# Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region: Debunking And Analysing Myths of "Concentration Camps"

A resource list compiled to encourage people—especially so-called leftists—to be more critical about the conflict in Xinjiang and how it is being reported in imperialist media. Quality of each publication varies. This is a collection rather than a curation. Do your research before falling for the #redscare #yellowperil propaganda exploiting a vulnerable minority group and cheerleading civil conflict. The Uyghur peoples do not exist to solve anyone's saviour complex.

Please suggest resources and report dead links. No, I will not include far right or CIA backed or funded sources (I.e. Radio Free Asia, Victims of Communism, World Uyghur Congress, Epoch Times, Human Rights Watch, or Amnesty International). If the doc is slow, go <a href="here">here</a>. If you want to ask questions, go here.

FOR A DOCUMENT ON HONG KONG (MADE BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE), GO HERE.

<u>Liu Xiaoming: "Watch Live: Liu Xiaoming, Chinese Ambassador to the UK, speaks about Hong Kong</u> situation"

# **HEADLINE MYTH BUSTING**

## 1) GENERAL

- China detaining millions of Uyghurs? Serious problems with claims by US-backed NGO and far-right researcher 'led by God' against Beijing
- No, the UN did not report China has massive internment camps for Uighur Muslims
- What about the Uyghurs? (By Prof. Roland Boer)
- <u>Xinjiang: Facts vs Fiction</u> [Medium article by Leo Hezhao]
- Pompeo's deceptive Xinjiang claims busted
- Debunking the NowThis video by Carl Zha
- MASTERPOST ON FACEBOOK
- What The Media Is Getting Wrong About China, Uyghurs and Conflict in Xinjiang
- What would be the consequences of the New York Times expose on Xinjiang?
- o Breaking Down The BBC's Visit to Hotan, Xinjiang
- <u>Is China Building a "Police State" or Countering Western-sponsored Terrorism?</u>
   [New Eastern Outlook Journal]
- "China faces a sustained campaign to malign it over Xinjiang" [Global TImes]
- o Xinjiang and Uyghurs What You're Not Being Told
- Systemic Attack of Muslims in India v China [Eurasia Future]
- We Have Busted the CIA's lies
- o <u>One Xinjiang, Two Narratives</u>
- Xinjiang Policy: Chinese officials dismiss latest Western media claims

# Short url: https://www.tinyurl.com/xinjiangmyths

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Please add suggestions to more sources!

- Latest set of rumors about Xinjiang refuted
- See the difference between the two narratives on Xinjiang (p1) / Taking a broader
   look at the debate on 'human rights' in Xinjiang (p2)
- Western double standards on Xinjiang busted
- o Social media's lies about China's Xinjiang
- The Biggest Lie Of 2019: That China Is Putting Muslims In "Concentration Camps"
- o In Xinjiang controversy, China is the target of U.S. violence against Muslims
- It's not about human rights: China hits back at U.S. Uygur bill signed by Donald Trump
- Grayzone reporter talks Xinjiang, COVID-19 and western media
- o CGTN exclusive: Grayzone journalist Ajit Singh on Xinjiang
- New report unveils international conspiracy to split China's Xinjiang
- China is fighting terrorism, not beards or veils, says country's Geneva UN ambassador

# 2) MISSING UIGHURS

- o Allegedly 'missing' Uyghurs found living normally
- "Us Secretary of State Pompeo pointed out that three #Uighur relatives have been harassed and detained in China. Let #Pengpeo, the rumor-monger, see for himself.(1-2)"
- o Xinjiang Uygur musician's death is a 'lie fabricated by the CIA'
- Chinese Embassy Spokesperson's Remarks on Sayragul Sauytbay's
   Preposterous Statements on Swedish Media [FMPRC]
- Sayragul Sauytbay: Forced to work at a 'detention'
- o <u>CGTN finds Mihrigul Tursun's claims false</u>
- Relatives of Xinjiang separatists condemn their lies
- Uyghurs upset by posts calling them missing
- Allegedly 'missing' Uyghurs found living normally [Includes videos]
- CGTN's exclusive interview with reportedly missing Uygur [Video]
- Truth about the 'death' of Uygur businessman
- o U.S.'s allegation on the death of a Xinjiang resident is fabricated
- o Video reveals truth about 'death' of a famous Uygur writer
- Missing Uighurs Living Life

# 3) "ONE MILLION IN CAMPS"

 China detaining millions of Uyghurs? Serious problems with claims by US-backed NGO and far-right researcher 'led by God' against Beijing [Grayzone]

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 "We're joined by political analyst @ajitxsingh to discuss false reports in US media of 1 million Uighur Muslims being imprisoned in China, the shadowy organizations behind such narratives and more. [PODCAST]

# 4) RAMADAN BANNED

- https://twitter.com/zlj517/status/1125406852852985858?s=20
- o No Ban on Muslims Fasting in Ramadan
- o On the Holy Month of Ramadan in Xinjiang [PK News]
- o False Propaganda About Xinjiang [Pak Observer]
- o Ramadan in Xinjiang
- o Muslims in Xinjiang show piety during Eid
- o The Holy Month of Ramadan in, Xinjiang, China
- o The rhythm of Eid al-Fitr in NW China's Xinjiang
- The flavor of Eid al-Fitr in Xinjiang
- o Ramadan in Xinjiang: Muslims enjoy iftar after fasting in Kashgar
- End of Ramadan met with muted celebrations in Xinjiang due to COVID-19
- o End of Ramadan: Quieter festival in Xinjiang due to COVID-19

# 5) DESTRUCTION OF MOSQUES, GRAVES, ETC

o CGTN Exclusive: Tracking down relocation Uyghur Graves in China's Xinjiang

# 6) MUSLIMS BEING FORCED TO DO X

- "Uyghur Muslim women forced to drink beer during Ramadan" (posted by CJ Werleman) debunked
- o Muslim ethnic minorities not forced to work in Xinjiang
- <u>Uyghurs 'freely join re-education camps'</u>

## 7) <u>CI Werleman</u>

• The Islamophobe [Thread] / the Fraud / the Fake News Generator

## 8) FORCED BOARDING SCHOOLS

• EXCLUSIVE A closer look at #Uygur students in boarding schools #Xinjiang

### 9) "THE CCP IS USING CORONAVIRUS AS A BIOWEAPON IN XINJIANG."

- Xinjiang discharges first batch of patients cured of novel coronavirus
- Xinjiang refutes rumors on training centers contracting novel coronavirus
- Xinjiang traders take a hit amid coronavirus epidemic
- Xinjiang medical team keeps patients in Wuhan busy with dancing
- Xinjiang medical worker lifts patients' spirits by teaching ethnic dance
- Xinjiang sends 2nd batch of medics to Wuhan
- Xinjiang Roles Out Support Measures for Small and Medium Enterprises

- Allegations about Xinjiang's COVID-19 infections 'fictitious and ludicrous:' official
- Xinjiang slams accusations of concealing truth about COVID-19 situation

## ARE THERE CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR "RE-EDUCATION CAMPS"?

- No, the UN did not report China has massive internment camps for Uighur Muslims [Grayzone Project]
- What is China's "re-education camp" in Xinjiang really about? [VIDEO] / Article
- CGTN Exclusive: A tour of a closed 're-education camp' in Xinjiang
- Xinjiang refutes claim of detaining children in preschool facilities
- Behind the U.S. 'forced labor' propaganda on Xinjiang
- Local government, people rebuke 'forced-labor' report
- Xinjiang refutes untruthful, biased ASPI report on 'forced labor'
- China rejects U.S. allegations about rights in Xinjiang

# WHAT ARE VOCATIONAL CENTRES? WHY ARE THEY THERE?

- <u>China Focus: Unveil the truth of Xinjiang vocational, education</u> centers
- Xiniiang students graduate
- Full transcript: Interview with Xinjiang government chief on counterterrorism, vocational education and training in Xinjiang [Xinhua]
- What do trainees do in Xinjiang's vocational education and training centers? [VIDEO]
- <u>CGTN: Vocational Training Centres</u> [VIDEO]
- CGTN: Training Programme in Hotan [VIDEO]
- What do trainees do in Xinjiang's vocational education and training centers?
   [VIDEO]
- Xinjiang's vocational training centers help women gain financial independence [VIDEO]
- Xinjiang tackles extremism at the grassroots level [VIDEO]
- What's the real story in Xinjiang camps? [VIDEO]
- Helping victims of extremist doctrines get a new life [VIDEO]
- Xinjiang "re-education camps", China 新疆 "再教育营" [VIDEO]
- Reporter's Diary Journey to the west Xinjiang [VIDEO]
- Xinjian's "Re education Camps", Made in China [VIDEO]
- Ex-trainee finds new hope in life
  Xinjiang sees nearly 75,000 new entrepreneurs in 2019

# WHAT DOES YELLOW PERIL AND RED SCARE HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

 Most of what we hear about China is Red Scare, Yellow Peril propaganda [Armed with A Pen]

- What The Media Is Getting Wrong About China, Uyghurs and Conflict in Xinjiang
- Turmoil in Hong Kong, Terrorism in Xinjiang, America's Covet War on China
- March of the Uyghurs [Andre Vltchek]

# **BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE / SILK ROAD**

- o <u>Uighur militancy threatens China's 'new Silk Road'</u> [Journal: Strategic Comments]
- Carl Zha EP #55 Trouble on the Silk Road: Real Situation of Uyghurs in China
   [PODCAST]
- How the Xinjiang situation relates to the Belt & Road Initiative (new Silk Road)
   and Why It's Riled Up Western Powers [Daily Times]
- Thread on Geopolitics
- <u>Chinese New Year celebrated in CSCEC-contracted exhibition center in</u> Bangladesh

# WHAT IS XINJIANG LIKE?

- Xinjiang scores victories in the war on poverty
- Xinjiang cuts poverty in half in 2018 [Global Times]
- SERIES; XINJIANG: Exploring China's new frontier [VIDEO]
- Sights and Sounds of Xinjiang: The Kashgar Market [VIDEO]
- 1.8 million lifted out of poverty in Xinjiang over past 4 years [VIDEO]
- Young dancers preserving the diverse culture of Xinjiang [VIDEO]
- Xinhua Special: Xinjiang -- The Old and New [VIDEO]

# **POVERTY IN XINJIANG**

- Relocation programs accelerate China's campaign against absolute poverty
- Xinjiang makes major progress in 'three battles'
- China to lift remaining poor population out of poverty
- Xinjiang Poverty Battle: Improved education raises rural children's hopes
- Xinjiang Poverty Battle: Farmers now have access to clean water
- Fighting Poverty in Xinjiang: Labor transfer program boosts employment
- Fighting Poverty In Xinjiang: Animal husbandry helping to drive up incomes
- Fighting Poverty in Xinjiang: E-commerce development boosts farm produce sales
- Fighting Poverty in Xinjiang: Wellness of people in remote areas safeguarded
- Fighting Poverty in Xinjiang: Villagers get access to clean water as projects continue
- Power of the youth helps Xinjiang alleviate poverty
- Poverty alleviation in Xinjiang: Why poor families move?
- 246 government-funded shops built in Xinjiang to support small family businesses
- Poverty Alleviation Through Healthcare
- A Tale of Targeted Poverty Alleviation

# WHAT ARE THE LOCALS SAYING?

- Nearly 100 scholars, religious leaders in Xinjiang refute Pompeo with joint letter
- <u>SCIO briefing on Xinjiang's stability and development // Xinjiang govt slams US for its 'double standards' on terrorism, religious extremism</u>
- Xinjiang Religious Leader: US should get facts straight
- Reporter's Diary Journey to the west Xinjiang
- <u>Uyghur member of Communist Party of China promotes ethnic unity in Xinjiang</u> [VIDEO]
- Fighting extinction with folk songs (preserving Uighur culture)
- Xinjiang Situation: Locals strongly condemn 'Uygur Human Right Policy Act'
- Son of imam assassinated in Kashgar's 2014 mosque attack speaks out
- Survivor of Id Kah Mosque attack recounts what happened [VIDEO AND ARTICLE]
- Revisiting the Woman who Survived a Bombing
- Xinjiang youth spots business opportunity after migrant worker stint
- Xinjiang young man ventures out for better employment
- The growth of a woman in southern Xinjiang
- Authorities refute allegations that ethnic minority officials are marginalized in Xinjiang
- Free to dance: The story of a Muslim woman
- Life in Xinjiang [VIDEO]
- A Native's Perspective

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# WHAT ABOUT ISLAM IN CHINA?

- "China is not eradicating Islam" a thread by Ian Goodrum
- o Muslims enjoy freedom in Xinjiang: China Islamic Association
- Over 11,000 Chinese Muslims from Xinjiang proceed to Saudi Arabia for Hajj
- Reportback from Organisations for Islamic Cooperation
- If China Is Anti-Islam, Why Are These Chinese Muslims Enjoying a Faith Revival?
   [Time]
- China bans anti-Islam terms from social media [Global Times]
- o <u>China launches anti-poverty drive in restive Xinjiang</u> [Al Jazeera]
- Xinjiang's Muslims are "happiest in world" [Yahoo News]
- Xinjiang, what a wonderful place (article by the Chinese ambassador to Indonesia)
   [The Jakarta Post]
- o Arrested Chinese terrorists lack basic religious knowledge
- o Female Imams Blaze Trail Amid China's Muslims [NPR]
- China's proud 300-year history of female-led mosques is an inspiration to the west
   [The Guardian]
- Special report: meet the female imams of Muslim China [The National]

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- China completes Africa's biggest mosque as UN raises plight of Muslims at home
   [Global Construction Review]
- Africa's largest mosque has been completed with thanks to China [Quartz]
- o <u>Discovering Xinjiang</u> [Beijing Review]
- Chinese Muslims [iNSAMER]
- o Students' Daily Life at Xinjiang Islamic Institute in Northwest China
- The Holy Month of Ramadan in Xinjiang, China
- o <u>Xinjiang: Freedom of religious belief protected, ethnic unity promoted</u>
- Education, Gender and Islam in China: the place of religious education in challenging and sustaining 'undisputed traditions' among Chinese Muslim women [Academic Article]
- Life as a Student in Xinjiang Islamic Institute

# WHITE PAPERS ON XINJIANG:

- Vocational Education and Training in Xinjiang
- Historical Matters Concerning Xinjiang
- The Fight Against Terrorism and Extremism and Human Rights Protection in Xinjiang
- Cultural Protection and Development in Xinjiang
- Historical Witness to Ethnic Equality, Unity and Development in Xinjiang
- Freedom of Religious Belief in Xinjiang
- Human Rights in Xinjiang Development and Progress

# THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO XINJIANG, CHINA

- "We showed truth about #Xinjiang, but Western media chose to be blind"
- International journalists visit NW China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
- Joint Statement on Xinjiang at Third Committee at United Nations [UN]
- 54 Countries Renew Support for China's Xinjiang Policy [Global Times]
- Statement at UN supports China on Xinjiang [China Daily]
- Spotlight: Ambassadors from 37 countries issue joint letter to support China on its human rights achievements [Xinhua]
- Fifty ambassadors throw weight behind China on Xinjiang [Global Times]
- <u>Diplomatic envoys from 12 countries visit Xinjiang</u>
- China Focus: Diplomats from 7 countries visit Xinjiang [Xinhua]
- Senior UN Official Visits Xinjiang
- Foreign diplomats discover a true Xinjiang, different from Western media reports [Global Times]
- China Invites Foreign Diplomats, Agencies to Visit Xinjiang Training Centres/
- Foreign diplomats discover a true Xinjiang, different from Western media reports
- <u>Diplomats from seven countries visit Xinjiang</u>
- Pakistan lauds growing peace, stability in Xinjiang [Nation]
- Pakistani diplomat narrates visit to China's Xinjiang [The News]

- International journalists visit NW China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region [VIDEO]
- <u>50 Countries Support Governance in Xinjiang Redefining Human Rights</u> [Islamic Republic News Agency]
- OIC Secretary General Condemns Terrorist Attack in China
- Resolution on Xinjiang by Organisation for Islamic Cooperation
- <u>China enjoys traditional friendship with Islamic countries and has close communication and exchanges with the OIC</u>

# WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE DISINFORMATION?

## 1) USA - CIA AND NED

- A Reddit AMA Claiming To Be A Uiyghur Quickly Exposes A CIA Asset Slandering China
- CIA's Hidden Hand in Democracy Groups
- Inside America's meddling machine: the US funded group that interferes in elections around the globe (MUST WATCH) - see second half for Uyghur section
- o Behind the US' anti-China campaign
- o Rebiya Kadeer

### 2) ETIM AND TURKEY

- CHINA (XINJIANG/EAST TURKISTAN) 2017 NED
- o Online terrorism: 'East Turkestan Islamic Movement' terror audio and video
- From Idlib to Xinjiang Uyghur fighters trained for terror (excellent read)
- Turkey funding terror groups [Facebook Post]
- o **Background of ETIM**

#### 3) AL QAEDA

- Al Qaeda: Rise of ISIS in China
- <u>Turkish-Uyghur Terror Inc. America's Other Al Qaeda</u> [The Land Destroyer Report]
- How Al- Qaeda-Linked Uighur Militants Are Affecting China [NDTV]

#### 4) ISIS

- o Fighters from Xinjiang join ISIS [Al Jazeera]
- A Gate Unguarded: ISIS Threat in Tajikistan [Offiziere.ch]
- ISIS FIGHTERS FROM CHINA'S UIGHUR MINORITY VOW TO 'SHED BLOOD' AT HOME [News Week]
- Report: More than 100 Chinese Muslims have joined Islamic State [Foreign Policy]
- Isis threatens China and vows to 'shed blood like rivers' [The Independent]
- Xinjiang's Uighur Muslims Receiving 'Terrorist Training' From Isis Fighters for Attacks in China [Journal: Middle East Policy Council]

## 5) WORLD UYGHUR CONGRESS

- World Uyghur Congress plays key role trying to split China
- Thread on World Uyghur Congress

# A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE, FASCISM AND SEPARATISM IN XINIIANG

- "A part of the story of Uyghurs in China's Xinjiang region that will never be reported in the West: Here in 2018, leading Uyghur separatist in Turkey pledges allegiance of hundreds of thousands to what would eventually become the brutal Turkish invasion of northern Syria." [VIDEO]
- The truth about Xinjiang and Uygur terrorists in Syria
- Tackling terrorism on China's western frontier
- Xinjiang the new Great Game
- Uighur militants in Syria look to Zionism as model for their homeland
- Returning Uighur Fighters and China's National Security Dilemma
- Why the Western Media and Elite are Demonizing China
- All you need to know about Uighur "Jihadis" in Syria- Interview with Haytham Mouzahem
- China's Xinjiang Problem and Pakistan by Sadia Fayaz\* [Academic Article]
- o Salafism in China and its Jihadist-Takfiri strains [Al-Mesbar Center]
- China, Saudi Arabia and the Fate of the Uyghurs [CounterPunch]
- <u>Is China Building a "Police State" or Countering Western-sponsored</u>
   <u>Terrorism?</u> [Journal: New Eastern Outlook]
- o Terrorist organization uses fake videos to lure Chinese
- Chinese Soldiers Vow To Keep Terrorists Out
- Episode 6:The lie of 'jihad migration':Organization based on fraud and lies
- Web Preaches Jihad to China's Muslim Uighurs [Washington Street Journal]
- China's nightmare: Xinjiang Jihadists Go Global [The Diplomat]
- <u>Uighurs 'on way to jihad' returned to China in hoods</u> [Reuters UK]
- <u>Uygur-Han Chinese couples offered 10,000 yuan a year to marry in Xinjiang county</u>
   [South China Morning Post]
- o <u>China's Uyghur problem: the unmentioned part</u> [Journal: New Eastern Outlook]
- o China's Xinjiang Problem: Made in the USA [Journal: New Eastern Outlook]
- Syria says up to 5,000 Chinese Uighurs fighting in militant groups [Reuters]
- Separatism in China [Journal: Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies]
- Chinese Uyghur colonies in Syria a challenge for Beijing [Asia Times]
- o <u>US has no grounds to judge human rights</u> [Global Times]
- A Police State in Xinjiang: Debunked [Facebook Post]
- The Terrorist Threat in China

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'Memories of fighting terrorism in Xinjiang.' Part 2 Part 3 part 4
 [DOCUMENTARY]

# **TERROR ATTACKS**

- Survivor of Id Kah Mosque attack recounts what happened [VIDEO AND ARTICLE]
- o <u>CGTN Exclusive: Memories of fighting terrorism in Xinjiang</u>
- Why aren't terror attacks being reported in the West? [Quora]
- o <u>Deadly Attacks in Xinjiang Go Unreported in China</u> [NY Times Blog: Sinosphere]
- Chinese Uighur Appears in Thai Court for Erawan Shrine Bombing in Bangkok [Reuters]
- The "Seventh Stage" Of Terrorism in China [Journal: The Combating Terrorism Center at West Point ]
- o <u>Imam of China's largest mosque killed in XInjiang</u> [BBC]
- South East Asian Terrorism: Rise of the Uighur Factor [Journal: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies]
- Exclusive: China releases terrorism evidence video
- o Terror Attacks Kill Dozens In China's Tense Xinjiang Region [VIDEO]

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# **DOCUMENTARIES AND VIDEOS**

#### 1. GENERAL

- o Xinjiang: Lies, Truth and Real Human Rights [VIDEO]
- Fighting Terrorism in Xinjiang [DOCUMENTARY]
- Press Conference by Chinese Ambassador to UK Liu Xiaoming (Questions on Xinjiang Answered) [VIDEO]
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: New York Times slanders China's efforts in Xinjiang
- "Thanks to China's de-radicalization courses in #Xinjiang, not a single #terror case has occurred in the past three years and tourism is booming once again. What's wrong with rehabilitation? Maybe it is condemned by the #US simply because it's done by #China, says @thepointwithlx"
- Tweet by Editor in Chief at Global Times
- o https://twitter.com/evazhengll/status/1082517372253151232
- o Inside an Abandoned 're-education camp' in Xinjiang

# • THE POINT WITH LIU XIN (30 MIN EPISODES; WEEKLY, FRIDAYS) MUST WATCH

- o China Condemns US Bill
- World Bank report 'clarifies truth' on Xinjiang project
- o A native's perspective of the life inside China's Xinjiang
- o China Condemns US Bil
- Support split over China's Xinjiang at the UN
- China's Xinjiang makes headway in reducing poverty
- o A native's perspective of the life inside China's Xinjiang
- China releases Xinjiang anti terrorism white paper
- China rebukes CNN report on deaths in Xinjiang camp
- Turkey bends the truth in Xinjiang accusations
- Why is the U.S. making a series of moves on Xinjiang?
- China's Xinjiang makes headway in reducing poverty
- o 'Forcible separation of Uygur children' definitely a lie
- What is happening in Xinjiang's vocational training camps?
- Liu Xin rebukes Western report on Xinjiang
- What's it like to be an Uygur student in China's inland cities?
- What's the reality of the boarding schools in Xinjiang
- o Who funds Human Rights Watch?
- o <u>A Native's Perspective</u>

#### DIALOGUE SPECIAL

- Dialogue Special: Xinjiang Combating terrorism and extremism Episode 1
- Dialogue Special: Xinjiang Combating terrorism and extremism Episode 2
- o <u>Dialogue Special: Xinjiang Combating terrorism and extremism Episode 3</u>

# • TWO NARRATIVES ON XINJIANG

- o Part one: See the difference between the two narratives on Xinjiang
- o Part two: Taking a broader look at the debate on 'human rights' in Xinjiang
- Part three: The West monopolizes and weaponizes human rights
- o Part four: China is walking the talk on religious freedom in Xinjiang
- Part five: Analyzing the scourge of terrorism in Xinjiang
- Part six: The irony of the U.S.' Xinjiang campaign

# People to Follow on Tumblr/Twitter:

## Eva Zheng

➤ "Diplomats from Russia, Pakistan, Malaysia, n other 8 countries w/large Muslim populations, together w/foreign media outlets including Reuters n TASS, hv visited 3 #Xinjiang "re-education camps" from Dec 28 to 30, the envoys asked the students abt their study and life in detail." (x)

#### **❖** Carl Zha

- ➤ "CJ Werleman is so clueless and idiotic he doesn't realize Hui are Chinese speaking Muslims → " (x)
- $\rightarrow$  "Most reassuring things about CJ Werleman is that he always reliably produces Propaganda  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\leftarrow}$ " ( $\underline{x}$ )

#### **♦** Ian Goodrum

- "China is not eradicating Islam": Thread. ( $\underline{x}$ )

#### **♦** Ajit Singh

- ➤ "The lead sources for this article are the World Uyghur Congress—which is funded by the notorious US regime change outfit, the National Endowment for Democracy—and a report by Radio Free Asia, a news station created + funded by the US state." (X)
- $\succ$  "I joined @bamnecessary with @EugenePuryear and Sean Blackmon to discuss the false reporting by major Western media outlets on the treatment of Uighur Muslims in China." ( $\underline{x}$ )

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➤ "2014 Al Jazeera:

"Why the Uighur people will continue to reject #China's colonial and apartheid rule." 2017 Uyghur Muslims 'FORCED' €€ to align with ISIS.

2018 (link: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fDhxU4gwfzs) #Turkey designates Eastern Turkestan Uyghurs as terrorists.

### Global Times News

"...xinjiang has avoided the fate of becoming china's syria or china's libya" (x)

#### ♦ Hu Xi-jin

➤ "As early as 1999, public security authority in Xinjiang busted a terrorist group which was responsible for multiple terror attacks, seizing 98 guns and over 4500

- grenades. Terrorism in Xinjiang has not been rooted out since then, leading to repeated terror attacks at its peak." ( $\underline{x}$  video)
- ➤ "A video footage I received recorded a terrorist attack in Moyu county, Hotan, Xinjiang on December 28, 2016, exactly three years ago. There has been no terror attack in Xinjiang since then. It is hoped this is the last scene of terror attack in Xinjiang." (x video)

#### **♦** Lacunosus

➤ "That time when Twitter believed former islamophobe CJ Werlemann tweeting a tik tok video saying it was the gunfire China executing Uighur Muslims.... and it was just people praying at the burial ground of their ancestors and releasing fire crackers for Chinese New Year.-

https://mobile.twitter.com/lacunosus/status/1093508166397165570

#### **♦** Izak Novak

- ➤ "The heightened coordination of this propaganda campaign is very interesting to watch. The trade war didn't have the desired effect so they're going for the old divide and conquer method along religious and ethnic lines. Trying to repeat the Syria model in China is going to fail." (x)
- ➤ "I'm compiling a list of users that spread anti-China propaganda about supposed Muslim "persecution" and it's really easy because they all share each other's content. Most of them are Western journos from supposedly "respectable" outlets with suspiciously small followings" (x)
- ""uyghur hero" a Very Real Definitely Not a CIA Sock Puppet" (x)

## **♦** Communistani

➤ "While certain specific leftists that like to reframe the question of China pursuing unity in an albeit confrontational way between Uyghur and Han locals has become adamantly riddled with anticommunism. A lot of the pundits on this site parrot that there are in fact 1 million Chinese Uyghurs are somehow in concentration camps. All that can be given as evidence is the "disappearance" clause that was first set by the US during the Cold War, a bunch of self confessed Kazakh migrators that will cry about missing relatives to the liberal." (x) [Essay/Article]

#### @sethia\_b

➤ "China on Friday took issue with a UN report that called on Beijing to release ethnic Uighurs detained "under the pretext" of counter-terrorism, saying its findings had "no factual basis" (x)

#### @saintguac (suspended)

➤ "im ENRAGED at this story because all over the western world muslims are beaten, killed, deported, reviled, URINATED AND SPIT ON, JUST FOR BEING MUSLIM, but in CHINA! IN SYRIA! WHEN THEY TAKE THEIR GUNS AND KILL OTHER PEOPLE WESTERNERS DONT CARE ABOUT, THATS GOOD! FREE UYGHURS!" (X)

#### ♦ People's Daily, China @PDChina

➤ "19 Chinese provinces and municipalities provided more than 18.8 billion yuan (about \$2.7 billion) of aid funds in 2019 to NW China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous

Region, contributing to the region's poverty alleviation, people's wellbeing and economic development." (x)

### **♦** Chinese Emb Pakistan @CathayPak

➤ Id Kah Mosque is the largest mosque in China, located in Kashgar, #Xinjiang. The mosque was built in ca.1442 and covers 16,800 m². This video was shot by a Vloger on Aug 5, 2019 and records that Muslims are free to enter the mosque. (click through for video)

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## @sinoreddit

"NED funds World Uighur Congress. (link: http://www.ned.org/region/asia/east-turkistan-2014/) ned.org/region/asia/ea... Radio Free Asia is not just anti China. It's CIA." (x)

## **♦** Lijian Zhao @zlj517

- This is baseless propaganda against China. Chinese government governs & develops Xinjiang in accordance with law. Xinjiang enjoys social stability and a sound momentum of economic development with people of different ethnic groups living in harmony. @CathayPak @ForeignOfficePk (x)
- ➤ "Facts speak louder than words. Xinjiang has enjoyed unprecedented peace and development over the past more than three years, with the tourism sector registering massive growth. In the first 10 months of this year alone, Xinjiang recorded more than 200 million visits." (x)

#### @globaltimesnews

- ➤ "Uyghurs are not Turk descendants. The Uyghur ethnic group came into being through a long process of migration and integration; it is part of the Chinese nation: white paper #Xinjiang <a href="http://bit.ly/2GlxRQ0">http://bit.ly/2GlxRQ0</a>"
- ➤ "The primary-to-secondary education in <u>#Xinjiang</u> uses six languages in teaching, offering courses in national common language and ethnic minorities languages, said a spokesperson from Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region government." (x)

#### @BeltNRoad

 $\succ$  "Full Text of the White Paper issued by China on Monday: The Facts and China's Position on China-U.S. Trade Friction #China #Trade #US #whitepaper" ( $\underline{x}$ )

## @DrMarcusP

➤ "It is estimated that there are 100,000 terrorists in #Idlib...I have been told by some high-ranking sources that the Americans, Turks and Saudis are making plans to redeploy the terrorists to Central Asia and the Xinjiang province in China." (x)

#### @surgicaltheatre

➤ "The NYT Snapchat is front and center for anti-China sentiment, continues pushing the "Uighur genocide" myth" (x)

### **♦** Alex Malejewicz

➤ "This is how the media twists things. #Uighurs have been actively recruited by Western intelligence services for many decades. In Australia individuals from other

unrelated ethnic groups are paid to claim they have been "oppressed". https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-10-06/uighurs-in-australia-tell-their-stories/10342268 ..." (x)

#### • @alishtiraki:

➤ "Important note. When we talk about China's crackdown on Islamists. We talk about two different things. It's important to distinguish between the two. There are 1) the educational schools that most Uyghurs are enlisted to. 2) the prison camps for Turkestan-affiliated terrorists." (x)

### @xinjiangcamp

# • @HadiNasrallah

➤ "Before you follow the latest "solidarity trend" with the Uyghur make sure you do more research to avoid becoming an orchestrated support tool for the TIP Uyghur Terrorists like you were for Al Qaeda in Syria during the #PrayForAleppo and #SaveGhouta trends" (X)

## @siiaaynoq:

- ➤ "So let me get this straight. For a year you whine about "concentration camps" which by the way is becoming harder and harder to prove guess why and then China invites you to see the region for yourselves and you say no? Might as well just shut up then" [thread]
  - https://twitter.com/Siiaaynog/status/1110226766935851015?s=20
- <a href="https://twitter.com/giiizes/status/1057415750728802304?s=21">https://twitter.com/giiizes/status/1057415750728802304?s=21</a> (suspended)

# **Homer Hoskin** writes:

"Since alot of the Uighur disinfo gets pushed by CJ Werleman it's worth noting that he was a flagrantly anti-Muslim racist as recently as 2011, when he was in his mid 30's. This article has a collection of racist jokes he tweeted between 2009 - 2011 https://www.gspellchecker.com/2015/06/cj-werlemans-racist-anti-muslim-bigotry-exposed/

Somehow this guy did a 180 in a few months and became The Muslim Defender with even Hend "Libya Liberty" Amry encouraging his "edgy" humor http://archive.is/X1IYz

The other major source for Uighur disinfo is the Jamestown Foundation (this guy's a member https://twitter.com/tombschrader) . Most of the mainstream news about "concentration camps" cites Jamestown fellow Adrian Zenz, like this article in Washington Post https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/china-finally-admits-it-is-building-a-new-archipelago-o f-concentration-camps-will-the-world-respond/2018/10/11/fb3b6004-ccc6-11e8-a3e6-44daa3d35 ede\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\_term=.0cccdec23529

Somebody else mentioned Jamestown here. They're a CIA front. They were founded in the 1980s by CIA director William Casey as basically a front to provide full-time employment for Soviet defectors (so they get health insurance, which many defectors were shocked to learn wasn't free in America) and they have since been used in all kinds of espionage activities in Asia.

One of their current board members is former CIA director Michael Hayden

Michael V. Hayden, General, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Board Member

General Michael V. Hayden (USAF Ret.) served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 2006 to 2009 and was responsible for overseeing the collection of information concerning the plans, intentions and capabilities of America's adversaries, producing timely analysis for decision makers, and conducting covert operations to thwart terrorists and other enemies of the United States. Before becoming Director of the CIA, General Hayden served as the country's first Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence – and was the highest-ranking intelligence officer in the armed forces. Earlier, he served as Commander of the Air Intelligence Agency, Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center, Director of the National Security Agency from 1999 to 2005, and Chief of the Central Security Service. General Hayden graduated from Duquesne University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1967 and a master's degree in modern American history in 1969. He was a distinguished graduate of the university's ROTC program, and began his active military service in 1969. General Hayden is currently a principal at the Chertoff Group in Washington DC."

# Xinyuan Xing writes:

"For anyone interested, <u>this video</u> seems to be a much more plausible depiction than the BBC narrative. Chinese government is providing linguist and technical trainings to help disadvantaged minorities to integrate into modern Chinese society.

Ask yourself: would you rather have neighbors that 1)do not speak English 2)do not have skills to support themselves in modern society 3)hate your nation and your people; or neighbors that a) while maintaining their ethnic identity, speak the national language and understand mainstream cultures too b)have employable skills to afford a comfortable living c) love our country and want to live peacefully with the other 55 ethnic groups. If you answer is the latter, then you probably should support these programs!

Why the BBC narrative is hugely exaggerated and unlikely to be true: According to western media, about 1 million Uighurs are detained or have 'vanished'. This is unlikely for 2 reasons.

- 1. There are about 1.1 to 1.6 million Uighurs in China, is it likely that the government catches the majority of them and secretly torture/kill them without invoking massive public outrage? If you go to Xinjiang, you'll see lots of beautiful Uighur people living peacefully there, along with other ethnic groups.
- 2. It would cost the government a huge amount of money, multiple billions of dollars to build the camp for 1 million people, which is 6 times the size of Oxford population! The so-called satellite image of 'concentration camp' can accommodate hundreds at most. Use your brain. Why would the government do such thing with so huge a cost and so little benefit? As an advancing economy, we need talents and skilled people to fuel the growth; training minorities who lack access to education resources would hugely benefit both them and society at large.

Based on my experience, I have 1) Uighur friends who came from Xinjiang 2)lived in Xinjiang for a week 3) met their families, who are all beautiful, great and welcoming secular Uighur people. Xinjiang is nothing like what's been depicted in western media. It's a beautiful place and most people want to cohabit peacefully with the other ethnic groups and work hard to live a fulfilling life. It's also strange that some confused western journalist equate Uighur(回鹘) with east Turkistan(突厥). They have never been the same and will never be in the future. Back in the Tang Dynasty, Turkistan Islamic military invaded Xinjiang, which at that time were inhabited by Buddhist and shaman Uighurs etc. They forcefully converted everyone into Islam, but the Turkistan force were later cracked down by the collaboration of Uigher and Tang military. So called 'free east Turkistan' is nonsensical and wishful thinking, and we all know that 'east Turkistan Islamic movement' is a terrorist group according to international authorities, including UK officials. Conflating east Turkistan with Uighur is an enormous disrespect to our beautiful Uighur sisters and brothers, most of whom live happily and peacefully with the other 55 ethnic groups! As to those who identify with east Turkistan terrorists, you are being used by these malicious forces in their attempts to divide China and tear it apart. These people will not be welcomed in China unless they wake up now and choose the right friends. 认贼作父,丢人啊!(take thugs as one's ancestors and allies, what a shame)"

# Lee He Zhao writes:

"A friend of mine sent me a horror story about mistreatment of Uighurs in XInJiang, from Radio Free Asia. Below the article was a list of related articles (image). And then I googled this publication:

"Radio Free Asia (RFA) is a private, nonprofit international broadcasting corporation[2] that broadcasts and publishes online news, information, and commentary to listeners in East Asia while "advancing the goals of U.S. foreign policy."[3][4] Founded in the 1950s as an anti-communist propaganda operation,[5] RFA is currently funded by the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), an independent agency of the United States government[6][disputed – discuss] responsible for all non-military, international broadcasting sponsored by the U.S. government (such as Radio Free Europe), which appoints the board of RFA. RFA distributes content in nine Asian languages for audiences in six countries." — wikipedia

So this is how it works: RFA is one of the strong arms of the US in East Asia, who fabricates, exaggerates, and distorts tons of false, inaccurate, and partially true stories, and then Reuters, New York Times, BBC, CBS, Washington Post, Buzzfeed, etc. republishes them, quoting RFA as a reliable source.

Even people who are like "yeah yeah Western media is biased" usually have very little inkling of the sheer SCALE of propaganda operations of the empire, who literally controls nearly 100% of mainstream news sources, and its overwhelming, ubiquitous, and totalising influence on public opinion.

Before XinJiang it was Falun Gong, Tibetan separatists, Tian An Men pro-"democracy" movement, etc., etc., etc., etc.

Nearly no one can realistically assess the impact of this process over 100 years, how such lies snowball, reinforces itself, and becomes entrenched attitudes and unshakable convictions.

And the disinformation efforts are so massive, sustained, ceaseless, and pervasive, that "debunking fatigue" is surely calculated into the equation – people get so tired of hearing about CIA manipulation that they just shut off: "Always CIA this and CIA that. Not EVERYTHING is a CIA conspiracy!"

But when it comes to socialism, everything basically is."