

Problems of Anti-“Alien” Racism among Conservative Chinese

Part Six: Racism Among Far Right Chinese-Americans and Han-Chinese Cultural Supremacy Complex

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In addition to racism against African-Americans among some conservative White people, racism against Africans and African-Americans are also rampant among conservative and right-wing Chinese or simply ignorant Chinese with no sense of respect for “alien” cultures; and many cases can be found in YouTube, if you search

by the key words “racism against Africans in Guangzhou.” In the United States, racism against African-Americans also exist among Far Right Chinese-Americans, a lot of them political refugees from China, who or whose parents have been politically suppressed by the Chinese Government since the 1949 Chinese Revolution; these people are staunch anti-Communists; they are fervent supporters of former President Donald Trump and his China-bashing politics. USA Today recently reported, to the surprise of Americans including Chinese-Americans, a terrifying news that 80% of private donations (around \$86,000) to cover the medical expenses of the members of the Proud Boys, a White-Supremacist organization, who have been injured in street fight with Anti-Fascist protesters, and during the Capitol Hills Insurrection by Trump supporters at the end of 2020 US General Election, came from Chinese-Americans, including new immigrants from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mainland China; these Chinese-Americans numbers around 1,000, and they are usually Far Right ultra-conservatives who share the same anti-Communist values with the Proud Boys, and same belief that Antifa and Black Lives Matter Movements are controlled by Chinese Communist Party and Chinese Government’s secret services, an accusation that has NOT been supported by US Government investigation; and they support former President Donald Trump’s crusade against the Government of the People’s Republic of China. A YouTube video on this news could be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6W6UQ_tDull; a similar news titled *1,000 Chinese-Americans Donated Money to the Proud Boys Before the Capitol Hills Insurrection* (传国会暴动前千名华人捐款骄傲男孩), appears on page A5, Wednesday, May 5, 2021 issue of The World Journal.

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player with the following content:

- Video Title:** 《华人的捐款在国会骚乱前》
- Video Description:** The donations started... A donor named Li Zhang gave \$100. A few minutes later, someone named Jun Li donated \$100. Then Hao Xu gave \$20, followed shortly by \$25 from a Ying Pei. In
- Article Title (USA Today):** Proud Boys saw wave of contributions from Chinese diaspora before Capitol attack
- Author:** Will Carless USA TODAY
- Published:** 8:00 a.m. ET May 4, 2021 | Updated 2:30 p.m. ET May 4, 2021
- Thumbnail:** A woman speaking at a podium with "THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON" behind her.
- Video Player:** Shows the video is at 0:18 / 5:56.
- Comments:** 3 views • May 11, 2021
- Share/Save:** 0 likes, 0 dislikes, SHARE, SAVE
- Channel:** CCTV (今日中国) 20210516 内蒙

Figure 1. USA Today news on Chinese-American donations to Proud Boys.

Problems of racism in China and among ethnic-Chinese in Oversea Communities, including Chinese-American Communities, have deep-rooted historical causes, in terms of political-economics. It was “institutionalized” before the Chinese Revolution in 1949; and after the Revolution, the Government of the People’s Republic of China did try its best to abolish old traditions of Sino-centric chauvinism or Han-Chinese racism against ethnic minorities and “aliens” from foreign countries, and to create a new society based on the principle of equality among all 50 plus ethnic and racial groups. However, social discrimination against minority ethnic group still exists at grass-root or societal level; it cannot be eliminated easily by government decree alone. Therefore, more than 70 years after the founding of the People’s Republic of China, racism or “cultural supremacy” mentality among the Han-Chinese still exists in China at grass-root or social level, despite of government endeavors to eliminate them through education and implementation of anti-discrimination laws; the laws promulgated by the Chinese Government can protect China’s ethnic minorities by punishing unlawful discriminatory behaviors, but they cannot eliminate racist mentality overnight. Searching through the internet, we can find a lot of racist opinions in Chinese language websites, from Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong or overseas.

Anti-African racism is rampant in Chinese-language mass media. This is especially true for the Epoch Times, which has close connection with Falungang, a semi-religious and semi-political cult founded by Li Hongzhi, an anti-Communist political dissident from China, and banned by the Chinese Government. The Epoch Times often publish articles hostile to African independence movement leaders and African-American civil rights movement. Two examples are shown in *Figure 2* and *Figure 3*. The first one is titled *Coming to Power through Beating, Destroying and Looting: South African President Mandela under His Leadership the Country Fell into Darkness* (借打砸搶上位的黑人總統在他的領導下這個國家走向黯淡), page C1, Thursday May 6, 2021, The Epoch Times (大纪元时报), and online at <https://www.soundofhope.org/post/377629?lang=b5>; in this article by Jiang Feng (江峯), a right-wing anti-Communist ethnic-Chinese writer, the author tried to deny the legitimate right of Native Africans to the territorial sovereignty of South Africa, claiming that the Dutch colonial settlers were the benefactors of Black peoples in South Africa, and labelled Nelsen Mandela a “Communist terrorist” who became a trouble-maker because of contact with liberal and communistic Jewish students, coming to power through “beating, destroying and looting,” and jailed after destruction of a social infrastructure or public facilities. The author, Mr. Jiang Feng, a right-wing anti-Communist ethnic-Chinese, denigrates Nelsen Mandela, praised President Ronald Reagan for opposing his release, and blamed the “Leftist” mass media in the West for exerting pressure on the Apartheid regime and for bringing Nelsen Mandela to power. The second one is titled *Knelling Down is Playing with Fire During These Riots in America* (美国骚乱中的下跪是在玩火), page B5, Wednesday, June 24, 2020, and online at <https://www.epochtimes.com/gb/20/6/17/n12190974.htm>, by The Epoch Times Special Column English-language Writer, Brian Giesbrecht; the author condemned some Democratic law-makers in the US Congress for knelling down on the floor of the Capitol on June 8, 2020 to commemorate George Floyd and other victim of police brutality, claiming that doing so is like

playing with fire and blaming the law-maker for “paying no attention to the incidents of beating, looting and destroying;” the author failed to mention excessive use of lethal forces by racist police, and blaming single mothers raising children without fathers for all problems.

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Figure 2. Online article denouncing former South African President Nelsen Mandela as a “Communist terrorist.”

The screenshot shows the Epoch Times website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for '大陆', '美国', '香港', '国际', '台湾', '即时', '评论', '专题', '视频', '科技', '财经', '娱乐', '文化'. A prominent banner reads '客觀冷靜 換個視角看時事' (Objective and Calm, Change Perspective to See Current Events) with a '點擊觀看' (Click to Watch) button. Below the banner, the article title is '【名家专栏】美国骚乱中的下跪 是在玩火'. The main image shows a group of people at a protest, with one person holding a sign that says 'DEFUND POLICE'. To the right, there is a sidebar with a 'SHEN YUN SHOP' advertisement and a '即时' (Real-time) news section listing various headlines.

Figure 3. Biased opinion article denouncing Congressional Democrats and the Black Lives Matter Movement.

To be honest, Chinese people, while victims of racial discrimination in the past from Western colonialists and imperialists, do have their own problems of racism or ethno-centric chauvinism. These problems exist not only in China including Chinese Province of Taiwan or Hong Kong, but also in Oversea Chinese Communities. As reported by Taiwan Times (台湾时报), a local Chinese-language newspaper in Los Angeles area, Friday, April 23, 2021, in a news article titled *Ethnic-Chinese Wife of the Ambassador of Belgium in South Korea Slapped a Store Assistant and Caused Public Anger* (比利时驻韩大使华裔妻掌柜店员惹众怒), a 63 years old ethnic-Chinese woman born in Beijing, China and named Xiang Xueqiu, the wife of Belgium's Ambassador to Seoul, the Capital City of South Korea, was window-shopping in the afternoon of April 9 in a fashion store; when she left the store, a store assistant suspected that the cloth on her body belonged to the store and stopped her; after the assistant found out that was a misunderstanding, she made an apology to the wife of the Belgium Ambassador and returned to the interior of the storer; but the ethnic-Chinese woman was very angry, she returned to the store, argued with the assistants and slapped one of them very hard as to cause her face to

become swollen; the assistant called the police but because the woman enjoyed diplomatic immunity, the court system in South Korea could do nothing; the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs then met with the Assistant Ambassador of Belgium to ask for an apology, which was later offered by the Ambassador while his ethnic-Chinese wife was hospitalized for treatment of apoplexy. This incident caused public anger in South Korea. This is an example of ethno-centric Great Han-Chinese chauvinism or “cultural supremacy” against other ethnic groups in Asia, such as Koreans. This is a typical example of Han-Chinese Cultural Supremacy Complex.

Due to the stubbornness and self-righteousness of right-wing, conservative and even reactionary xenophobic, racist and Imperial Han-Chinese Cultural Supremacist mentality of a few Chinese including Chinese-Americans politicians and ideological propagandists, which caused some Chinese and Chinese-Americans to mistakenly believe that they constitute a “Model Minority” entitled to automatic respect from other racial and ethnic groups, and do not need to respect culturally and economically disadvantaged groups such as African-, Latino-, and Native-Americans, and occasionally behave in an arrogant way towards the later; some Chinese-Americans abused American democracy to behave in vulgar ways that are not in line with American people’s social values, for example, a few dozen Chinese-Americans in Arcadia recently, around May 18, 2021, held lousy protests in front of City Government, Public Library, and even private houses of liberal Chinese-American legislators, to oppose the construction of homeless shelters and of public transportation facilities, for the excuse that such humanitarian and ecologically-friendly policies “will cause real-estates values to drop down.” About 1,000 right-wing Chinese-Americans donated 80% of fund to support the Proud Boys White Supremacist group; all of these have caused tremendous damages to the reputation of Chinese-Americans as a socially responsible “Model Minority.” This has already caused widespread hatred of the poor among the disadvantaged minority ethnic groups, which unfortunately translated into indiscriminate hate crimes against innocent Chinese or Chinese-Americans. There are many cases of hate crimes against well-to-do but innocent Chinese nationals and Chinese-Americans, such as the case of the murder of a wealthy Chinese-American woman from Taiwan named Michelle Chen, aka Hsia Hong Hsu (徐曉虹), in her luxurious home at Covina Hills, back in 2008, by three impoverished ethnic minority youngsters; another case is the murder of Xinran Ji (纪欣然), a Chinese engineering student at the University of Southern California, in 2014, also by impoverished ethnic minority youngsters. What is shocking about this case is that, after the death of Xinran Ji, back at his home country, Chinese public opinions online were overwhelmingly unsympathetic to the victim, or even celebratory of his death, saying that a wealthy kid who tried to get a “golden diploma” by paying high tuition to an expensive foreign university deserved such outcome; some Chinese netizens even went so far as to celebrate his murderer as “poor people’s heroine against wealthy blood-suckers from China.” These cases should offer a lesson of social and political enlightenment to Chinese-Americans. Chinese-Americans, especially the wealthy ones, should pay close attention to charity and progressive causes to help easing social tensions due to income disparity, for the great American President John F. Kennedy used to say that

if the rich failed to take care of the needs of the poor, then the wealth of the rich could not survive either. Therefore, for middle-class Chinese Americans, the most important task to do now is NOT to fight against the so-called “glass ceiling,” in order to seize the higher-up positions in America’s government institutions or large corporations, or to Affirmative Actions for African-, Latino- and other Asian-Americans; instead, they need to contribute more to charitable and progressive causes through non-profit foundations and social enterprises, and of course, pay an honest amount of taxes to the US Government. In these areas of giving back to American society, Chinese-American economic and political elites still have a long way to go in order to reach the levels of America’s other ethnic groups, White Mainstream as well as African and Latino ethnic minorities alike.

To sum up, Chinese people are not immune from racist mentality; and like White people, as an important ethnic group living all over the world, they need to overcome this backward mentality in order to build harmonious relationships with other nations.