# CHINA'S OVERSEAS POLICE STATIONS

A TOOL FOR TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

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## TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

# CCP Runs Police Outpost in New York City, Part of Global Network of Transnational Repression: Report

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Chinese authorities have opened at least one “overseas police service station” in the United States as part of the Chinese Communist Party’s (CCP) global transnational repression, according to the human rights group Safeguard Defenders.

“These operations eschew official bilateral police and judicial cooperation and violate the international rule of law, and may violate the territorial integrity in third countries involved in setting up a parallel policing mechanism using illegal methods,” the Spain-based group said in a recent report.

The report, titled “110 Overseas: Chinese Transnational Policing Gone Wild,” examined the initiative, which was begun by 10 “pilot provinces” in 2018. These stations also are called 110 Overseas, named after the country’s police emergency services phone number.

An outpost in New York City was among the “first batch” of 30 overseas police service stations in 21 countries set up by the Public Security Bureau in Fuzhou, the capital city of the southern coastal province of Fujian. Other Chinese cities also set up their own outposts abroad.

The Chinese police authorities’ division in New York opened on Feb. 15, according to Dongnan News, a media outlet backed by the Fujian provincial government. The center, called Fuzhou Police Overseas Service Station, is located at 107 East Broadway, inside the headquarters of the American ChangLe Association (ACA), a nonprofit with close ties to the Chinese regime.

Safeguard Defenders identified 54 overseas police service stations across five continents, including in cities from Toronto to Dublin.

The total number of such stations is unclear.

“There is no complete list of such ‘110 Overseas’ police service stations available,” the report states. “[T]he number is undoubtedly larger and such stations more widespread.”

## ACA

Established in 1998, the ACA is one of the most influential communities for immigrants from Fujian Province in the United States, according to its website.

The ACA cooperated with Fuzhou’s Public Security Bureau to set up the Fuzhou police service station this year, the association’s chairman said in April during an event at the group’s office while hosting the deputy Chinese consulate general in New York, Wu Xiaoming. Dongnan News reported at the time. Wu, according to the report, recognized the association’s contribution to “promoting Sino-U.S. friendship and supporting China’s peaceful reunification.”

The New York community group, as with many purportedly grassroots Chinese organizations, is linked to the Chinese Communist Party’s sprawling “united front” system. That refers to a network of thousands of overseas groups loosely overseen by the United Front Work Department, a powerful Party agency that works to advance the regime’s interests abroad, including by carrying out foreign influence operations, suppressing dissident movements, gathering intelligence, and facilitating the transfer of technology to China.

The ACA maintains close ties to the regime and has been praised for its efforts in supporting CCP and its leaders. Photos displayed on its website include a certificate of appreciation from the Chinese consulate in New York in 2015. The consulate praised the ACA for playing an active role in organizing overseas Chinese nationals to welcome Chinese leader Xi Jinping when he traveled to New York to attend United Nations meetings at that time.

The group’s former president, Zhang Zikuo, in 2019 attended an official ceremony in Beijing to mark the 70th year of CCP rule over China as a representative of overseas Chinese nationals in the United States, according to a 2020 report by the Fuzhou City Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese.

In May 2020, Zhang, then-president of the ACA, attended an online seminar organized by the United Front Department of Fuzhou’s Changle District, during which they had an “in-depth study of the spirit of the two sessions,” the report reads. “Two



The America ChangLe Association in New York City on Oct. 6, 2022.

sessions” refers to annual meetings held by the regime’s rubber-stamp legislature and political advisory body.

## ‘Sinister Goal’

Ostensibly, the overseas police service stations serve administrative purposes, with many tasks the report said that would be “traditionally considered of a consular nature.”

For example, the New York station’s most popular service was assisting overseas Chinese in renewing driver’s licenses without having to return to the country, according to an August report by Dongnan News. The report said that from March 1 to April 27, 36 applications completed an online physical examination at the station and had their driver’s licenses renewed.

The stations make overseas Chinese feel the “care and love” of the motherland, ACA Chairman Lu Jianshun told Dongnan News. The report mentions that Lu also is a staff member at the New York station.

Safeguard Defenders, however, said such 110 overseas have a “more sinister goal, as they contribute to ‘resolutely cracking down on all kinds of illegal and criminal activities involving overseas Chinese.’” Some of the stations have already been “implicated in collaborating with Chinese police in carrying out policing operations on foreign soil,” the group said.

One example provided in the report was the successful return of a Chinese fugitive surnamed Xia, who was accused of fraud and fled to Serbia.

After identifying Xia’s location in Belgrade, Chinese police authorities “successfully [got] in touch” with Xia through its

overseas service station, the report stated, citing a 2019 article by Chinese state media. Police in Qingtian city then “directly carried out persuasion to return” through the Chinese social media app Wechat and video calls with the support of staff members of the overseas service. Chinese police, the report stated, educated Xia about “relevant policies, laws, and cases” at least once a week before Xia finally actively cooperated with the police to return to China in October 2018.

From April 2021 to July 2022, an estimated 230,000 overseas Chinese nationals have been “persuaded to return” to the country to face criminal charges, according to a Chinese state media report.

Safeguard Defenders noted such “persuasion to return” involves harassment and intimidation of the target’s relatives in China. If the target refuses to comply, their families could face punishment, such as their children being denied education.

“These methods allow the CCP and their security organs to circumvent normal bilateral mechanisms of police and judicial cooperation, thereby severely undermining the international rule of law and territorial integrity of the third countries involved,” the report states.

“It leaves legal Chinese residents abroad fully exposed to extra-legal targeting by the Chinese police, with little to none of the protection theoretically ensured under both national and international law.”

Officials at the ACA, the FBI, the Department of Justice, the State Department, and the New York attorney general’s office didn’t respond by press time to a request by The Epoch Times for comment.



Chinese police officers wear protective masks at Beijing Railway Station in Beijing on April 4, 2020.

ALEXANDR KULIKOV/AP PHOTO



Russian army soldiers march during an action in support for the soldiers involved in the military operation in Ukraine, at the Mamaev Kurgan, a World War II memorial in Volgograd, Russia, on July 11, 2022.

## OPINION

## Global Conflicts Lead Back to Russia and China

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Ukraine is grabbing the headlines, but military conflicts are flaring up around the globe, many of which are tied to China, Russia, or both.

Of the 32 armed conflicts reported in 2021, the majority are still going on. Ethiopia’s Tigray region has been in a state of civil war since November 2020. China has provided billions to the government to fund infrastructure and manufacturing projects and train the national police. Through 2021, Ethiopia purchased air defense equipment from Russia until sanctions halted sales. Ethiopia did not condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine. In April, Reuters reported that Ethiopian men turned up at the Russian Embassy to volunteer to fight on the Russian side, although there is no evidence they were accepted.

The war in Yemen started in 2014 and is ongoing, with China backing the Saudi-aligned government of former President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi. The war in Ukraine has threatened starvation in Yemen as wheat exports from both Russia and Ukraine run dry.

In Afghanistan, the new government cannot pay civil servants. The economy has collapsed, and ethnic minorities are being persecuted. China is the primary diplomatic partner and financier of the Taliban, while the local branch of the Islamic State is threatening war with the country’s rulers.

The conflict in Burma (commonly known as Myanmar) is “the world’s longest ongoing civil war” that began in 1948, according to School for International Training. The military government, which overthrew the duly elected Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021, has enjoyed high-level ties with China and Russia, obtaining weapons from both countries and selling resources to China.

The United States and China have been engaged in a trade war for roughly six years while the threat of a military conflict becomes ever more likely. The Chinese regime continues its encroachment on the South China Sea, risking war or at least skirmishes with numerous Southeast Asian nations, particularly the Philippines and Vietnam. Simultaneously, the regime has stepped up its military pressure on Taiwan. This prompted the U.S. government in early September to approve the sale of over \$1 billion worth of weapons to the island nation.

The United States and Iran have continually locked horns over nuclear weapons. U.S. sanctions prevent most of the world from trading with Iran; however, China is buying Iranian oil. Russia is ready to sell weapons to Iran, while Iran is supplying Russia with the weapons-capable drones currently used in Ukraine. Meanwhile, Europe is suffering energy shortages due to sanctions imposed on Russia in response to the Ukraine invasion. If the recent uprisings in Iran manage to topple the government, it is possible that the European Union could purchase oil from the new government and eliminate any leverage Russia has over the West.

Wars are not just taking place in faraway-sounding places. In Europe, other conflicts are looming beyond Ukraine. The Greek navy was mobilized in late September for joint exercises with France. The Greek defense ministry has accused Turkey of increasingly violating Greek airspace. Greek state media see increased Hellenic militarization and closer defense ties with the United States and NATO as crucial amid recent world events such as a possible threat from Turkey, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the September 2020 Azerbaijan attacks on the Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. While the United States condemned the attack on Armenia, it was supported by Moscow and Ankara.

According to Greek media, the United

States is interested in converting the Greek port of Alexandroupoli into a naval base and hosting U.S. destroyers. Currently, the port is used by the United States to transship weapons to NATO and to support the Ukrainians in the fight against Russia. Placing destroyers, which have guided missiles in the Northern Aegean Sea could be an important component in a containment strategy against Russia. The U.S. naval base will augment the large-scale rearmament of the Greek military, which began late last year. Athens has purchased French Rafale fighter jets, U.S. F-16 fighters, new warships, and Israeli defense systems in addition to overhauling the Greek special forces.

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The U.S.-Greece Defense and Inter-parliamentary Partnership Act of 2021, which lifted a prohibition on arms sales to Cyprus, included provisions for modernizing the Suda Military Base in Crete, the Larissa Airport, the Stefanovikeio Air Base, and the Alexandroupoli Port. This military expansion is part of the Greek

leg of the U.S.-NATO preparation for war with Russia. Under the 2021 agreement, Greece can purchase advanced U.S. weaponry, including anti-tank weapons, heavy-duty torpedoes, and guided missiles for the Hellenic Air Force.

As soon as the war broke out in Ukraine, the Turkish government closed the Turkish straits between the Aegean and Black seas to all warships, further underscoring the importance of the U.S./NATO port of Alexandroupoli near the Turkish border. Alexandroupoli is one of nine U.S. military bases in Greece. It provides access to not only the Balkans and Europe, but also represents the only deepwater port in the Mediterranean Sea. The U.S. base in Souda Bay, Crete, is crucial to the United States and NATO as it lies geographically near the center of several conflicts and hotspots with access to Syria, Libya, and the Black Sea. The base in Crete is also being expanded to accommodate large numbers of U.S. F-35s.

Also, seeing the strategic importance of Greece, China purchased an interest in the Port of Piraeus. The concern with Chinese civilian-use ports is that they could easily be expanded to accommodate Chinese navy vessels. In March, Greece’s highest administrative court, the Council of State, blocked China from expanding the port.

Greece sees Turkey as a potential threat. This viewpoint is exacerbated by Turkey being a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which includes China and Russia. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan even attended the 2022 summit of the SCO in Uzbekistan. When asked if Turkey would become a full member of the SCO, Erdogan told PBS that he felt that his country was “neither of the East nor the West” and as it has yet to be granted membership in the EU, Turkey might find that its interests better align with the SCO.

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A People’s Liberation Army member looks through binoculars during military exercises as Taiwan’s frigate Lan Yang is seen in the background on Aug. 5, 2022.



AP PHOTO/ALEXANDR KULIKOV



A model of C919 passenger aircraft is on display during the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing, China, on Sept. 3, 2022.

## OPINION

# China's C919 Airliner Never Fails to Fail

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Samuel Johnson once said of a dog walking on its hind legs that even though it was not done well, one was surprised to see it done at all.

Such is the increasing indifference I am feeling toward China's C919 passenger jet, Beijing's latest effort to break into the global commercial airliner business.

The plane actually celebrated a bit of a milestone a few days ago when—five years after its first flight—it finally received its airworthiness certification from the Chinese Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

It was supposed to have been certified last December, but continuing delays in flight testing made that a nonstarter. In fact, at the time, the C919 had flown only 34 out of a required 276 flights.

I know that I pick on the C919 a lot (see here and here and here), and I should really cut the plane some slack. But few countries have taken such a good opportunity to develop and manufacture a product that could have truly been globally competitive and totally screwed it up.

For a country like China, building the C919 was certainly an achievable goal. In the first place, it was not a particularly groundbreaking aircraft. Noted aerospace analyst Richard Aboulafia has called the C919 a “me-too jet,” adding that the plane offers no new technology.

Certainly, the C919 is not, for example, like Embraer's family of small regional jets. The Brazilian aerospace company pioneered the development of small but fast jet-propelled airliners seating less than 125 passengers, such as the ERJ45 or the E170/E190 series. As such, Embraer helped to revolutionize the commuter airliner business.

In fact, the C919 was, from the very beginning, a rather mediocre airplane. It is a narrow-body plane, seating around 160 passengers, which puts it in roughly the same category as two already existing workhorses of the skies, the Boeing 737 and the Airbus A320.

That said, there's nothing wrong with being a manila-envelope passenger plane. There is a sizable global market for narrow-body jets, and the C919 was likely to enter as a low-cost challenger, relying on cheap Chinese labor to undercut the competition. Even if it was only sold to Chinese airlines, the potential for sales was huge.

And yet China has dropped the ball

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on every occasion. The C919, initiated in 2008, was supposed to conduct its first flight in 2014 and begin deliveries by 2016. In fact, it didn't fly until 2017.

While the plane has finally received certification by the CAAC, it still needs to be separately certified by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Europe's Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) if Beijing wishes to sell the airplane overseas.

In the meantime, C919 program costs have skyrocketed, and China has reportedly already spent over \$20 billion on the plane.

As a result, the unit price of the C919 has risen. Originally expected to cost about \$50 million per plane, the C919 is now predicted to be priced at around \$90 million to \$100 million each. This is roughly the same price as a 737 or A320, wiping out whatever cost advantage it might have had.

Finally, calling the C919 “Chinese” is stretching the point. The plane relies heavily on Western suppliers for critical components and subsystems, including its avionics, landing gear, nacelles, flight controls, and—most importantly—jet engines. Around 60 percent of these foreign suppliers to the C919 are U.S. companies, such as General Electric, Honeywell, and Eaton.

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As Aboulafia has put it, “it's more a Western jet than a Chinese one.” Beyond simply injuring Chinese pride, this excessive dependency on foreign components and technologies puts the program in serious danger. Even if much of the Western technology is rather old—and the evidence is that much of what

is being transferred to China is hardly cutting-edge—it still leaves the C919 at the mercy of foreign suppliers.

And these foreign suppliers are becoming increasingly hesitant—hostile, even—when it comes to working with the Chinese on high-tech projects. The Chinese regime's belligerent behavior—its growing threats toward Taiwan, its regional bullying, its stifling of democracy and human rights in Hong Kong, and its failure to condemn Russian aggression against Ukraine—has left many in the West with a bad taste in their mouths and increasingly reluctant to team up with China.

In December 2020, under the Trump administration, the Commerce Department added a new “Military End User” (MEU) list to its existing export controls. The MEU list essentially prohibits certain technology exports to certain entities (in China and other countries) that “represent an unacceptable risk of use in or diversion to a ‘military end-use.’” These “entities” included AVIC, the state-owned aerospace company overseeing the C919 program. The Biden administration has expanded on this hardline approach, blacklisting seven Chinese companies, in part to keep U.S. companies from exporting advanced semi-conductors to China.

In the end, Beijing will likely strong-arm several Chinese airlines into buying the plane. So far, only Chinese airlines and many Chinese financial leasing companies have placed orders for the plane—but it is unlikely to be a globally competitive project. Instead, the C919 will likely go the way of many other national aircraft “vanity projects” such as Russia's Superjet, Indonesia's N-250, or the Turkish Regional Jet: neither technologically competitive nor economically viable.

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Visitors walk past a Boeing 737 and a Boeing 777 displayed during the Farnborough Airshow, in Farnborough, UK, on July 18, 2022.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

# Nearly 100 Residents in Chinese City Detained for Their Beliefs in One-Day Operation, Including 98-Year-Old Woman: Report

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Police in China's northeastern Daqing City of Heilongjiang Province detained almost 100 Falun Gong practitioners on July 12 for their faith, raided their homes, and took away their money and personal belongings, according to a report published on Minghui.org.

Minghui.org is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that reports on the ongoing persecution of the Buddhist-school spiritual belief Falun Gong in China.

More than 20 Falun Gong practitioners are over 70 years of age, including one 98-year-old female.

The sweep was part of a provincial-level operation, Minghui reported, citing police who participated in the campaign

## Organized Raids

According to the Sept. 26 report, 15 police branches in Daqing city participated in the citywide campaign, with police across the city moving simultaneously for the one day operation. Police were following orders from the ruling Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) Gestapo-like 610 Office.

An earlier Minghui report on Sept. 13 reveals that the Heilongjiang provincial police department distributed the names of Falun Gong practitioners to each municipal police bureau, which in turn handed out the names to each branch and then to each police station.

The police had been preparing for the illegal arrests for more than nine months, Minghui reported. The police had been stalking and videotaping all the Falun Gong practitioners on the lists for the last nine months. They then deployed police forces outside each practitioner's residence for over a week to guarantee that they could catch them on July 12.

This is a recent suppression action taken by the Chinese communist regime targeting Falun Gong adherents. The CCP's persecution of Falun Gong began in July 1999 and is ongoing today.

Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a spiritual practice consisting of five gentle exercises and moral teachings promoting the values truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance. Its popularity surged in the 1990s after it was spread nationwide due to significant physical and spiritual benefits. The number of Falun Gong adherents in China was estimated to be from 70 million to 100 million by the end of the decade.

The 610 Office is an extra-legal body set up on June 10, 1999, by former CCP leader Jiang Zemin to specifically “eradicate” Falun Gong believers. It was named



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In the torture called “tiger bench” depicted in this drawing, the elevation of the legs over time causes excruciating pain. Torture is routinely used in China's labor camps, and also in the brainwashing centers to which prisoners of conscience will be sent, now that China has officially abolished the labor camps.

As long as you are a Falun Gong practitioner, no matter how senior your age may be and whether your physical condition is suitable for detention, the CCP will still arrest, detain, and put Falun Gong practitioners on trial.

Chinese lawyer

according to the date it was established.

Jiang was concerned about the popularity of the spiritual group and launched a nationwide suppression of Falun Gong on July 20, 1999. The persecution is ongoing till today.

## Over 20 Senior Practitioners Targeted

More than 20 of the Falun Gong practitioners detained are over 70 years old, over a dozen of whom are over 80 years old. The eldest detained is a 98-year-old female Falun Gong practitioner surnamed Li. Minghui's report didn't disclose her full name.

In July and August, Heilongjiang Province arrested and detained 235 Falun Gong practitioners—the most of all provinces in China during this period.

The 98-year-old Ms. Li has been released; Minghui didn't mention when she was released.

## Early Morning Raids

On July 12, the police raided at least 70 Falun Gong practitioners' residences and took away their personal belongings, including laptops, printers, media players, Falun Gong books, and mobile phones, as reported by Minghui.org on Sept. 26.

Wang Fengzhen heard someone knocking on her door at 5:30 a.m. and saying that they were from the pandemic control and prevention center. When Wang opened her door, a group of police pushed in and took Wang to the branch police bureau of the Daqing high-tech development zone. The police raided her home and took away more than a dozen Falun Gong books.

Gao Xijiang was tricked by police to leave his home at 6 a.m., after they told him that his car was scratched. When Gao came outside, the police arrested him. Gao's wife refused to open the door,

and the police tried to pick the lock and saw off multiple steel window guardrails. They couldn't enter Gao's home despite all their violent efforts, Minghui said.

Li Guilian is an 84-year-old Falun Gong practitioner. The police opened her home with a key at 7 a.m. and took away her Falun Gong books and a media player that she used to play the music for the Falun Gong qigong exercises. She refused to go with the police, but the police forced her to provide her fingerprints on many documents. They didn't leave until late in the afternoon.

The police from the Lindian County police branch detained Falun Gong practitioner Zhao Li from her home and then had it ransacked. After they left, her family members found that 9,000 yuan (\$1,265) of cash and a gold necklace were missing. They suspect the police stole them. Zhao is under arrest and is currently detained in Daqing No. 1 Detention Station.

Minghui reports more detailed persecution cases on its website.

However, it explains that its data is incomplete as it is difficult for its reporters to communicate with practitioners in China due to the CCP's information blockade and that the actual number of Falun Gong practitioners being persecuted is likely much higher than that disclosed.

## Police Refuse to Present Warrants

The police who participated in the illegal arrests and detention of Falun Gong practitioners on July 12 didn't show any warrant or their IDs, according to the report.

When Falun Gong practitioners asked them for their warrants and IDs, some police replied that these were “state secrets,” which they said couldn't be leaked online. Minghui condemned the police for the illegal actions targeting Falun Gong practitioners, adding that the police were afraid of their illegal actions being exposed by Minghui.org.

According to Minghui, at least eight Falun Gong practitioners are still detained in Daqing No. 2 detention center and one Falun Gong practitioner in Daqing No. 1 detention center.

A Chinese lawyer who wants to stay anonymous told the Chinese language edition of The Epoch Times that the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong is illegal.

“As long as you are a Falun Gong practitioner, no matter how senior your age may be and whether your physical condition is suitable for detention, the CCP will still arrest, detain, and put Falun Gong practitioners on trial,” the lawyer said.

Li Jiesi contributed to the article.

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Falun Gong practitioners attend a parade in Brooklyn, New York City, on Oct. 2, 2021, to call for an end to the Chinese regime's persecution.



## OPINION

# Pompeo Versus the CCP

The former secretary of state is a hero for speaking truth to power

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Mike Pompeo is taking on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), not for the first time, but in some of his most direct approaches. On Sept. 14 and Sept. 26, the former secretary of state released videos calling on the Chinese people to free themselves of the regime in Beijing.

At the root of his message is that the CCP knowingly lies about representing the Chinese people and that the Party is committed to the “foreign, anti-Chinese ideology” of Marxism.

Pompeo made the point that the CCP also lies about the United States being a racist country when the “exact opposite” is true. Chinese Americans “contribute immeasurably to our way of life and to America’s experiment in self-government,” he said.

Meanwhile, the genocidal CCP perpetuates some of the world’s worst “systemic racism in Xinjiang, Tibet, Inner Mongolia, and elsewhere.”

Pompeo said the “most anti-Chinese force in history is the CCP ... founded on a bankrupt Marxist ideology that’s killed tens of millions of Chinese people, [and] launched a Cultural Revolution that destroyed thousands of years of Chinese culture.”

Attention to the videos increased when the CCP responded with a letter to Pompeo’s current think tank, the Hudson Institute, falsely claiming that the Party was “chosen by the Chinese people” and stands for their interests.

“Any attempts to cut off the blood ties between the [CCP] and the Chinese people are doomed to fail,” the letter reads.

As usual, the tone-deaf Party is its own worst enemy, feeding the fire that threatens to consume.

Pompeo published the letter in a Twitter post, replying: “The CCP wants me to stop speaking the truth. Ain’t gonna happen.”

Hudson Institute President John Walters said of the letter, “No one at Hudson is intimidated by this.”

The Washington Times and Townhall published articles sympathetic to Pompeo.

By continuing with their simultaneously tragic and farcical responses to the world’s demand for freedom from the CCP, China’s diplomats dig deeper into their hole of disregard for increasing global demands for change. Public opinion in the West is undergoing a sharp shift in opinion against China because it looks more and more like a threat to the very idea of democracy.

The CCP’s claims of “blood ties” to the Chinese people go further, coming off as defining the “Chinese people” in terms of a racial hierarchy, in which the Han ethnic



A gate of what is officially known as a vocational skills education center is photographed in Dabancheng, Xinjiang Uyghur region, China, on Sept. 4, 2018.

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group has always led the CCP and China’s state apparatus after the revolution of 1949.

Other “Chinese people,” including Tibetans and Uyghurs, for example, merit positions far lower in the regime hierarchy, to the point of relegation to concentration camps ostensibly set up for their “reeducation” into being more Chinese (read: Mandarin speakers and CCP enthusiasts) and less non-Chinese (read: Tibetan and Uyghur speakers and having religion).

Overseas Chinese, according to Chinese leader Xi Jinping, should demonstrate allegiance to the Party just as the Chinese in China do. It should go without saying that the CCP is racist and wrong in making this claim. Nobody, much less those overseas targeted for their race, owes allegiance to an unelected political party that’s more of a mafia or terror organization than a source of legitimate government.

Pompeo previously took decisive steps against the CCP, including designating the oppression of Uyghurs a genocide in 2021, which it is by the United Nations’ definition. In 2020, he closed down China’s consulate in Houston, which allegedly was serving as a hub for technology theft.

As a result, China sanctioned Pompeo last year, a badge of honor that could, in other ways, have consequences for his career. A CCP sanction can make it risky for businesses operating in China (many if not most of America’s largest manufacturers) to hire sanctioned individuals or those engaged with them, for example, as a consultant or board member. That might include the loss of major campaign donations from their leadership, including top shareholders.

That’s one way that the CCP attempts to influence U.S. politics—through the influence of businesses that, in turn, have influence on elected officials.

A point that Pompeo has been too diplomatic to say is that the Chinese people have made a huge mistake in allowing the CCP to take over.

The world is making the same mistake now. We empowered the CCP with \$4.7 trillion of international trade (China’s imports plus exports) that garnered the country a trade surplus of \$520 billion in 2020, the latest year of data from the World Bank.

The CCP uses that surplus internationally to purchase companies, land, and political influence.

Pompeo is one of America’s toughest opponents of the CCP, and the CCP is America’s top national security threat, according to the U.S. government and NATO.

So Pompeo is one of those heroes he speaks of, and he deserves America’s support in the years to come.

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Former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks during the Conservative Political Action Conference at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Fla., on Feb. 25, 2022.



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## US-CHINA

# US Gave Almost \$29 Million to Chinese Entities for Joint Research Since 2015: Report

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U.S. government agencies sent almost \$29 million in taxpayer dollars “directly to Chinese entities” for joint research over a five-year period ending in 2021, recently released findings show.

From fiscal years 2015 through 2021, “the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention], NIH [National Institutes of Health], and DOD [Department of Defense] provided 22 awards totaling \$28.9 million directly to Chinese entities, including universities and other research institutions,” the Government Accountability Office (GAO) said on Sept. 29 about a trove of analyses.

Researchers found the federal funding focused on “multiple scientific disciplines,” aiding Chinese entities in conducting research on “disease surveillance, vaccination studies, and the development of new drugs,” as well as “alternative technologies to propel vehicles such as drones.”

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The release of the 38-page GAO report follows a January request from House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas), the top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. They asked the GAO to review federal funds provided to China or to entities controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for collaborative research, and U.S. contributions to multilateral institutions.



Health workers wearing personal protective equipment walk on a street in a neighborhood during a COVID-19 lockdown in the Jing'an district in Shanghai on April 8, 2022.

Stefanik described such funding as “troubling.” “China’s deception and stonewalling of the truth behind the origins of COVID-19 has led to millions of senseless deaths and trillions of dollars in economic destruction across the globe,” she said in a statement to The Epoch Times.

The three agencies provided funding for a total of 13 Chinese entities for joint publications, information sharing, and workshops, while 84 percent of the direct funding went to the University of Hong Kong, Peking University, and the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, known as the Chinese CDC.

While receiving almost \$5 million from the NIH and the CDC in recent years, the Chinese CDC had been suppressing information about the COVID-19 outbreak domestically and snubbed U.S. offers of assistance, although any health data would have been crucial to formulate a more ef-

fective pandemic containment strategy and minimize the disease’s global spread.

“Even more frightening,” Stefanik continued, “we still have no idea how much total money has been sent to China due to lax reporting requirements. Make no mistake, the Chinese Communist Party’s deception throughout the pandemic confirmed that China is not a reliable partner.”

**‘Part of the Full Picture’**

Investigators found that Chinese entities also received federal research funds through subawards, yet due to reporting requirements—or lack thereof—the report said it was unable to specify the extent of such funding.

In a statement provided to The Epoch Times, McCaul said he’s “grateful” to the GAO professionals who “pull back the curtain on American taxpayer dollars funding entities in China.”

“Unfortunately, the tens of millions of

## CCP INFLUENCE

# China Conducting ‘Race-Baiting’ Social Media Campaigns to Polarize Americans: Former CIA Officer

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China’s communist regime is using social media to weaponize racial enmity in the United States, according to a former intelligence officer.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is actively working to erode trust in the U.S. political system and to increase political polarization among Americans by inflaming racial tensions on social media, according to Nicholas Eftimiades, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, a Washington-based think tank.

“China works a lot now ... attempting to divide the United States,” Eftimiades said during a Sept. 30 interview with NTD, a sister media outlet of The Epoch Times. “Race baiting is a tactic that we’ve seen starting to evolve from China in the United States. This goes back to the riots in 2020.”

Race-baiting refers to the encouragement or coaxing of racism or anger about racial issues for political gain.

Eftimiades, who previously worked in the Central Intelligence Agency, State Department, Diplomatic Security Service, and Defense Intelligence Agency, said that the CCP maintained several organizations that carried out overseas information operations and could promote such campaigns.

Among these, he said, were the CCP’s propagandistic United Front work department, the intelligence-focused Ministry of State Security, and the People’s

Liberation Army, all of which have conducted covert influence operations in foreign countries.

Often, Eftimiades said, CCP social media campaigns were short-lived because they were found out by security professionals employed by the social media companies.

Some, however, could fester and grow within insular echo chambers online, where readers often only see content designed for them based on proprietary algorithms.

“You can question how effective some of these are because they don’t have time to build up a massive following before they’re taken down,” Eftimiades said.

“So, you typically look for echo chambers. You look for that type of race-based politics that China’s trying to divide and conquer

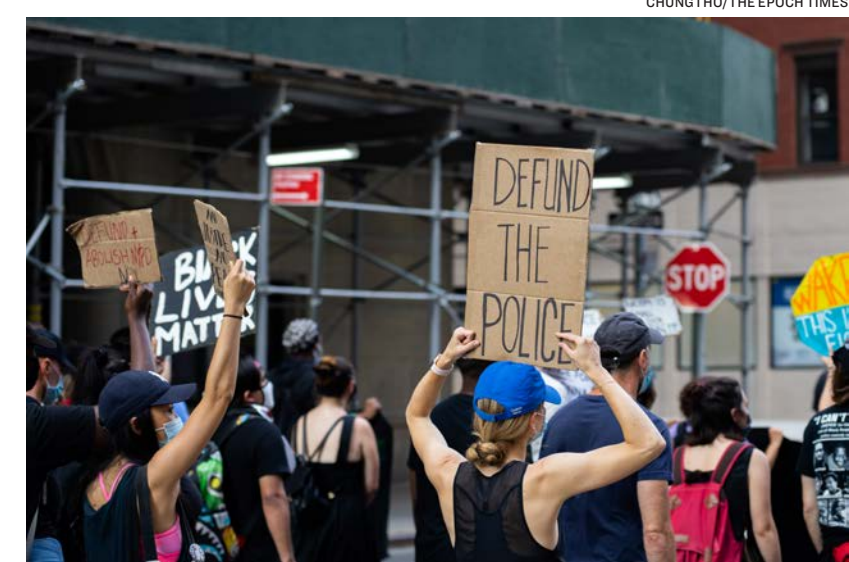
[with] in the United States.”

**CCP Now Targeting Americans Domestically**  
Eftimiades’s comments follow an announcement by Meta Platforms that it had dismantled a China-based misinformation campaign ahead of the 2022 midterm elections.

The purpose of the campaign appeared to be to inflame tensions and increase polarization among Americans on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Eftimiades said that this phenomenon presented an evolution in CCP information tactics, as the regime previously focused on swaying opinions about Americans abroad rather than interfering with its people internally.

“I’d say it’s the first time we’ve seen a lot of attacks in the U.S.,”



A protester is holding a “defund the police” sign at a Black Lives Matter protest in Manhattan on July 13, 2020.

CHUNG HUI/THE EPOCH TIMES

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dollars in research collaboration they found is only part of the full picture,” he said. “The Biden administration stopped the Office of Management and Budget’s efforts to track federal spending in China that began under Trump at my request. I will keep working with my colleagues to track and stop every U.S. government dollar that is going into China, and ultimately, into the hands of the CCP.”

White House officials didn’t respond by press time to requests by The Epoch Times for comment.

The CDC and NIH awarded the vast majority of the funding (\$28.6 million) through cooperative agreements to Chinese entities in Hong Kong and mainland China, while the rest, from the DOD, went to entities in Hong Kong.

The GAO noted the U.S. government treated the territory separately from mainland China until July 2020, when a Beijing-imposed new national security law took effect.

Awards to Chinese state universities also remain highly controversial given the CCP’s intellectual property theft efforts. The extensive state-sponsored espionage of IP and research at the expense of the interests of other countries has been referred to as the “copy-replace model.”

Such practices come along with well-financed, state-run recruitment programs such as the Thousand Talents Plan, which has attracted promising overseas Chinese and foreign experts in the fields of science and technology to fuel China’s innovation drive. The program has been perceived as a threat to U.S. national security over intellectual property theft concerns.

The GAO report states that of the 22 awards to Chinese entities from fiscal years 2015 through 2021, 17 were closed while five were continuing as of July, including three from NIH and two from CDC.

In fiscal year 2020 alone, federal agencies committed about \$1.4 billion for research and development collaboration with foreign entities, per the report.

Eftimiades said. “It’s a concept of divide and conquer internally.”

“In the United States we have our issues with racism and they’re exploiting those differences as of late,” Eftimiades said.

The comments echo similar remarks made by former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who now hosts a program for the Hudson Institute, a conservative think tank.

“The worst lie they [the CCP] tell is that America is somehow a racist country,” Pompeo said in the first episode of the show. “[But] that is the exact opposite of the truth.”

“America is the only country in the world founded on the idea that all humans are treated and created equally.”

Pompeo’s remarks in turn followed a propaganda push by the Chinese state-run media CCTV, which claimed that racism was “an unhealable wound” in the United States.

To that end, Pompeo said that Chinese communist authorities were shielding themselves from criticism at home while exploiting U.S. freedoms to undermine America’s place in the world.

“Twitter is not allowed in China, but CCP propagandists use it [in America],” Pompeo said.

“The undeniable truth, the one that the CCP doesn’t want you to know, is that the most anti-Chinese force in history is the CCP.”

The remarks were an apparent reference to the fact that the CCP’s policies and actions have killed more people than any other regime in history, including Soviet Russia, Nazi Germany, and the Mongol invasions started by Genghis Khan.

“I look forward to the day when the Chinese people will be able to participate in those same kinds of debates and fights for freedom that Americans have had since 1776,” Pompeo said.





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ON MAY 25, 2017, The Epoch Times published an article headlined “Despite Allegations, No Evidence of Trump–Russia Collusion Found.” The article detailed that—despite a media frenzy at the time—no actual evidence had been uncovered that President Donald Trump or anyone associated with his campaign had colluded with Russia to influence the 2016 presidential election.

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ry “Tracking Down the Origin of Wuhan Coronavirus.” The film, which received over 100 million views, explored the origins of the virus, including the possibility of a lab leak. It presents scientific data and interviews with top scientists and national security experts.

YEARS AFTER THE RELEASE of this groundbreaking documentary, the possibility of a lab leak is considered by government officials and experts as the most likely explanation for the virus’s spread.

## CHINA THREAT

SINCE ITS INCEPTION in the year 2000, The Epoch Times has been at the forefront of reporting on the infiltration of the United States by the Chinese Communist Party. Numerous times over the years, we’ve broken major China-related stories ahead of other news organizations.

In 2003, The Epoch Times was the first media outlet to systematically and continuously report on the spread of SARS, well ahead of most other Western media. We were also the first to report on state-sponsored forced organ harvesting in China—one of the most underreported atrocities of our time—in which prisoners of conscience are killed for their organs, which are then sold for profit on a large scale.

THE EPOCH TIMES also published the editorial series “Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party,” revealing the true nature and history of the Communist Party and inspiring a movement that so far has seen more than 400 million Chinese people quit the Party and its affiliated organizations. Another of our series, “How the Specter of Communism Is Ruling Our World,” systematically exposes the evil nature of communism, as well as the harm it has brought and continues to inflict on the United States and the world.



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