

# Turbulent Times for Chinese Americans

## Setting the Context

2023 Committee of 100 Annual Conference  
San Jose, California

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# This Is Not New - Turbulent Times Never Ended

## Chinese Exclusion Act



Nicknames  
Enacted by  
Effective

Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882  
the 47th United States Congress  
May 6, 1882

## House Passes Resolution of Regret for Chinese Exclusion Act

06/19/2012



Rep. Judy Chu discusses the passage of her legislation at a press conference in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Larry Shinagawa)



## Internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII



FACEism: President Ronald Reagan's apology for the US internment of Japanese Americans during World War II - ABC7 Los Angeles

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The Red Scare: How Joseph McCarthy's Anti-Communist Hysteria Left a Mark on the U.S.

## Qian Xuesen



Qian and his family aboard SS President Cleveland before its departure from Los Angeles, 1955

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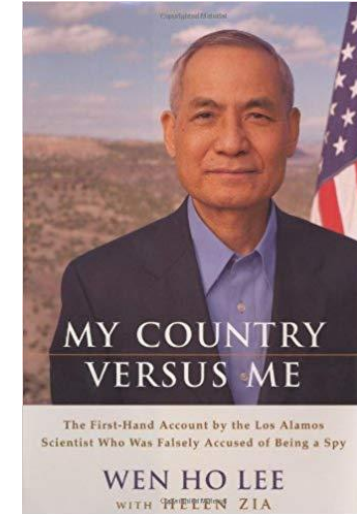
# Murder of Vincent Chin 陈果仁

In 1982, the horrific baseball bat beating death of Vincent Chin on the eve of his bachelor party, and the miscarriage of justice that allowed his two white killers to be freed without spending a night in jail, ignited the modern Asian American civil rights movement and built a multiracial, multicultural coalition united for equal justice and human dignity which stands as a landmark of American history.



In 2022, 40 years later, the lessons of building solidarity and unity to obtain justice for Vincent Chin brings people together to counter division and hate, and inspire older and younger generations to link arms to work for positive change.

Dr. Wen Ho Lee 李文和



Judge James Parker



Judge James Parker in 2017. Source: KOAT-7 Action News



Judge James Parker in 2017. Source: KOAT-7 Action News

Revisiting Judge Parker's Apology to Dr. Wen Ho Lee

 Jeremy Wu  
Retired, Federal Government  
March 12, 2018

57 articles

重温帕克法官对李文和博士的道歉

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# Start of Current Turbulent Times

2001/09/11



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Balbir Singh Sodhi  
First murder victim after 9/11

## RACIAL PROFILING AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

After 9/11, Muslims and people of Arab and South Asian descent became targets of government practices that result in racial profiling.

**Section 702** Amendment to  
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)  
In **2008**

Used by the government to conduct  
**warrantless surveillance** of international  
communications, including those of  
Americans.





# May 21, 2015

The New York Times

## *Accused of Spying for China, Until She Wasn't*

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Sherry Chen, a hydrologist for the federal government in Ohio, was arrested last October and accused of economic espionage. Afterward, she said, "I did nothing but cry for days." Maddie McGarvey for The New York Times

By **Nicole Perlroth**

May 9, 2015



## Temple professor is Chinese spy: Justice Dept.



# The “China Initiative”

11/01/2018 Launched

12/02/2021 MIT Technology Review reports

02/23/2022 Ended

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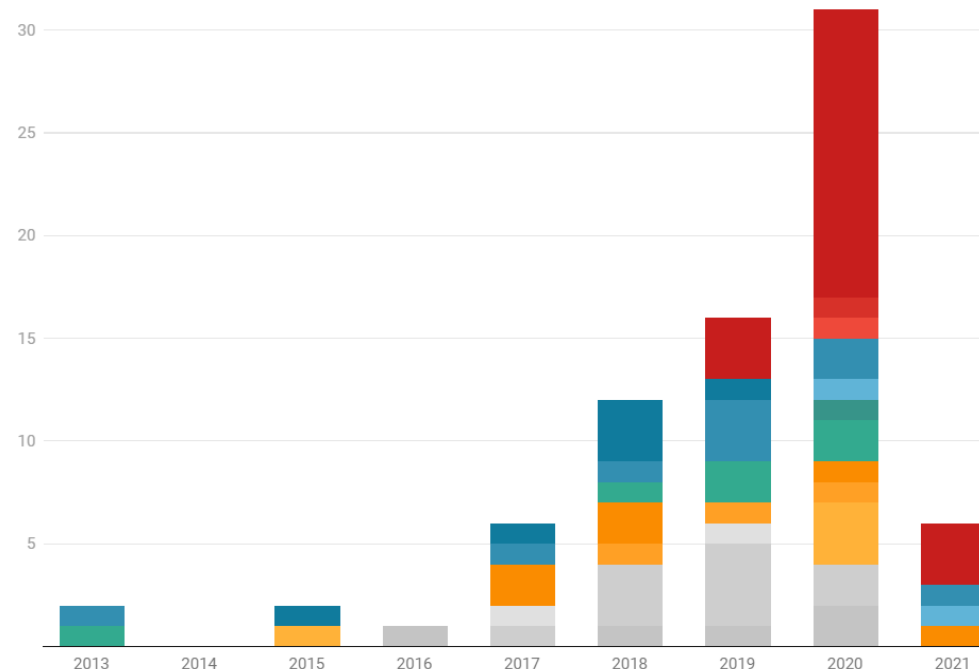
APA Justice was created in the Fall of 2015. Steven Pei, Vincent Wang, and Jeremy Wu are co-organizers



05/05/2023

## Cases charged under the China Initiative by year

Other Import/export Corruption Agent of a foreign government Espionage and agent of a foreign government Espionage Hacking Hacking and theft of trade secrets Hacking and economic espionage Theft of trade secrets Economic espionage and theft of trade secrets Research integrity and theft of trade secrets Research integrity and agent of a foreign government Research integrity



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## TECH POLICY

We built a database to understand the China Initiative. Then the government changed its records.

Our monthslong investigation revealed a major DOJ effort troubled by shifting narratives and a lack of focus. Here's how we got the facts.

By Eileen Guo, Jess Aloe, & Karen Hao

December 2, 2021


"China Initiative" Cases

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- Case #49 [Simon Saw-Teong Ang](#) (洪思忠)
- Case #58 [Baimadajie Angwang](#) (昂旺)
- Case #74 [Gang Chen](#) (陈刚)
- Case #20-02 [Li Chen](#) (under development)
- Case #52 [Zhendong Cheng](#) (成正东)
- Case #53 [Lei Guan](#) (关磊)
- Case #36 [Anming Hu](#) (胡安明)
- Case #XX [Haizhou Hu](#) (胡海周)
- Case #37 [James Patrick Lewis](#) (under development)
- Case #38 [Xiao-Jiang Li](#) (李晓江)
- Case #48 [Charles Lieber](#)
- Case #XX [Shaorong Liu](#) (刘绍荣)
- Case #54 [Turab Lookman](#) (特拉伯·鲁克曼)
- Case #34 [Wanzhou Meng](#) (孟晚舟)
- Case #XX [Meyya Meyyappan](#) (under development)
- Case #33 [Shan Shi](#)
- Case #43 [Chen Song](#) (宋琛)
- Case #45 [Juan Tang](#) (唐娟)
- Case #19 [Franklin Tao](#) (陶丰)
- Case #39 [Qing Wang](#) (王擎)
- Case #44 [Xin Wang](#) (王欣)
- Case #70 [Mingqing Xiao](#) (肖明庆)
- Case #67 [Lin Yang](#) (under development)
- Case #30 [Yanqing Ye](#) (under development)
- Case #XX [Xiaoming Zhang](#) (under development)
- Case #46 [Kaikai Zhao](#) (赵凯凯)
- Case #31 [Zaosong Zheng](#) (郑灶松)
- Case #41 [Song Guo Zheng](#) (under development)
- Case #20-01 [Yu Zhou](#) (under development)



Trial reveals federal agents falsely accused a UT professor born in China of spying

 [Jamie Satterfield](#)  
Knoxville News Sentinel  
Published 10:00 p.m. ET June 13, 2021

Fed. prosecutors dismiss criminal case involving former Cleveland Clinic doctor with ties to China

FBI charges into medical research provided to China dismissed

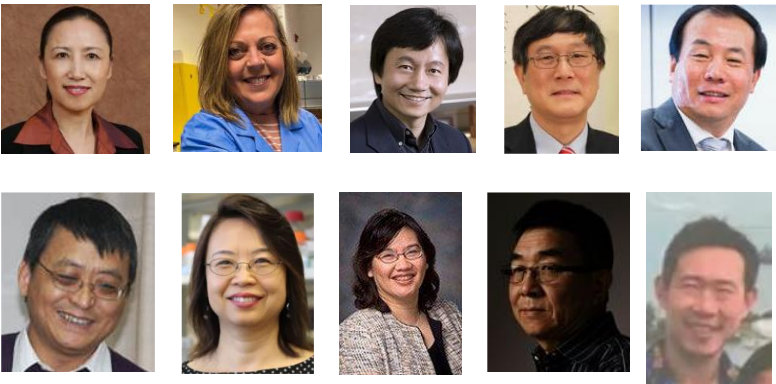
U.S. Drops Case Against Police Officer It Had Called an ‘Insider Threat’

Baijmadajie Angwang, a New York Police Department officer, had been accused of spying for China. Prosecutors said the charges were dismissed after new information had come to light.

Beyond "China Initiative"

Sorted by alphabetical order of last name; click on link to visit individual web page.

- [Sirous Asgari](#)
- [Sherry Chen](#) (陈霞芬)
- [Yanping Chen](#) (陈燕平)
- [Pearlie Epling-Burnette](#)
- [Xiang-Dong Fu](#) (under development)
- [Kun-Liang Guan](#) (under development)
- [Haifan Lin](#) (林海帆)
- [Wuyuan Lu](#) (under development)
- [Dongfang Shao](#) (邵东方)
- [Wei Su](#) (苏炜)
- [Weihong Tan](#) (谭蔚泓)
- [Chunzai Wang](#) (王春在)
- [Li Wang](#)
- [Xifeng Wu](#) (吴息凤)
- [Ning Xi](#) (席宁)
- [Xiaoxing Xi](#) (郝小星)
- [Yue Xiong](#) (under development)
- [Haoyang Yu](#) (于浩洋)





# Prosecutions

“I am the luckiest among the unlucky.”

MIT Professor Gang Chen

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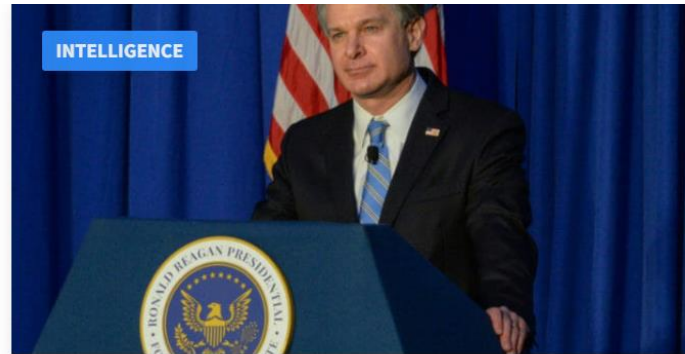
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# Investigations



The Chinese Threat is Real: FBI Says They Average a New Counterintelligence Case Every 12 Hours

Christopher Burgess / Feb 8, 2022

“Of the nearly **5,000** active FBI counterintelligence cases currently underway across the country, almost **half are related to China.**”

Christopher Wray, FBI Director  
July 7, 2020

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# Surveillance

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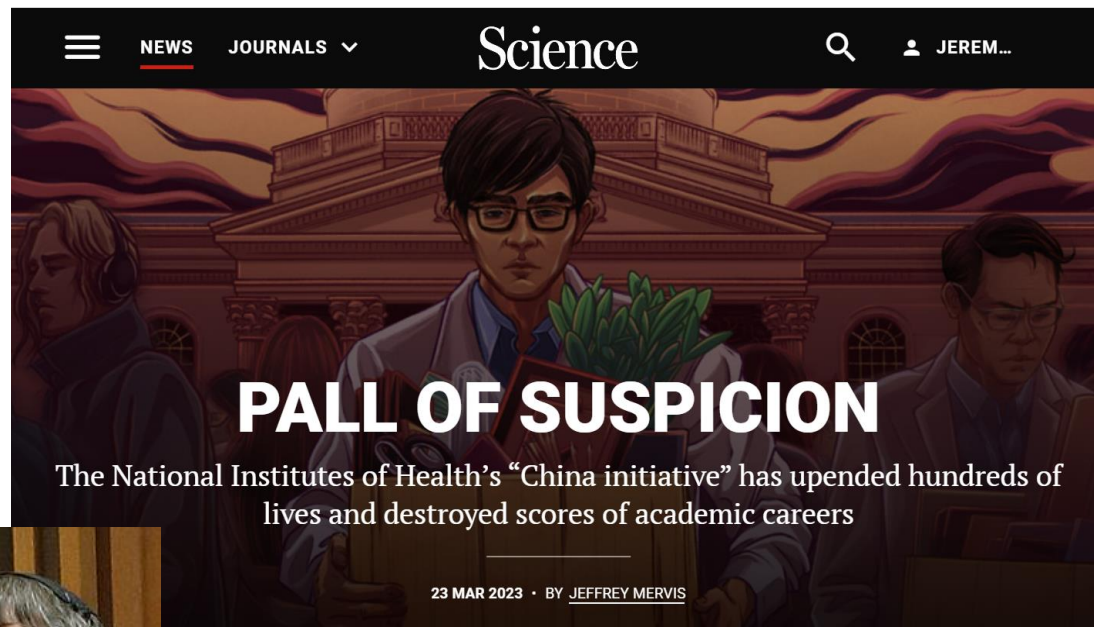
FISA REFORM

FISA Section 702 (2008-2023?)

By Adam Klein Tuesday, December 27, 2022, 8:30 AM

“Traditional” FISA, which requires lengthy applications to the secret FISA court, was used in fewer than **500** cases last year. Section 702, which doesn’t require individual court orders, can cover orders of magnitude more targets: more than **230,000** in 2021.





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**Dr. Michael Lauer**  
head of NIH's  
extramural  
research



*Science* Editorial: “The institutions and the NIH need to resolve this. Given the information available in the public domain, the scientific community could easily conclude that this is a xenophobic program to harm Chinese scientists and cut off international scientific cooperation. The federal government needs to figure out a way to let the NIH and the institutions reassure the community that this is all worth it.”

**91%**  
**China**

For **225** of the cases  
China was the  
country of concern.

**85%**  
**male**

**199** of the targeted  
scientists are men.

**81%**  
**Asian**

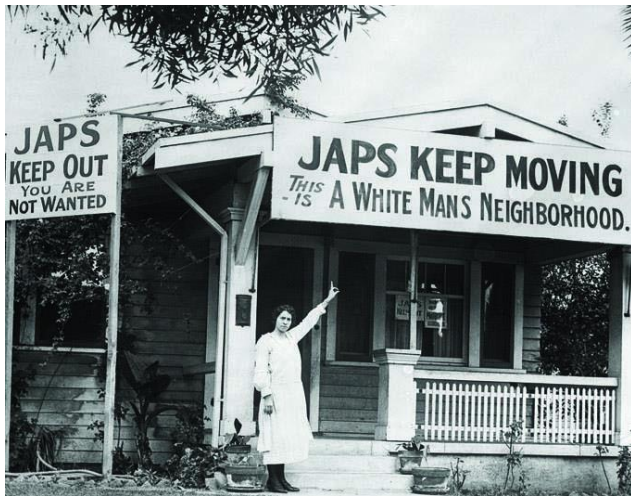
**182** of the targeted  
scientists self-  
reported as Asian.





# Turbulent Times Again in the Name of Security

## Legalizing Discrimination



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## Return of McCarthyism



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## Warrantless Surveillance



Section 702 is up for reauthorization; it expires on Dec. 31, 2023.



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## Pursuing a More Perfect Union and an Equitable Society



By: Jeremy Wu  
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Reflections from Academy Fellow, Jeremy Wu, Co-organizer, APA Justice, [www.apajustice.org](http://www.apajustice.org).

Asian American  
and Pacific Islander  
Heritage Month

**VINCENT CHIN INSTITUTE**

## The Vincent Chin Institute

The Vincent Chin Institute Launches April 26 at a news conference at the Congressional Triangle in Washington, D.C. joined by Members of Congress Judy Chu, Grace Meng, Mark Takano, the Smithsonian Under Secretary for Education Monique Chism, the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center APAC Acting Director Yao-Fen You, and Helen Zia.  
> [Read the press release](#)







Thank you, Agnes, Oscar, Li-En, and the Yellow Whistle Team!