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What is happening?

The materials listed here document the gradual escalation of state control in Xinjiang, Northwest China. From demolition of mosques and passport recall beginning in 2015, to today’s mandatory biodata collections, hi-tech surveillance, and mass re-education camps incarcerating Muslim minorities, the Chinese state has used the “terror” discourse to designate Uyghurs as a biopolitical threat. Researchers have identified scale and locations of some camps. The estimated numbers of the incarcerated could be as many as one million.

May 13, 2015
**Chinese police order Yining residents to hand in passports in latest crackdown**

Amnesty International says passport seizures in restive far west are part of wider curb on freedom of movement of ethnic Uighurs
*From* [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/13/chinese-police-demand-passports-crackdown-rights](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/13/chinese-police-demand-passports-crackdown-rights)

Dec 30, 2015
**Holding the fate of families in its hands, China controls refugees abroad**

How Beijing is infiltrating and intimidating Uighur exile communities, from the Americas to Europe to Australia.

Mar 6, 2016
**Learning Party-speak: What the New Textbook for Dislocated Minority Students Tells us about China**

At boarding schools for Xinjiang minority students in Inner China, a recently published textbook provides rare insight into the Party-state’s indoctrination program.

Jul 15, 2016
**There are more than 20 million Muslims in China. For some, piety is a dangerous political act.**

For Xinjiang’s Muslim residents, who are deeply resentful about rule from Beijing, religious piety is increasingly a signal of resistance to Chinese domination. And even when it isn’t, local Chinese officials will treat it as if it is anyway.
*From* [https://www.vox.com/2016/7/15/12170178/uighur-muslims-china-ramadan](https://www.vox.com/2016/7/15/12170178/uighur-muslims-china-ramadan)
Oct 24, 2016
Netizen Voices: Xinjiang Passport Recall

From now on all passport applicants please first go to the hukou site of your local (#Xinjiang) police station with your biometric data, then proceed to the Immigration Bureau to collect an application form. Applicants need to obtain approval letters and stamps from your neighborhood committees. Those who are currently employed must also obtain approval stamps from employers’ administration or HR department. All other passport application procedures will remain unchanged.

From <https://chinadigitaltimes.net/2016/10/netizen-voices-xinjiang-passport-recall/>

Nov 22, 2016
Xinjiang sets up local committees to better serve religious activities

Residents who attend the ceremony are required to sing the national anthem and salute the national flag.

From <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1019614.shtml>

Dec 12, 2016
Passports taken, more police ... new party boss Chen Quanguo acts to tame Xinjiang with methods used in Tibet

Just three months after former Tibet party boss Chen Quanguo took up his new post in Xinjiang, the far western frontier is implementing new security and surveillance measures.


Dec 19, 2016
Under the Guise of Public Safety, China Demolishes Thousands of Mosques

The Chinese government has destroyed thousands of mosques over the past three months in the restive Xinjiang region in Beijing’s latest attempt to “rectify” the largely Muslim population there.


Dec 23, 2016
Beijing’s Eyes and Ears Grow Sharper in Xinjiang
This dense network of surveillance is what Chinese officials call “grid-style social management,” a practice that dates to ancient Rome and in its modern incarnation involves segmenting urban communities into geometric zones so that security officials can watch over residents.


Dec 31, 2016

**Uyghur Farmers Sent to School in China ‘Anti-Extremism’ Drive**

Uyghur farmers in northwestern China’s troubled Xinjiang region are being forced to attend evening classes in a new drive aimed at bringing them in line with official views on religion and government policy.


Feb 28, 2017

**China 'anti-terror' rallies: thousands of troops on streets of Urumqi**

More than 10,000 forces gather in capital of violence-stricken region of Xinjiang for second time in just over a week.


Apr 1, 2017

**China Uighurs: Xinjiang ban on long beards and veils**

China has introduced new restrictions in the far western region of Xinjiang in what it describes as a campaign against Islamist extremism. The measures include prohibiting "abnormally" long beards, the wearing of veils in public places and refusing to watch state television.

From <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-39460538>

May 9, 2017

**Uyghurs Studying Abroad Ordered Back to Xinjiang Under Threat to Families**

Uyghur students enrolled in schools outside China are being ordered by Chinese authorities to return to their hometowns, with family members in some cases held hostage to force their return.

July 6, 2017

**Egypt rounding up Uyghur students for deportation**

Egypt is arresting Uyghur students in preparation for deportation at the behest of the Chinese government, according to Human Rights Watch.

*From* [https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20170706-egypt-rounding-up-uyghur-students-for-deportation/](https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20170706-egypt-rounding-up-uyghur-students-for-deportation/)

Jul 13, 2017

**Sweeping counter-terrorism measures in China’s Xinjiang ‘creating huge police state’**

A teacher and a government official said schools discourage students from using the traditional Arabic Muslim greeting As-Salaam Alaikum [“peace be upon you”]. “The government thinks this Islamic word is equal to separatism,” the official said.


Jul 21, 2017

**China is force-installing spyware onto Muslim citizens' phones, to monitor them**

Authorities sent out a notice over a week ago instructing citizens to install a "surveillance app" on their phones, and are conducting spot checks in the region to ensure that residents have it.

*From* [https://mashable.com/2017/07/21/china-spyware-xinjiang/#7s430BkjpOq](https://mashable.com/2017/07/21/china-spyware-xinjiang/#7s430BkjpOq)

**China's Xinjiang Residents Are Being Forced to Install Surveillance Apps on Mobile Phones**

*From* [https://globalvoices.org/2017/07/19/chinas-xinjiang-residents-are-being-forced-to-install-surveillance-apps-on-mobile-phones/amp/](https://globalvoices.org/2017/07/19/chinas-xinjiang-residents-are-being-forced-to-install-surveillance-apps-on-mobile-phones/amp/)

Aug 14, 2017

**China is Forcing Uighurs Abroad to Return Home. Why Aren’t More Countries Refusing to Help?**

Jessica Batke questions the international silence on Uyghur human right violation.


Aug 25, 2017

**Xinjiang Authorities Subsidize Uyghurs to Relocate to Han Districts of Urumqi**
“In this way, Uyghurs from these two districts can be scattered into those Han Chinese districts … If the Han Chinese want to receive benefits they must purchase apartments in the Tengritagh and Saybagh districts. In this way, various ethnic groups can mutually understand each other, learn each other’s language and create a harmonious and united atmosphere.”

Sep 10, 2017

China: Free Xinjiang ‘Political Education’ Detainees

China director at Human Rights Watch speaks: “The government has provided no credible reasons for holding these people and should free them immediately.”

Sep 26, 2017

Wary Of Unrest Among Uighur Minority, China Locks Down Xinjiang Region

Zenz says Xinjiang has posted ads for nearly 100,000 security personnel positions in the past 12 months — 30 times more officers than were hired annually a decade ago.

Oct 27, 2017

This Is What A 21st-Century Police State Really Looks Like

Far from the booming metropolis of Beijing, China is building a sprawling system that combines dystopian technology and human policing. “It’s a kind of frontline laboratory for surveillance.”
From <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/meghara/the-police-state-of-the-future-is-already-here#ig5WllyE2>

Oct 29, 2017

How China is targeting its Uyghur ethnic minority abroad

In a broad campaign to increase pressure on Uyghurs overseas, including those in Canada, Chinese authorities are using coercive measures on family members, recruiting people to spy and sending threats to get many from the ethnic minority group to return to China.
Nov 2, 2017
"Xinjiang police have taken a single phrase from the hundreds of verses sung by Heyit and used it to brand him a religious extremist."

freemuse.org
“Uyghur Dutar King” detained in China • Freemuse
Popular and influential Uyghur singer Abdurehim Heyit has been detained.

Nov 13, 2017
Security clampdown bites in China’s Xinjiang region

Surveillance overhaul hits daily lives not only Muslim Uighurs but also Han Chinese.

Dec 13, 2017
Xinjiang students organized to learn Confucian Analects, socialist values

Dec 19, 2017
Life Inside China’s Total Surveillance State

A look into life in the police state in Xinjiang: heavy surveillance, phone scanning, ethnic discrimination, and mass detention camps.
Dec 28, 2017

**Uyghur Biodata Collection in China**

The state is collecting biometric data from the Uyghur population as part of a new identification card system. Along with DNA collection, they are creating a registry of fingerprints, blood types, voice patterns, facial imagery – all of which will be correlated to ethnicity, employment, gender, age, foreign travel history, household registration, individual and family criminal history, and religious practice.


Jan 25, 2018

**China 'holding at least 120,000 Uighurs in re-education camps'**

Mao-style camps are springing up on China’s western border.


Mar 20, 2018

**After faces, China is moving quickly to identify people by their voices**

One of the biggest players in the field, iFlytek tech, provides voice-recognition services for police bureaus in Xinjiang, the region home to the heavily surveilled Uyghur ethnic minority.


Mar 23, 2018

**The Biopolitics of China’s “War on Terror” and the Exclusion of the Uyghurs**

Systematic analysis of the use of the “terror” discourse to identify Uyghurs as a biopolitical threat in China.

*From* [http://centralasiaprogram.org/archives/12367](http://centralasiaprogram.org/archives/12367)*

Mar 30, 2018

**China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: The Uyghur Challenge and the Chinese Security Model**
As part of the larger standardization, surveillance, and securitization measures adopted in Xinjiang, the Chinese authorities had started arresting people married to foreigners and among those were the wives of the Gilgit Baltistan men who were mostly traders.


Apr 25, 2018
'Eradicate the tumours': Chinese civilians drive Xinjiang crackdown

The civilian group descended on the village under government instructions to "win the people's hearts", but it also had a darker mission: identifying and punishing threats to the Chinese state.

Last year, the party tasked participants with enforcing increasingly draconian restrictions on religious and personal freedoms in a process that echoes the decades of brutal thought reform under Mao Zedong.


May 17, 2018
Chinese mass-indoctrination camps in Muslim-majority Xinjiang evoke Cultural Revolution

"The psychological pressure is enormous, when you have to criticise yourself, denounce your thinking — your own ethnic group," said Bekali, who broke down in tears as he described the camp.


May 20, 2018
List of Re-education Camps in Xinjiang 新疆再教育集中营列表

A list of satellite images of Uyghur internment camps viewed from Google Earth.

From <https://medium.com/@shawnwzhang/list-of-re-education-camps-in-xinjiang-%E6%96%B0%E7%96%86%E5%86%8D%E6%95%99%E8%82%B2%E9%9B%86%E4%B8%AD%E8%90%A5%E5%88%97%E8%A1%A8-99720372419c>

May 22
What The Inside Of One Of China's Re-Education Camps Looks Like

Associated Press reporter Gerry Shih: "the idea is to fundamentally erase what would otherwise be considered normal religious practice elsewhere. Another idea is to sort of
inculcate a profound sense of patriotism, a profound sense of loyalty, to the Chinese state. And so a lot of the curriculum is chants, songs, recitations of lines about how great the Communist Party is, how many good things the Communist Party has done for the people of this pretty impoverished region and the dangers of Islam. If you visit a mosque outside your local area, that's considered extremist. If you name your child a name like Mohammed or some other sort of Islamic name, that's also considered religious. And so it's this intense educational program that seeks to sort of wipe out traces of religion in life as well as ethnic identity.


May 24, 2018

Mapping China’s Xinjiang Internment Camps for Uyghur and Kazakh Muslims

Maps of Muslim internment camps in the Uyghur homeland. The majority of those held are Uyghur men.


May 31, 2018

Apartheid with Chinese characteristics: China has turned Xinjiang into a police state like no other

Totalitarian determination and modern technology have produced a massive abuse of human rights.

From <https://www.economist.com/briefing/2018/05/31/china-has-turned-xinjiang-into-a-police-state-like-no-other>

Jun 5, 2018

Ethnography of a Surveillance State

Anthropologist Darren Byler chronicles artistic culture in Northwest China amid a massive security crackdown.

From <https://medium.com/@simpsoncenter/ethnography-of-a-surveillance-state-e374764f01b7>

Jun 19, 2018

“1,5 Million Jailed for Their Faith”: Religious Persecution in China Denounced at the European Parliament
The situation of religious liberty in China is the worst ever since the Cultural Revolution. At least one and a half million believers are in jail or in “Transformation Through Education” camps simply because of their faith. This clear message was presented in the European Parliament on June 27, at an event Freedom of Religion and Belief and The Right to Asylum: The Case of China, organized by Human Rights Without Frontiers and Czech European MP, Tomáš Zdechovský.


Jun 20, 2018

**Reeducation Returns to China**

The last memorable time that one million or more members of a particular ethnicity or religion were interned in barbed-wire-clad compounds was under Nazi Germany—even though the intention in Xinjiang is political indoctrination rather than extermination.


**John Oliver's segment on China: He discusses the internment camps in the 13th minute.**

Xi Jinping: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)

Jun 27, 2018

**China Locks Up, Tortures Muslims in 'Re-education Camps'**
"People have been tortured to death, while others have been beaten to death, or prevented from sleeping, or refused food or water. Either that or they do whatever would be most humiliating to that person's psychological profile. Sometimes they humiliate them physically, and have been known to employ electric batons."


Jul 3, 2018
‘It is about Xi as the leader of the world’: Former detainees recount abuse in Chinese re-education centres

Many of those detained are Muslim Uyghurs and Kazakhs accused of ‘incorrect thinking’ in the midst of a campaign that has treated what authorities consider ‘radical tendencies’ as a public-health crisis that must be expunged.


Jul 9, 2018
They Thought They’d Left The Surveillance State Behind. They Were Wrong.

China is using its huge digital surveillance system, and the threat of sending family members to reeducation camps, to pressure Muslim minorities to spy on their fellow exiles.

From <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/meghara/china-uighur-spies-surveillance>

Jul 13, 2018
China’s Xinjiang: “1984” meets the Gulag


Jul 16, 2018
Uighur Children fall victim of China Anti-Terror Drive

Essential reading on what is happening to Uyghur children. “If both parents are in jail, the child will be sent to a re-education centre for ‘special children’ [and] forbidden to go to school with the normal children because the parents have a political problem.”

https://amp.ft.com/content/f0d3223a-7f4d-11e8-bc55-50daf11b720d?__twitter_impression=true

Uyghurs Deplore China’s Unkind Cuts to Local Women’s Skirts
Authorities in Xinjiang put scissors to skirts in public to enforce a ban on long skirts worn by ethnic minorities.


Disappearing Mosques of Xinjiang

Since spring 2017, Chinese authorities have increased their suppression efforts against Islam, demolishing innumerable mosques and sending Muslims to re-education camps.

From <https://bitterwinter.org/disappearing-mosques-of-xinjiang/>

Jul 16, 2018

Chinese 'reeducation camps' in spotlight at Kazakh trial

Powerful account of what is happening to Muslim minorities in China and how difficult it is to escape.


Jul 18, 2018

China’s Uyghurs face an Orwellian future

Reporting on the extent of the Xinjiang crackdown, which has been largely anecdotal, is now being confirmed by leaked reports from regional administrations and analysis of publicly available information on procurements and government recruitment. There is now no doubt about the scale and ambition of what Beijing is pursuing in Xinjiang, which is possibly the most intensive campaign of coercive social re-engineering since the end of the Cultural Revolution.


Jul 24, 2018

Patriotic songs and self-criticism: why China is ‘re-educating’ Muslims in mass detention camps

The objective is to dilute Uyghur cultural identity and, in Xi’s words:

enhance their sense of identity with the motherland, the Chinese nation, Chinese culture, the CCP and socialism with Chinese characteristics.
The camps, in fact, represent not only a systematic violation of human rights, but the abject failure of the party’s efforts to integrate Xinjiang and its people into the nation.


Jul 25, 2018

Uyghur Bulletin is with Emily Rauhala.
Forced interethnic marriages with Han Chinese cultural rituals is the "new fashion" (one of Three News) that #China is advancing in East Turkestan (#Xinjiang). This collective marriage is said to have happened in Peyzawat county of #Kashgar in May 8, 2018. https://t.co/SyA09q3exP

Criminal Arrests in Xinjiang Account for 21% of China’s Total in 2017

According to Chinese government data, criminal arrests in Xinjiang accounted for an alarming 21% of all arrests in China in 2017, though the population in the XUAR is only about 1.5% of China’s total, based on the 2010 Census.

A Surveillance State Unlike Any the World Has Ever Seen

Journalists describe eerily quiet Xinjiang towns after mass detention. No one dares to talk.

Uyghur Muslim Shot Dead After Massive Manhunt

Pazil Utuk, an Uyghur Muslim from an old and well-known Muslim family in Xinjiang, was shot dead after a massive manhunt mobilizing over 70,000 people.

Ethnic cleansing makes a comeback — in China

First report using the word "ethnic cleansing."

The government has destroyed thousands of religious buildings. It has banned long beards and many Muslim names. People are forced to eat pork against their beliefs. The Chinese
government’s persecution of innocents continues even after their death. Crematoria are being built to literally extinguish the Uighur funeral tradition, which insists on burials.


Aug 3, 2018

**China: Massive Numbers of Uyghurs & Other Ethnic Minorities Forced into Re-education Programs**

Includes a form of estimated number of detainees in Kashgar, and interviews:

“There are almost no young men left in my village.”

“There’s practically no male adults left in the villages now, no able-bodied laborers. Almost all able-bodied male adults are in ‘education’ or in prison.”

“I think almost every adult is required to attend some kind of education and training.”

“Almost every family has members being forced to attend ‘education’ or being detained.”


Aug 5, 2018

**Crackdown in Xinjiang: Where have all the people gone?**

Journalist describes empty towns in Xinjiang and how Uyghur social life fabric is frayed.

From <https://www.ft.com/content/ac0ffb2e-8b36-11e8-b18d-0181731a0340>

Aug 9, 2018

**Tens of Thousands of Xinjiang’s Kuchar County Residents Held in Political ‘Re-Education Camps’**

Local informants describing the camps exterior and scale of detention.


Aug 10, 2018

**U.N. Panel Confronts China Over Reports That It Holds a Million Uighurs in Camps**

Gay McDougall, a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination raises questions on camps, but Yu Jianhua, China’s ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, praised China’s policies toward minorities, saying they were aimed at promoting unity and harmony, and said that economic progress in the region had lifted 20 million people out of poverty in the past five years.

One million Muslim Uighurs held in secret China camps: UN panel


New evidence emerges of China forcing Muslims into “reeducation” camps

Sayragul Sauytbay, an ethnic Kazakh Chinese national fled to Kazakhstan, along with other Kazakhs provided new evidences of the camp and life inside Xinjiang. Kazakhstan is walking on a tightrope with relation to China.


Aug 13, 2018
One Million Muslim Uighurs Have Been Detained by China, the U.N. Says. Where’s the Global Outrage?

both liberals in the West and Muslims in the East have utterly failed the Uighurs of Xinjiang. The Uighurs are being subjected to a brutal and vile campaign of cultural cleansing, of mass detention, torture, and brainwashing at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party in Beijing, while the rest of us stand by and watch.

From <https://theintercept.com/2018/08/13/china-muslims-uighur-detention/>

Aug 14, 2018

From laboratory in far west, China's surveillance state spreads quietly

Surveillance technologies tested out in the laboratory of Xinjiang are now quietly spreading across China. Data scanning includes “Basic content collection functions” must include “mobile phone passwords, address books, call history, SMS records, MMS, pictures, audio and video data, calendars, memos and mobile app data,” the document said.


Chinese Cops Now Spying on American Soil

China is compiling a global registry of its ethnic minorities who have fled persecution, threatening to detain the families of those who don’t comply. Nowhere is safe.
Aug 15, 2018

**Central Asia Struggles With Fallout From China’s Internment of Minorities**

Human right abuse has caused uproar in Kazakhstan, and activists are busy collecting testimonies from ex-detainees. The general anti-China sentiment in both Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan is rising.


Aug 16, 2018

**Uighur people effectively "enslaved" in western China**

Audio interview of activist Gene Bunin about the camps.


**China appears to be compiling a massive database of its Muslim citizens abroad to keep close tabs on them**

- China’s surveillance of the Uighur ethnic minority appears to go beyond its borders.
- Beijing is creating a global registry of the Uighur diaspora, even if they are citizens of other countries, several recent reports say.
- Authorities have reportedly been obtaining personal information such as licence plate numbers, bank details, and marriage certificates.
- Multiple Uighurs living overseas have reported threats made directly to them or their family members in China if they did not comply with the requests.
- China’s surveillance and treatment of the Uighur minority has gained global attention.


Aug 17, 2018

**China’s Uighur Camps Swell as Beijing Widens the Dragnet**

Satellite images show expansion of ‘re-education’ centers in China’s Xinjiang region

Aug 18, 2018
How The World Learned China Is Holding Over A Million Muslims In Internment Camps

Expatriate Uighurs have become more willing to share what they hear as they have come to feel anyone can be affected by the government’s collective punishment, and because they’ve learned they have little other recourse: China won’t even tell them if family members are still alive.  
From <https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/china-muslim-camps-united-nations_us_5b7445c6e4b02b415d748a00>

Aug 20, 2018
Evidence of Abuse, Deaths in Xinjiang Camps Emerges

An investigative report by Eva Dou, Jeremy Page, and Josh Chin of the Wall Street Journal has found evidence that extralegal political re-education camps in Xinjiang have expanded rapidly in recent months. Meanwhile, detainees have given accounts of abuse while family members have reported deaths of their loved ones in the camps.  

Why Is the NBA in Xinjiang?

The league is running a training center in the middle of one of the world’s worst humanitarian atrocities. The NBA can’t continue to help China whitewash a network of concentration camps. Good for the NBA for encouraging Chinese kids to dream. Now it’s time to stop turning a blind eye to Muslim kids’ nightmares.  

Aug 21, 2018
There’s Jim Crow in China, but no one seems to care

Jim Crow is alive and well — and living in China. America’s Jim Crow system of second-class citizenship is rightly remembered as our version of apartheid, a racist raft of laws designed to dehumanize and marginalize African Americans in the name of white supremacy. In China, there is systemic discrimination against non-Han Chinese. Ethnic minorities — about 10% of the Chinese population.
Aug 23, 2018
The stories of Kazakhstan citizens arrested in China

News of a crackdown on ethnic Kazakhs in China have been coming in starting from April 2017. Among those detained are also those who had moved to their historical homeland from China and had already managed to obtain Kazakhstan citizenship.

Aug 24, 2018
The Repression of Uyghurs Is Now an All-Out War Against a People

Uyghurs fear that Beijing wants nothing less than for them to disappear as a people.
June 11, 2018

**Uyghur pop star detained in China**


Aug 10, 2018

**Star Scholar Disappears as Crackdown Engulfs Western China**

Famous anthropologist, folklorist, and educator Rahile Dawut at Xinjiang University disappeared into concentration camp in Xinjiang just because she is Uyghur and research Uyghur folklore and Islamic culture.


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**Disappearance of Uyghur Scholar an Example of Attempts to Erase Uyghur Culture**


Aug 20, 2018

**Individuals known to have been detained**

- Professional football player Erfan Hezim detained in 2017
- Prominent religious scholar Muhammad Salih Hajim, 82, died in custody, January 2018
- Xinjiang University President Tashpolat Tevip detained in 2017, accused as a “two-faced” official, insufficiently loyal to the state
- Xinjiang University Professor Rahile Dawut detained in 2017, possibly in connection with her ethnographic research on Uyghur religious culture
- Uyghur writer and Xinjiang Normal University Professor Abduqadir Jalaleddin, detained in January 2018
- Elenur Eqilahun, detained in 2017, possibly for receiving calls from her daughter who is studying abroad
- Pop star Ablajan Ayup, detained in February 2018, possibly for singing about Uyghur language education
- Halmurat Ghopur, Vice Provost of Xinjiang Medical Institute, detained in 2017 for exhibiting “nationalistic tendencies.”

This short list of prominent Uyghur intellectuals, artists and athletes who we know have been detained is only the tip of the iceberg, but it demonstrates that the scope of the campaign has gone well beyond the religious sphere. Current policies seek to quarantine Uyghurs from any foreign contacts, they target individuals who have promoted Uyghur language or culture, and people who resist, or are insufficiently enthusiastic about, the campaign. It suggests that the anti-“terror” campaign is being used as part of a wider set of policies – including the so-called “bilingual education” policy which has banned the use of Uyghur language in schools and higher education – which are designed to break down ethnic identity and affiliation, and absorb minority nationalities into the wider Chinese nation (*zhonghua minzu*).
Sep 4, 2018

**China's Jaw-Dropping Family Separation Policy**

Children and parents are being ripped apart on a massive scale. It may rob an entire generation of their Muslim identities.


Sep 11, 2018

**China installing QR codes on Uyghur Muslim homes as part of mass security crackdown**

From <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/china-uyghur-muslims-xinjiang-province-qr-codes-security-crackdown-hrw-a8532156.html#Echobox=1536661607>

Another Camp for Muslims Discovered in Xinjiang

In Xinjiang's Akto county, which lies in the Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, there is a building complex in the Light Industrial Park area. While the authorities claim that it is a vocational training center, it is actually a “transformation through education” camp for Muslims. It has been in operation for over a year now.

From <https://bitterwinter.org/another-camp-for-muslims-discovered-in-xinjiang/>

Sep 15, 2018

**48 Ways to Get Sent to a Chinese Concentration Camp**

Human Right Watch collected testimonies from Uyghurs and Kazakhs interviewees about what can cause one to be detained in concentration camp, the list includes 48 possibilities. Each item on the list was mentioned by at least one of the HRW interviewees. Each is enough to be detained without trial and locked away in a political education camp indefinitely. China has created a form of terror. Vagueness breeds fear. Fear makes the people subject to the Communist Party’s campaigns easier to control.


Sep 19, 2018
Five Uyghur Professors from Xinjiang University Held in Political ‘Re-education Camps’

China Has Chosen Cultural Genocide in Xinjiang—for Now

The author compares Xinjiang atrocity to Nazi Concentration camp's rationalized operation, and argues that China is currently employing the highest-cost strategy available in pursuit of this Cultural genocide. If this proves too difficult, it is more likely that it will default to an easier approach than abandon its goals—with fatal consequences.


Sep 21, 2018
China is putting Uighur children in 'orphanages' even if their parents are alive

China's forthcoming Uyghur "Stolen Generation."


China treats Uighur kids as ‘orphans’ after parents seized

The orphanages are the latest example of how China is systematically distancing young Muslims in Xinjiang from their families and culture. Experts say what China is doing echoes how white colonialists in the U.S., Canada and Australia treated indigenous children — policies that have left generations traumatized.

From <https://www.apnews.com/903a97b7c62a47b98553b6f422827dd7>

Sep 24, 2018
Trump’s child separation policy pales in comparison to China’s

thousands of minors from the Uighur and Kazakh ethnic minorities have been involuntarily separated from their families and sent to orphanages and boarding schools, where they are being taught to abandon their native languages and Muslim faith for Mandarin Chinese and the Communist Party.

China: Families of up to one million detained in mass “re-education” drive demand answers

Hundreds of thousands of families have been torn apart by this massive crackdown. They are desperate to know what has happened to their loved ones and it is time the Chinese authorities give them answers.

From <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/09/china-xinjiang-families-of-up-to-one-million-detained-demand-answers/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=quote&utm_term=Hundreds+of+thousands+of+families+have+been+torn+apart+by+this+massive+crackdown.+They+are+desperate+to+know+what+has+happened+to+their+loved+ones+and+it+is+time+the+Chinese+authorities+give+them+answers.&utm_campaign=social>

Sep 25, 2018
Young Uyghur Woman Dies in Detention in Xinjiang Political ‘Re-education Camp’

Kadir was one of “seven or eight people” from the township who have died while detained in the XUAR’s network of re-education camps.


Sep 28, 2018
Prominent Uyghur Intellectual Given Two-Year Suspended Death Sentence For ‘Separatism’


Oct 2
Xinjiang Authorities Secretly Transferring Uyghur Detainees to Jails Throughout China

Detainees are being transferred to other parts of China in trains and buses. The purpose is to solve the overpopulation in current re-education centers and avoid the messy relations between the detainees who are also former colleagues, friends, and relatives of the guards working there. The authority hid the transfer process by suspending train ticket selling, close up of major road networks, covering up vehicle windows with black curtains. From <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/transfer-10022018171100.html>

Oct 4
Interview: ‘We Give Them a Warning Before Ordering Them to Stand as Punishment’
A police officer recounts his work as a guard at a Xinjiang ‘political re-education camp.’
Oct 9
China launches anti-halal campaign in Xinjiang

The Communist Party leaders of Urumqi led cadres to swear an oath to “fight a decisive battle against ‘pan-halalization.’” On the one hand, Chinese government claims that citizens have religious freedom; on the other hand, Islamic space and normal religious practice are being scrutinized, even consuming halal food is related to extremism. From <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-xinjiang/china-launches-anti-halal-campaign-in-xinjiang-idUSKCN1MK06F>
How is this happening?

Researchers and journalists have written extensively on multiple factors that have contributed to the current Xinjiang crisis. For decades, the Xinjiang region has been a strategic resource extraction site and hub for China’s political and economic expansion into Central Asia. In the name of maintaining stability, along with the global discourse of “war on terror,” the Party-state justifies its campaigns against Uyghur culture, Islamic religion, and the expression of ethnic identity.

May 11, 2015
Targeting of Islamic customs reflects 'misdiagnosis' of Uighur discontent

Chinese authorities have reportedly ordered Muslim shopkeepers in a Xinjiang village to sell alcohol and cigarettes in a bid to undermine Islam's hold on local residents.


Jan 15, 2016
Why Uyghur Issues Go Unreported—in and outside China

Greg Fay, project manager of the Uyghur Human Rights Project, discusses the formidable challenges to covering the Uyghur minority in China: decimation of Uyghur websites and activists, state-run media, restriction getting into the region…


Mar 14, 2016
Comparing Tibet and Xinjiang through the structural dimensions of socio-economic change

Andrew Fischer writes about similarity and difference in structural shifts in both Tibet and Xinjiang. Some of the tendencies within socioeconomic change that might be conditioning experiences or outcomes of discrimination and disadvantage, thereby providing valuable insights into some (but definitely not all) of the circumstances that fuel peoples’ grievances.

From <http://theasiadialogue.com/2016/03/14/comparing-tibet-and-xinjiang-through-the-structural-dimensions-of-socioeconomic-change/>

May 4, 2016
Islamic Veiling in Xinjiang: The Political and Societal Struggle to Define Uyghur Female Adornment
This article explores the ongoing struggle between the Chinese Communist Party and Xinjiang’s Uyghur Muslim minority over the right to define what is “appropriate” and “normal” female adornment.

From <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/683283>

Dec 17, 2015

**Terrifying Uyghurs**

This article argues American discourse of a “Global War on Terror” has set the terms of “The People’s War on Terror” in China and how state's war on terror is actually war on Uyghurs and same as terrorism itself.

From <https://livingotherwise.com/2015/12/17/terrifying-uyghurs/>

Sep 21, 2017

**Chen Quanguo: The Strongman Behind Beijing’s Securitization Strategy in Tibet and Xinjiang**

A complete summary of Chen Quanguo’s work in Tibet and Xinjiang, its scale and impact.


May 26, 2018

**Q. and A.: Ben Hillman and Gray Tuttle on Ethnic Unrest in Xinjiang and Tibet**

Ben Hillman, a senior lecturer in comparative politics at Australian National University, and Gray Tuttle, associate professor of East Asian languages and cultures at Columbia University discussed the grievances behind recent protests and the likelihood of their resolution.


Jun 18, 2016

**Could Han Chauvinism Turn the 'Chinese Dream' into a 'Chinese Nightmare'?'**

Han chauvinism seems to have been growing stronger in Xinjiang, particularly since the Urumqi riots in 2009. The Han continue to consider other cultures as inferior, resulting, for example, in the Han feeling that their culture and history is far superior to those of the Uyghurs in Xinjiang territory in northwest China.

If the chauvinistic tendencies from which the Han community suffers are not recognized and addressed, Xinjiang’s inter-ethnic relations will worsen and could become a significant source of instability and threat to China.
Jul 28, 2016
Tibet, Xinjiang, and China’s Strong State Complex

China’s refusal to change its ethnic policy reflects a historical mindset. Chinese government’s continuous insistence that domestic separatist forces are linked to international forces. Neiuan — the violence in Xinjiang and Tibet — is seen to threaten the survival of China because it will invite waihuan.

From <https://thediplomat.com/2016/06/could-han-chauvinism-turn-the-chinese-dream-into-a-chinese-nightmare/>

Aug 31, 2016
WATCH: Sean Roberts (@robertsreport) on Roots of #Xinjiang Violence w/ @Dave_Brophy at ANU

China, Xinjiang and the Roots of Uyghur Separatism and Terrorism

Sep 13, 2016
Anti-Muslim Sentiment Is Taking Over China's Social Media Scene

Chinese netizens have been expressing dissatisfaction, in some cases quite aggressively, with China’s supposedly “soft” policy toward its Muslim population. Some netizens even took to humiliating and insulting Muslims in China and the Middle East. This anti-Muslim sentiment found on social media poses new challenges for China’s regulators tackling ethnic and religious issues.


Apr 26, 2017
Imagining Re-Engineered Muslims in Northwest China

This article describes state re-engineering Muslim everyday living. In small-scale communities, something Nancy Fraser (1990) calls counter-publics, people can often find solidarities in resisting ideological imposition. But in Northwest China the current engineering project seems so totalizing, so extreme, that it is becoming increasingly difficult to imagine a way out. It is becoming difficult to think beyond the state’s imagination of Uyghur Muslims.

From <https://livingotherwise.com/2017/04/26/imagining-re-engineered-muslims-northwest-china/>
June 23, 2017
Islamophobia in China, Explained

Audio interview. Islamophobia isn’t a phenomenon limited to Trump’s America or the Europe of Brexit and Marine Le Pen. It has taken root in China, too—in a form that bears a striking resemblance to what we’ve seen in recent years in the West.
From <http://www.chinafile.com/library/sinica-podcast/islamophobia-china-explained>

Jan 1, 2018
Making China Great Again

As Donald Trump surrenders America’s global commitments, Xi Jinping is learning to pick up the pieces. Chinese officials noticed that, on some of China’s most sensitive issues, Trump did not know enough to push back. “Trump is taking what Xi Jinping says at face value—on Tibet, Taiwan, North Korea.” Here we should also add on Xinjiang.
From <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/01/08/making-china-great-again>

May 4, 2018
China’s Police State in Xinjiang
On May 4, Hudson Institute hosted a discussion on the Xinjiang police state. Panelists will include James Millward, a professor of history at Georgetown University; Louisa Greve, the Washington fellow at Christian Solidarity Worldwide; Sarah Cook, a senior research analyst at Freedom House; and Rian Thum, an associate professor of history at Loyola University in New Orleans. The conversation was moderated by Hudson Institute Senior Fellow Eric Brown.
May 11, 2018
Central and Regional Leadership for Xinjiang Policy in Xi’s Second Term

Jessica Batke writes about the complex leadership structure that is responsible for the mass detention of #Uyghurs.


May 31, 2018
China's Uyghur Repression

David Brophy gives a historical overview of Xinjiang politics from Qing Empire, Soviet and Republic China, till today's Xinjiang in Communist regime. He warns against Western hawkish politicians' anti-China campaign's exploitation of Uyghur cause, and advocates a universal anti-racist justice for all approach, instead of falling into a familiar rut of mega state power play.

From <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2018/05/xinjiang-uyghur-china-repression-surveillance-islamophobia>

Jan 26, 2018
Chinese People Trust Their Media Much More Than You’d Think

The environment of uncritical news media and readership in China facilitates the stifling of truth.

Jun 15, 2018
Islam in Xinjiang: “De-Extremification” or Violation of Religious Space?

This “People’s War on Terror” is not surgical like earlier “Strike Hard” campaigns against “illegal religious activities”; rather, it is a “carpet-bombing approach”, described by the state itself in terms of an indiscriminate use of “weed-killer”.


Jun 18, 2018
Comparing the Brainwashing of Uighurs With the Party’s Anti-Falun Gong Campaign

Comparing the current campaign of thought transformation in Xinjiang with the most recent similar campaign in PRC history: the systematic campaign of brainwashing waged against practitioners of Falun Gong. The religious character of both Falun Gong and Uighur Muslim beliefs has given the CCP a rich menu of choices for attacking, humiliating, and degrading their targets. Party security operatives have latched onto what their victims consider sacred images, ideas, or practices, and proceeded to defile them and, most importantly, force the target populations to defile them, as a way of weakening their will, engendering helplessness, and breaking their faith.


Aug 14, 2018
Xinjiang Education Centers Exist, but does their legal basis?

A legal investigation of the camp in Chinese context, ‘education and transformation’ (教育转化) centers, or ‘Vocational and Technical Education Training’ centers.


Aug 15, 2018
China’s brutal crackdown on the Uighur Muslim minority, explained

A summary of recent report, solutions, actions.


Aug 17, 2018
The Dark Side of the China Dream: Erasing Ethnic Identity
The CCP wants to forge a strong nation by ruthlessly eliminating differences of culture, religion and ethnicity for “rejuvenation of the Chinese nation” and unit around the pursuit of the “Chinese Dream.”


Aug 18, 2018

Securitisation and Mass Detentions in Xinjiang by Rachel Harris, SOAS University of London

Ethnomusicologist, researcher of Uyghur folklore, Dr. Rachel Harris explains what's happening in Xinjiang.


Aug 19, 2018

Barging into your home, threatening your family, or making you disappear: Here's what China does to people who speak out against them

In just the past few years, the government has attempted to muzzle critics by making them disappear without a trace, ordering people to physically barge into their houses, or locking up those close to critics as a kind of blackmail.

Even leaving China isn’t always enough. The state has continued to clamp down on dissent by harassing and threatening family members who remain in the country.


Aug 22, 2018

China’s re-education camps for a million Muslims: What everyone needs to know

Arbitrary detentions in “transformation through education” camps now reach up to 1 million Muslims in the Xinjiang region. With every step toward more repression and more restriction on information, we are less likely to know the full extent of China’s human rights abuses. It’s remarkable we know as much as we do about Xinjiang, how fast the situation has deteriorated, and how little the world is doing about it.


China’s Mass Internment Camps Have No Clear End in Sight
Around 1 million Uighurs have disappeared without trial. Worse may come. Scholar Rian Thum has some dark predictions: The eruption of war, acts of violence by oppressed minorities, guards’ long inurement to abusive treatment of prisoners, and ideological shifts at the top of the bureaucracy all have the potential, alone or in interaction, to turn the camps to darker purposes.


Aug 23, 2018

**What Satellite Images Can Show Us about ‘Re-education’ Camps in Xinjiang**

A Q&A with Shawn Zhang

UBC student Shawn Zhang talks about satellite images of camps he found in Xinjiang, smashing China’s lies and denial of the camp existence. However, these camps are still expanding in Xinjiang.

From <http://www.chinafile.com/what-satellite-images-can-show-us-about-re-education-camps-xinjiang>

Sep 7, 2018

**Muslim China and “de-extremification” campaign: Interview with Darren Byler, Living Otherwise**

The Living Otherwise project, founded by a group of young experts writing on Xinjiang, is actively engaged in covering what is happening with ethnic Uyghurs and Kazakhs in China.

From <http://voicesoncentralasia.org/muslim-china-and-de-extremification-campaign-interview-with-darren-byler-living-otherwise/>

Oct 7

Interview on SoundCloud with Prof. Magnus Fiskesjö and John Weiss about the Uighurs, a Turkic Muslim minority in the Xinjiang province of China (formerly known as East Turkestan). They have been targeted by the Chinese government because of their ethnicity and religion. An estimated one million Uighurs have been threatened, disappeared or sent to so-called Re-Education camps. Those who have left China fear being forcibly returned. Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have reported on this human rights crisis and the Uyghur Human Rights Project (UHRP) has compiled news sources as well. For more information visit uhrp.org.

"Counter-terrorism" as Business

Chinese state control efforts in Xinjiang are part of Xi Jinping’s signature campaign “One Belt One Road,” the project to extend Chinese economic and political influence throughout Central Eurasian networks via Xinjiang. Meanwhile, surveillance technology companies in Inner China have lucrative contracts to service Xinjiang’s stability maintenance industrial complex.

Dec 16, 2014
**China Is Building a New Silk Road to Europe, And It’s Leaving America Behind**

Today, 90% of the global container trade still travels by ocean, and that’s what Beijing plans to change. The competition among Chinese provinces for much of this business and the infrastructure that goes with it will be fierce. Xinjiang is already being reconfigured by Beijing as a key hub in its new Eurasian network.


Oct 17, 2016
**The Limits of Chinese Isolationism**

As Chinese influence grows, Beijing is presenting itself as an alternative to the imperialist West and interventionist United States: a great power exporting highways instead of values, and fostering stability and peace through economic development, infrastructure, and trade. China’s non-interference policy has justified Beijing’s choice to conduct trade with sanctioned regimes like those in Iran, Syria, and Sudan, pursuing lucrative export and energy deals despite their partners’ sponsorship of violent extremism, participation in genocide, or use of chemical weapons on their own civilians.


Mar 24, 2017
**Trouble brews for China in Xinjiang**

Xinjiang is recruiting more security personnel. Xinjiang Governor Chen Quanguo is using his old Tibet "recipe" in Xinjiang: police state, develop tourism, and labor training.

Sep 4, 2017
**Ghost cities haunt stability dream in China’s far west**
Several ambitious projects around Kashgar have stagnated despite government plans to put Xinjiang’s economy on a par with the rest of the nation


Apr 23, 2018
**Dahua and Hikvision Win Over $1 Billion In Government-Backed Projects In Xinjiang**

A really important report on more than 1.2 billion dollars invested in security technology in the Uyghur homeland. This only represents the investment in 11 of more than 90 counties, cities and prefectures in the province. The actual amount invested must be significantly higher.

*From* [https://ipvm.com/reports/xinjiang-dahua-hikvision?code=cr]*

Jun 7, 2018
**跨越 3000 公里去安家**
**Resettle Across 3,000 km**

A photo essay documenting Han migrant worker relocate to Xinjiang in the midst of mass Detention of Uyghurs and Kazakhs in Xinjiang

*From* [https://photo.sina.cn/album_1_89251_281252.htm?ch=1&vt=4&pos=108&his=0&hd=1]*

Jun 21, 2018
**Long-Form: China’s Global Surveillance-Industrial Complex**

Chinese surveillance and tech companies who have received massive contracts from China to help police its population are expanding their operations globally, helping to bolster other states that are part of China’s massive Belt and Road Initiative.


Aug 20, 2018
**China’s abuse of the Uighurs unveils the immorality of Xi’s global strategy**
President Xi Jinping of China claims his policies improve Chinese lives and support peaceful global economic growth. His government's treatment of Uighur citizens offers the latest proof of Xi’s lie, and the Trump administration should say as much.


Sep 19, 2018

**Big Brother: China’s chilling dictatorship moves to introduce scorecards to control everyone**

How facial recognition technology shapes model behaviors and assist state surveillance, takes advantage of Chinese people’s casual attitude of privacy.


Sep 25, 2018

**How tensions with the West are putting the future of China’s Skynet mass surveillance system at stake**

The world’s biggest video surveillance system, under construction in China, relies on critical components from the West and supplies are drying up as the United States and other nations tighten trade restrictions. But Chinese scientists are developing innovative substitutes.


Oct 2

**Here Are the Fortune 500 Companies Doing Business in Xinjiang**

ChinaFile reached out to Fortune 500 companies and documented their substantive involvement in Xinjiang. From [http://www.chinafile.com/reporting-opinion/features/here-are-fortune-500-companies-doing-business-xinjiang]

Evidence Of Hikvision's Involvement With Xinjiang IJOP And Re-Education Camps

From [https://ipvm.com/reports/hikvision-xinjiang]
China: from denial to justification to more surveillance

When the UN panel reported one million ethnic Uighur Muslims being held in internment camps in Xinjiang, the Chinese state first denied the existence of “re-education camps” and then justified “vocational training and transformation through education” as necessary to combat secessionist activities and to counter terrorism (see BBC report “China Uighurs: Beijing denies detaining one million”). The same surveillance techniques have started to appear in other parts of China and even abroad after testing in Xinjiang.

Aug 8, 2018
Xinjiang Political ‘Re-Education Camps’ Treat Uyghurs ‘Infected by Religious Extremism’: CCP Youth League

CCP Youth League gives a socialist propaganda style justification of the camp, pathologizing Uyghurs.

Aug 12, 2018
Protecting peace, stability is top of human rights agenda for Xinjiang

Chinese newspaper defends camp as protecting peace and maintaining stability.
From <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1115022.shtml>

Aug 13, 2018
China denies violating minority rights amid detention claims
UN panel says 1 million ethnic Uighur Muslims being held in internment camps in Xinjiang

Xinjiang policies justified

Living standards rising in Xinjiang: official

Chinese government's ethnic and religious policies in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region have given priority to anti-secession and counter-terrorism so as to maintain stable development, and Western media should see the situation themselves before accusing China, Chinese experts said on Monday.
From <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1115202.shtml>
Aug 14, 2018

Multiple denial reports from China appeared on this day.

**Why deradicalization education is ineffective in Europe**
*From* [http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1115360.shtml]*

**Counter-terror effort a must**
*From* [http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1115382.shtml]*

**Slandering Xinjiang as "no rights zone" against fact, Chinese official told UN panel**
*From* [http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1115247.shtml]*

**Beijing denies detaining one million**

China has said reports it is holding a million Muslim Uighurs in detention in Xinjiang are "completely untrue".
*From* [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-45173573#]*

Aug 16, 2018

**China Is Going to Outrageous Lengths to Surveil Its Own Citizens**

Chinese experiments in surveillance are having an impact elsewhere in the world: Some of the new tech the authorities seem to try out on Uighur Muslims is later applied more broadly in the country and then exported abroad. “Xinjiang provides a testing ground from which they can then try it in larger places,” Grose said. Chinese firms have already sold their surveillance tech to countries like Malaysia, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe, and may soon gain a foothold in Europe, too.
*From* [https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/08/china-surveillance-technology-muslims/567443/]*

Aug 20, 2018

**Who needs democracy when you have data?**

*Here’s how China rules using data, AI, and internet surveillance.*

How China becomes a digital authoritarian state and use algorithms to monitor citizen behaviors, in Xinjiang, this has caused millions being detained without official charges.
*From* [https://www.technologyreview.com/s/611815/who-needs-democracy-when-you-have-data/]*

Aug 21, 2018

**Harmony in Xinjiang is based on three principles**
Liu Xiaoming, Ambassador of China to the UK defending policies in Xinjiang as counter-terrorism

From <https://www.ft.com/content/05a81682-a219-11e8-85da-eeb7a9ce36e4>

Aug 22, 2018

**Buzzfeed reporter Megha Rajagopalan forced to leave China after being denied visa renewal**

China's Foreign Ministry did not explain its decision, however, Rajagopalan is known for her reporting on Xinjiang


Sep 15, 2018

**The struggles of reporting on China's secret Uighur 're-education camps'**

Journalist Matthew Carney reports on the difficult of doing report on Xinjiang where his every movement and correspondence with locals is being watched.


Sep 27, 2018

**China Provides a ‘Better Life’ in Xinjiang**

Zhang Peilan, Spokesman of Chinese Consulate General said, "Ethnic regional autonomy is one of the national policies implemented by the Chinese government from the founding of the People’s Republic."

From <https://www.wsj.com/articles/china-provides-a-better-life-in-xinjiang-1537801340>

**Beijing demands U.S. act to improve military ties and stop 'slander of China'**

Chinese Defence Ministry spokesperson Ren Guoqiang, shown at a news briefing in Beijing on May 25, 2017, on Thursday called on the United States to 'immediately correct its mistakes,' amid worsening relations between the two countries. (China Daily via Reuters)

What has been done?

Now that the events in Xinjiang have received global media coverage, scholars are speaking up for those who cannot speak, and US lawmakers are seeking to impose economic sanctions on responsible Chinese authorities.

Apr 18, 2018
US could sanction Chinese officials over Xinjiang abuses
*From* <https://www.apnews.com/13ee0b95c05249a8be7c0467bf413b6e>*

Apr 19, 2018
US Officials Concerned About China’s Intensifying Crackdown on Xinjiang, Considers Possibility of Sanctions

May 13, 2018
22nd Human Rights Press Awards winners

The coverage of state violence in the Uyghur homeland is being recognized as one of the most important human rights issues in Asia.

*From* <http://humanrightspressawards.org/1663.html>*

Jun 4, 2018
How Should the World Respond to Intensifying Repression in Xinjiang?
A ChinaFile Conversation

Xinjiang historian Rian Thum proposed "Xinjiang Pledge":

The idea is that people sign on to this pledge, and then at any public talk one does, regardless of where it is being held, one starts the talk by noting: “I would like to bring the audience’s attention to the fact that hundreds of thousands of Uighurs are currently being arbitrarily held in political re-education camps in their homeland in Xinjiang. Facing a situation like this, the community of China scholars cannot remain silent.” Such a public statement is an open disavowal of self-censorship, while also raising greater awareness of the situation in Xinjiang.

*From* <http://www.chinafile.com/conversation/how-should-world-respond-intensifying-repression-xinjiang>*
Jul 17, 2018

**China Studies between Censorship and Self-censorship**

Kevin Carrico advocates Xinjiang Pledge and argues that as China scholars, we need to be talking about these matters openly, and attempting to give a voice to those who are unable to speak, then the suffocating cycle of silence, to which far too many of us have been accomplices at the nexus of censorship and self-censorship, will ever so slowly be broken.

*From* [http://www.chinoiresie.info/china-studies-between-censorship-and-self-censorship/]  

Jul 25, 2018

**What can be done regarding Xinjiang’s mass detentions?**

Scholar Jerome A. Cohen discusses measurements to confront China authorities and support human rights.

*From* [http://www.jeromecohen.net/jerrys-blog/2018/7/25/what-can-be-done-regarding-xinjiangs-mass-detentions]  

Aug 3, 2018

In opening statement at recent @CECCgov hearing, Cochair Rep. Chris Smith said "size and scale of what is happening to the #Uyghurs is audaciously repressive, even by China’s low standards" & recommends U.S. take "tough and targeted" actions including...
1) Global Magnitsky sanctions for complicit #Chinese officials
2) IRFA sanctions targeting state-owned enterprises in Xinjiang
3) US should seek briefing on Xinjiang at UN Security Council
4) Possible curtailing of US Govt contacts for lobby firms represent Chinese government

[https://go.usa.gov/xUGxe](https://go.usa.gov/xUGxe)
Watch this live video
[https://www.facebook.com/hongkongfp/videos/1829506773803106/?hc_ref=ARTXUJkPTjQmZGjS2_u1qB9934dAZ0qj2_ETwTKSktdPsLn4WRukCJP113Exh0A5Xo](https://www.facebook.com/hongkongfp/videos/1829506773803106/?hc_ref=ARTXUJkPTjQmZGjS2_u1qB9934dAZ0qj2_ETwTKSktdPsLn4WRukCJP113Exh0A5Xo)
Aug 10, 2018

A Call for a UN Investigation, and US Sanctions, on the Human Rights Disaster Unfolding in Xinjiang

Aug 13, 2018
American Anthropological Association's letter speak up for the disappeared Uyghur anthropologist Rahile Dawut, who has been sent into the massive concentration camps set up by China's government in the province of Xinjiang for over one million innocent people already. http://www.americananthro.org/ParticipateAndAdvocate/AdvocacyDetail.aspx?ItemNumber=24182&navItemNumber=659

Aug 29, 2018
UHRP calls upon the international community to condemn internment camps on International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

Sep 6, 2018
Statement concerning the detention of Rahile Dawut, Professor of Uyghur folklore, detained in Xinjiang
Central Eurasian Studies Society letter of concern for Rahile Dawut
From <https://www.centraleurasia.org/2018/09/06/statement-dawut/>

Sep 10, 2018
Professors Call on Cornell to Speak Up on Chinese Detainment of More Than One Million Muslim Minorities

When one is asked to name the victims of an ongoing genocide, they might think of the Rohingya in Myanmar. Or maybe the Yazidis in Iraq. Not many will name the Muslim Uyghurs in Xinjiang, a north-west Chinese territory bordering Kazakhstan. It is time to pay attention.
From <https://cornellsun.com/2018/09/10/professors-call-on-cornell-to-speak-up-on-chinese-detainment-of-more-than-one-million-muslim-minorities/>

Sep 12, 2018
Lawmakers, Citing Muslim Camps, Ask Commerce Dept. to Limit Technology Sales to China

Officials at the White House and in the State and Treasury Departments have been discussing whether to impose economic sanctions on senior Chinese officials who oversee the system of repression in Xinjiang.
Sep 15, 2018

**Reporter - China’s harassment of Muslims**
Local activism group in Almaty Kazakhstan documents thousands of cases of detained Kazakhs in the camp. Kairat Samarkhan is one of the released former detainees that witnessed the inside life of camp.

Sep 23, 2018

**China has silenced American academics for years. Now they’re pushing back.**

China scholars Jerome Cohen and Kevin Carrico drafted the Xinjiang Initiative, asking for a pledge to raise awareness of these events in every public forum. More than 100 China scholars signed on. The horror in Xinjiang should have no place in the twenty-first century.

Sep 26, 2018

**Subcommittee Hearing: China’s Repression and Internment of Uyghurs: U.S. Policy Responses Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific**

**H/t Art of Life in Chinese Central Asia**

Some of the highlights from today’s US subcommittee meeting with Adrian Zenz, Nury Turkel and Justin Jacobs:

Rep. Ted Yoho, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific:
- Uyghurs are not targeted based on extremism but based on their Uyghur identity
- The Chinese Communist Party's understanding of "ethnic harmony" seems to be that no one is allowed to be different from the atheist Han Chinese.
- We said never again to what happened under the Hitler regime, the Uyghur situation could be the next of these blights on humanity.
- China is trying to re-write history and erase a culture
- making a reference to Orwell's 1984, Yoho said, the thought of re-education camps should scare us.

Rep. Brad Sherman:
- these are massive internment camps shrouded in secret -- a no rights zone
- the current detainers of the Uyghurs are the sons of the victims of cultural revolution era camps
- We must call out China, utilize the Global Magnitsky Act sanctions, sanction businesses that provide China with the technology to carry out its human rights abuses and call out Muslim countries that have remained silent -- countries like Turkey and Pakistan.
- America is the leading voice for the protection of Uyghurs
- China is a vicious, iron-fisted, dictatorship

Rep. Barbara Comstock:
- there are reports of torture, medical neglect, sleep deprivation, and other abuses in the camps
- this is a religious freedom issue

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher:
- It's slaughter of Muslims in China
- We're on the side of those people [the Uyghurs] regardless of their religion

Rep. Steve Chabot:
- Beijing is terrorizing its Uyghur population

Adrian Zenz:
- We're seeing unprecedented repression with unforeseeable consequences
- We're not looking at an "intentional" genocide
- there are higher mortality rates in the camps because of the poor conditions
- Recommendations: US sanctions on Chinese officials and more government criticism of China's abuses against Uyghurs

Nury Turkel:
- China policies = racial discrimination against Uyghurs and criminalization of Uyghur identity
- China's Uyghur narrative = pre 9/11 anti-separatism campaign against Uyghurs and post 9/11 counterterrorism
- Recommendations: Pass resolutions to support Uyghurs like an Uyghur Policy Act; Send a Congressional Factfinding mission; enforce the Magnistky Act; law enforcement should investigate China's exported oppression of Uyghurs in the US; halt all deportations of Uyghurs to China; and support Uyghur students who have been financially cutoff with tuition waivers and scholarships

Justin Jacobs:
- Since 2009 China's policies towards Uyghurs has been framed around an "Uyghur problem" narrative
- Don't expect China to voluntarily retreat from its policies
- up to 10 percent of the Uyghur population may be detained in "re-education" camps
- Recommendations: Enforce Magnistky Act sanctions against Chinese officials; Call for the release of those detained in "re-education" camps; urge CCP to avoid such repressive policies like arbitrary detention of Uyghurs; urge China to uphold its own laws and respect the rights of Uyghurs

*From* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9uQTjaUCQ8&feature=player_embedded>
Lived experience under the "War on Terror"

What is it like to live in a surveillance state as Muslim minorities? The materials in this section give an idea: carrying an internal pass book to get around, unable to register your newborn baby because Islamic names are banned, being reported by Han neighbors when renting an apartment, losing hope of living when jailed indefinitely in a reeducation camp, suffering severe depression and survivors’ guilt for leaving families behind.

Sep 3, 2016
The race card

"Uighurs called it the yeshil kart, or “green card”, because it made them feel like immigrants in their own country."
From <https://www.economist.com/china/2016/09/03/the-race-card>

Jun 9, 2017
Uyghur Names as Signal and Noise
Anthropologist Darren Byler writes about 29 Uyghur Islamic names are banned in China, and the impact on Uyghur family and society.
From <https://livingotherwise.com/2017/06/09/uyghur-names-signal-noise/>

Dec 5, 2017
Love and Fear among Rural Uyghur Youth during the “People’s War”

This article documents how young Uyghurs mourn those who have been detained or disappeared and fear that they will lose still more of their loved ones.
From <https://livingotherwise.com/2017/12/05/love-fear-among-rural-uyghur-youth-peoples-war/>

Jan 30, 2018
Interview: ‘I Lost All Hope of Surviving’

Omurbek Eli, a 41-year-old Kazakh national of mixed Uyghur and Kazakh heritage from northwest China’s Xinjiang region, was arrested by police in Xinjiang’s Turpan. He talks about his experience in the camp.

Feb 3, 2018
What It’s Like to Live in a Surveillance State
An important piece from James Millward on one of the most pressing issues in contemporary China: the survival of #Uyghur society. Human Rights Watch estimates that between 120,000 and 800,000 Uyghurs are now being reeducated in China's prison system.  

Feb 23, 2018  
**Images in Red: Han Culture, Uyghur Performers, Chinese New Year**

Darren Byler points out, now Uyghurs must celebrate Spring Festival like Han, writing couplets and pasting them over the frames of their doors, lighting fireworks, making dumplings, and forcing their children to dress in Han traditional clothing and perform Han cultural myths.  

Feb 28, 2018  
**A Summer Vacation in China’s Muslim Gulag**

How one university student was almost buried by the "people's war on terror."  

Apr 3  
**“Our Families Face Tremendous Pressure” | Radio Free Asia (RFA)**  
By RFA journalists in US  
*“Our Families Face Tremendous Pressure” | Radio Free Asia (RFA)*
May 10, 2018
Navigating Checkpoints in the Uyghur Homeland

What is it like to navigate security checkpoints in Xinjiang?
From <https://livingotherwise.com/2018/05/10/navigating-checkpoints-uyghur-homeland/>

May 18, 2018
Essential viewing on the experience of Chinese internment camps that target Uyghurs, Kazakhs and Hui.
China Sending Muslims to Internment Camps
May 23, 2018
**What’s behind China’s anti-Kazakh campaign?**

After its continuing persecution of Uyghurs, the Chinese authorities have now turned their attention to ethnic Kazakhs living in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (XUAR) in northwest China.

*From* <https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/inga-imanbai-andrey-grishin/whats-behind-chinas-anti-kazakh-campaign%20>

Jun 23, 2018

**Uighurs live with fear, trauma as families remain stranded in China's growing 're-education camps'**

The ABC interviewed about 20 Uighur individuals from different walks of life in Australia — workers, businessmen, university students, housewives, as well as activists in exile. Almost all of them have family members or friends currently detained in China, but many refused to speak on the record, worrying their words could embroil family members still living in China.


July 31, 2018

**How the “Happiest Muslims in the World” are Coping with Their Happiness**
"'Our mood is shot,' he admitted to me. Having already spent a few months in Kashgar, I knew precisely what he meant, just as I knew that the 'our mood' referred to all the Uyghur people, and not just his family."


Aug 12
Exporting persecution: Uyghur diaspora haunted by anxiety, guilt as family held in Chinese camps

"I cannot concentrate on anything. My mind is off. I cannot sleep,” she says. A doctor prescribed anti-depressants. “I lost a lot of weight because I don’t want to eat any more. Whenever I eat something, I remember back home.”


What is it like to live as a Uyghur out of Xinjiang?

While the official language around Uighurs still portrays them as happy subjects of the state, the rhetoric of “terrorists” and “separatists” has become increasingly dehumanizing—and all-encompassing. Any Uighur, especially a young man, can be imagined as an extremist who must be eliminated. In China’s tightly controlled online environment, hate speech against Islam and Uighurs goes almost unchecked by the authorities. In practice, it’s now extremely hard for Uighurs to live outside of Xinjiang: Han Chinese have received detention time merely for renting rooms to Uighurs outside of the region—while their renters have been sent to the camps in Xinjiang.

镇平县公安局关于对赵XX行政处罚的
通 告

2018 年 8 月 8 日 8 时 40 分，我局接到举报：石佛寺
榆树庄村有人私自出租房屋给维吾尔族群众。接报后镇平县
公安局直属分局迅速赶赴现场进行调查。经查，确有在榆树
庄烤馕的维吾尔族群众：外力 · 米吉提、吉尼沙汗 · 哈力
克和图尔荪 · 则依提三人未经公安机关同意，私下租住在
房东赵某家中，且赵某没有向公安分局报告，其行为已违
反《中华人民共和国反恐怖主义法》，依据《中华人民共和国
反恐怖主义法》第九十一条规定：以拒不配合有关部门开展
反恐怖主义安全防范、情报信息、调查、应急处置工作，擅自
出租房屋且不报告的行为，决定：

1、 对赵某行政拘留十五日，并处罚款 1900 元的处
罚（现该赵已羁押在镇平县拘留所）。

2、 对三名维吾尔族群众强制遣返回新疆原籍接受教
育。

3、 对举报人，依据《关于群众举报涉恐线索奖励办
法》的相关规定，兑现举报奖贰仟元（2000 元）人民
币。

特此通告

镇平县公安局
二O一八年八月九日
温馨提示

接消防和公安部门的通知，为保障G20安全平稳的召开，
现要求各单位做好以下事项：

1. 请保持消防通道的畅通，楼道不要摆放杂物，不要聚众
吸烟，我管理处会配合消防和社区定时进行检查。

2. 发现有新疆维吾尔族人员可直接报当地派出所，经核实
奖励500元。

3. 请小区周围有无人机或有管制刀具、打火机买卖的可
直接报当地派出所。

4. 发现有燃放烟花爆竹或焚烧香烛纸钱的可直接报当地
派出所。

5. 周边有特殊病人、经济纠纷等扰民行为的可直接报当地
派出所。

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大厦管理处电话：88376518

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红石中央大厦管理处
2016年09月22日
BRIEFING: “Another Form of Control”: Complications in obtaining documents from China impacts immigration processes and livelihoods for Uyghurs in the United States

Fear of contacting relatives in China and imposition of arbitrary conditions to obtain documents prevents Uyghurs from beginning new lives in the United States.

Aug 15, 2018

#Arabic scripts as Muslim symbols have been erased or removed from #mosques, homes and shops in East Turkestan (#Xinjiang), even from tombs by the Chinese authorities.

Aug 17, 2018

Australian families left devastated by China's mass detention of Uighurs in Xinjiang

"Ask any Uighur living in Australia or around the world whether they are able to speak with their families in Xinjiang. The answer is no. If we call them, they go to jail."
Sep 13, 2018
'My soul, where are you?': families of Muslims missing in China meet wall of silence

“There is no way of getting out. You go into the camps, but there is no way out,” he said. Now in Kazakhstan, he still fears for his family in Xinjiang, and retribution for speaking out. “If I go to China, they will kill me,” he says.

Sep 15, 2018
Uyghurs Being Monitored Even While Showering

Every night, the personnel also search through the living quarters for screws, iron nails, or anything like it, in case they might be used to commit suicide. As per sources, it is quite common for detainees inside to try and hang themselves or jump against the wall.

Oct 8
Behind the Walls:
Three Uyghurs Detail their Experience in China's Secret 'Re-education' Camps

THE FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND:
RFA’S UYGHUR REPORTERS TELL THE STORIES OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS’ DETentions
More Resources

Featured here are sites of ongoing database of camp documentation and victim testimonies.

Xinjiang reeducation camps
From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xinjiang_reeducation_camps>

People's Republic of China Internment Camps Documentation
Ongoing documentation of Xinjiang concentration camp maps, location, reports, and other links.
From <http://prccamps.org/index.html>

Xinjiang Victims Database
Ongoing documentation of Xinjiang victims in concentration camps, testimonies, biographies, and reports
From <http://shahit.biz/eng/#view>

Sign this petition
China: Release the 1 Million Uyghurs Detained in Nazi-Style Concentration Camps

Reports of camp in Chinese news sources with photos

Apr 10, 2017
一针一线绣恩情 一字一句寄深情

Apr 14, 2017
用情感敲开心灵大门 用说理舒缓群众情绪
From