

# WHY I SEE THE CHINESE AS CHINKS

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## *Abstract*

*This essay explains why I have such a low opinion of the Chinese, having lived in China for the past 8 years.*

Anyone reading the above title will be able to infer that I have a very low opinion of the Chinese. For non native English speakers, calling the Chinese “chinks” is like calling the blacks “niggers”, i.e. very unPC (not politically correct). Nevertheless that is how I feel. After having lived 8 years so far in China, I have learned from personal experience to have a very low opinion of them, and this essay attempts to explain why.

Before I launch into a diatribe, I need to give some background facts about the Chinese to my western readers, since western, democratic, Christian rooted EuroAmerican culture is very different from eastern, autocratic, prelegal Asian culture.

Chinese culture is ancient. It goes back 5000 years, and in all of that time, it has never had a modern “rule of law,” it has always been ruled by dictators, and it never had the

Christian influence of “love your neighbor.” In Chinese culture, even today, if you are outside a Chinese individual’s social circle, you are much more likely to be treated as a sucker by him, than a westerner would treat you.

The Chinese don’t have rule of law. In China, the CCP (the Chinese Communist Party) is the law. Whatever feeble attempt has been tried over the past few decades to install rule of law, it is consistently overridden by the interests of the CCP if ever there is a conflict. This constant abuse of the rights of the individual by the Chinese *really* gets on my nerves. It literally causes me to sneer at most Chinese whom I dismiss in my mind as “chinks.” I have never been more robbed, and pick pocketed than in China. The Chinese are by far the most dishonest people of the 7 countries I have lived in (Australia, England, Holland, Belgium, Japan, USA, and China). The first 6 countries were all advanced western democracies (if you can call Japan western?).

China is the great outlier in this list. It is centuries behind the English speaking countries politically. It still doesn’t have freedom of speech, which makes me, a sage and researcher, contemptuous at the Chinese government and Chinese culture in general which breeds such inferior leaders. (I think there is a lot of truth in George Bernard Shaw’s famous quip that “Peoples get the leaders they deserve.”) In the case of China, the people are very mean spirited, abusive of each other, snapping at each other in a most uncivil, impolite manner that alienates and degrades westerners. From this miserable stock, come its leaders

who bring their corrupt dishonest ways with them, who then steal the people's taxes, and treat them like cattle. They are of the same breed.

When I'm in the local park, and listen to the ubiquitous authoritarian tone of voice of the parents towards their children, I understand how the children grow up to be such non democrats. I don't just find it alienating, which I certainly do, but far worse, I feel degraded. In some ways, I feel like a white South African surrounded by blacks who have a massive 30 IQ points lower average IQ compared to whites. That's not to say I feel Chinese are stupid. They're actually smarter on average than EuroAmericans, but their cultural and social standards are so degradingly lower. I ask myself, why on earth am I living in this shit hole, that I feel is so inferior to the previous 6 countries, which were all far more civil, polite, humane, and hugely more democratic.

Of course, I have chosen to come to China, and have lived here for 8 years so far, and will probably spend the rest of my days here. You may be wondering why? There are several reasons. The immediate one is that China is poor. The pension money I saved as a professor in the US faces prices 6 times cheaper in China than in an expensive western country. So my general psychological survival strategy is to take advantage of China's relative poverty and see my US nest egg go 6 times further. This allowed me to retire in my early 60s instead of in my 70s which is often the case in the US. Since I've always been a night person by temperament, now that I'm retired, I work at

night, so I can turn myself into myself late into the night, and take advantage of the blissful calm of the moon.

So strictly speaking, you could say that my body lives in China, but I don't. I live in my head, my ideas, my paper and e-books and particularly the internet. To stay sane, and relatively calm and unstressed, I interact verbally with the Chinese as little as possible. When I do have to interact closely with them, all too often, their cultural and organizational inferiorities get on my nerves. After my first year in China, I developed a psychological expectation that was helpful, namely, expect the Chinese to screw up. When they almost inevitably do, then you are not surprised. When they don't screw up, you are pleasantly surprised. However, if you are a visiting westerner it is a mistake to assume that the Chinese, very much a third world country will function with first world attitudes. The Chinese, most definitively are not first worlders.

So, by paying an American company to provide me with a VPN service (virtual private network) to get round the CCP's censorship of the internet, I can quite easily forget, especially at night, that I'm living in China, a third world, backward, dirty, disorganized, corrupt, dictatorial, mean spirited shithole. So, you may now understand how I've survived 8 years quite readily. Having a Chinese wife helps for companionship. Inevitably she has been westernized to a large extent, and shares a lot of the contempt for Chinese peasant values as I have. But she too is a product of her culture and surprises me at times with what the westerner in me labels "emotional brutality."

But she's a ton better than my first Chinese wife, who happened to be the daughter of a general who was on the long march with Mao. I naively gave her my Chinese savings to invest. She put 4 years of savings into stocks in her own name, I found out later when starting the divorce. I then tried the Chinese legal system to get my money back, but the CCP favors Chinese nationals, and especially Chinese nationals whose fathers were generals on the long march with Mao Zedong. I didn't get my money back. I also learned that Chinese gender roles are decades behind the west. Chinese women, still, in their hearts, have an attitude that a man who penises, pays, especially with wives. My second wife, I made sure was fully a financially independent person (FIP) and a prof, since the intellectual laziness of my first Chinese wife really got on my nerves. Its impossible to live with someone you don't respect.

The Chinese are far more brutal with each other than westerners. Look at China's laogai, i.e. the Chinese equivalent of the Russian gulag, i.e. about 1000 concentration camps (according to Harry Wu of the Laogai Museum in Washington DC) for political prisoners in China. Wu estimates that about 50 million people have been through these camps and that in the Mao time, half of them did not come back, so roughly 25 million died at the hands of the CCP in their camps. The CCP, i.e. Mao, caused 45 million Chinese to starve to death in the great Mao Famine of 1958-1962. Mao has killed more people than any other tyrant in history, about 80 million, more than

Hitler and even Stalin with his 60+ million (according to Solzhenitsyn.)

My total contempt for China's government is my major reason for my contempt of Chinese culture. A government as brutal as it is reflects directly on the Chinese, just as badly as the Russian CP reflects negatively on the authoritarian traditions of the Russians. The sage in me, sneers at the Chinese governments censorship of the internet. Facebook, and particularly YouTube and Wordpress are banned in China. So my current career (as an ARCer (after retirement careerer) as a globacator (global educator) making YouTube lecture videos in PhD level Pure Math and Math Physics) would not be possible in China, if it weren't for my use of the VPN, since I upload my lecture videos to YouTube and write a regular blog with essays etc that I store for free on Wordpress. Hence the Chinese government in all its antidemocratic repression prefers that I not have such a career.

I have a Chinese son in law, who is smart. My Chinese wife and I are both professors. My son in law has a masters degree in computer science and works for Microsoft in Beijing. I asked him once if China has an equivalent of YouTube. He said no. I rely on YouTube to educate myself. It's full of sages presenting their ideas, so I can watch it full time if I wanted. People are uploading 150,000 videos a day, so the supply expands faster than anyone could watch it all. It has changed my life, and probably billions of other people's lives as well. The soft power of YouTube is so

great, that I have no interest in watching Chinese lectures in Chinese, since there are a few, but nothing like YouTube.

I have been living in China for 8 years, yet my spoken Chinese is very scratchy. This is deliberate, and for several reasons. The primary reason, is that I'm actually afraid to get fluent in Chinese, because if I were, then I would be sorely tempted to let fly to some Chinese nationalist intellectual, what a shithole I consider China and its government to be. It would only take one such nationalist who is also a CCP member (and there are 80 million CCP members in China) to report me to the CCP, and I get booted out of the country. I don't want that, so I stay very unfluent. There are other reasons too.

One is, I feel intellectually insulted by the archaic nature and backwardness of the Chinese written language. It is a pre-alphabetic writing system, dating back before the discovery of the alphabet that then spread all over the world, except in China, the only country in the world that does not use an alphabet in its writing. Kindergarten kids in China learn the roman alphabet as a tool to start learning the Chinese characters. Chinese conservatism runs so deep that it was unable to throw off its clumsy, ancient, stupid writing system, the way the whole rest of the world did. Let this sink in. It says a lot about the depth of the conservative nature of Chinese culture.

It explains a lot why Chinese culture is so intellectually sterile today. China has won zero science Nobel prizes on its own territory. Some Chinese have won Nobels, but they

had to go to the US and absorb its intellectual freedoms to be able to win their prizes. China has no world class intellectuals who are world leaders in ideas. The culture is essentially intellectually sterile, yet it is the biggest population culture in the world. This is a terrible indictment against China. It copies the west like crazy, but invents almost nothing of its own. Japan is similar. There is probably something inherent in Asian Buddhism, or Confucianism that holds back Chinese creativity.

The major reason for China's lack of intellectual life is the CCP. Chinese sages do not have freedom of speech. In the 1950s Mao Zedong, invited China's sages to express freely their opinions about the CCP regime. Mao received such an avalanche of vitriol that he turned on them, killing many and sending half a million of them to the villages to work on farms, and proceeded to shut down the universities for a decade. Mao was the worst calamity ever to be inflicted on the Chinese people. His face is still on the country's money. Imagine the Europeans putting Hitler's face on the Euro!

I'm waiting patiently for China to democratize. I've calculated it will take about a decade. There is a branch of political science called Transitology that studies when countries transition or switch from one party dictatorships to multiparty democracies. There are about 190 countries in the world and about 130 of them are already democracies. 90% of people living outside China live today in democracies, which reflects very negatively on China's political backwardness and inferiority. Transitologists have discovered that the transition occurs when the standard of



living of the country goes over the “democratic threshold” of \$6000-\$8000 per year per person. Interestingly, China is at the \$6000 mark in 2014. There are now about 200,000 public demonstrations/disputes in China every year, so the political blood pressure is getting close to boiling point. China will probably be a democracy by around 2020. Once that happens, I hope that China’s sages will find their voice and start to express themselves.

Once China has true freedom of speech, I will finally be motivated to get fluent in spoken and written Chinese and start giving speeches at Chinese universities, trying to motivate Chinese sages to participate in the species dominance debate that China today has barely heard of.

My Chinese wife is a member of a rubber stamp democratic party that the CCP tolerates so that it can lie to the world that it has democratic parties in its political system. I went to a meeting once on my own. I was turned away because I was a foreigner. So much for Chinese intellectuality! I could have taught them a lot, given I come from cultures 3 centuries ahead of them in terms of freedom of speech. I swore at them that day.

So, after all the justified negativity expressed so far against the inferiorities of the Chinese, is there anything good to say about China? Not much, certainly not for a westerner. There are very few other westerners in the streets in the coastal city I live in. If I go to the park, I’ll hear a dozen times “lao wai” which means foreigner. The Chinese are extremely insular minded. This is deliberate policy on the

part of the CCP. It does not want the Chinese to be watching non CCP TV from other (democratic) countries, nor uncensored internet. The CCP pumps the brains of the Chinese full of “brave CCP soldiers killing the GuoMingDang (the Nationalists under Chang KaiShek) and especially the Japs” They get it every day, literally. Chinese grow up with it. They hate the Japs, and become extremely nationalistic, because that is what the CCP wants. By deflecting attention and frustration towards the Japs, the CCP can reduce the stress level on itself from the population. Despite this, there are still about 200,000 public demonstrations/disputes per year, as I mentioned earlier.

The simple reason why so few western laowai (foreigners) choose to live in China is that China is such a shithole. It is repulsive to most westerners. Firstly, it is poor, so anyone waging (earning a living) would be far better off in a rich western democratic country. For western retirees, the poverty of the country is actually an advantage, but the emotional and cultural price to be paid is overwhelming for virtually all westerners. I really am quite an odd ball that way. I survive, because I live largely in my head and the internet. I could live almost anywhere so long as I had broadband.

But, a decade or two into the future, China does have fabulous potential. It has the largest population in the world. Its average IQ is 105, which is actually higher than the average IQ of Europeans and Americans. It has the world’s highest average economic growth rate, so hopefully in a decade I might be able to blossom, but in the 2010s China

is still very much a shithole, that remains repulsive to potential western migrants. My advice to you if you are thinking of migrating to China is don't! Read this essay again.

Even if you visit, the dirt will get you down. Every evening I take a walk with my wife and the dog, and we pass piles of garbage every few tens of meters in the shopping areas. The Chinese are a dirty people. If you are Japanese and you're reading this, you live in the cleanest country in the world. (I lived 8 years in Japan in the 1990s.) You will be horrified and disgusted by the level of Chinese dirt everywhere, and the mentality of the Chinese that sees such dirt as normal.

There is one nice thing I can say about today's Chinese (but I have to scratch around a bit to find something) and that is they make some wonderful public parks. My favorite park in my city is a real solace to me. The park caretakers do a superb job that I take advantage of almost daily when the weather is not too extreme. The foliage in these parks can be truly beautiful, promoting true serenity. The Chinese do that well at least, but then spoil it by allowing low class Chinese peasants to bring in amplifiers so that I'm forced to listen to their stupid peasant songs that they blast out all over the park. Once China gets freedom of speech I will aim to teach the local government that parks are supposed to be quiet and reposeful to restore the soul.

The Chinese are not a civilized people. They have so much to learn. When they do finally democratize, they will go

through a bitterly painful inferiority complex once they wake up to how backward and inferior they are relative to the advanced democratic countries of the west. Now that Chinese are touring at the rate of over 100 million a year, this sense of inferiority is starting to grow. With 100s of millions of Chinese tourists who question why they do not have freedom of speech, it is only a question of time before the dam breaks. Then China can truly modernize, legalize, democratize and civilize. It's the last step that China really needs. Today's China is so uncivil and so uncivilized.