

POLICY BRIEF: Investigating the Chinese Government's Harassment of Chinese-Canadians

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Executive Summary

Life under the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is not easy. There is no free speech, criticism of the government can be harshly punished, and specific ethnic and religious groups are persecuted.

Escaping from that regime to another country should bring hope of being safe from the reach of the CCP. Unfortunately, this appears not to be the case in Canada.

While interviewing a Chinese-Canadian citizen for a separate project, SecondStreet.org was told of the Chinese government harassing Canadians of Chinese descent, and *on Canadian soil*. This harassment extends to Uyghur-Canadians, Tibetan-Canadians, Canadians from Hong Kong, and others.

Canadians should rightfully be concerned if a state actor is actively harassing citizens and residents of Canada. With this in mind, SecondStreet.org set out to understand what Chinese-Canadians have experienced in terms of harassment and intimidation by the CCP in Canada. In order to investigate their experiences, SecondStreet.org conducted a direct survey, and spoke to those brave enough to come forward to shed light on the CCP's activities in Canada.

Highlights from our research include:

- Almost all respondents said they believe – based on their experiences and those of friends and family – that harassment and targeting from the CCP is ‘common,’ especially if you publicly hold views that contradict CCP doctrine.
- Types of harassment ranged from threatening or unexplained phone calls (some in the middle of the night), interference with digital communications and social media, to family members in China or Hong Kong receiving threatening visits from officials. One respondent discovered a knife lying next to a houseplant mysteriously damaged – and believes it was a subtle threat related to their criticism of the CCP.
- Most respondents believed they were targeted for their beliefs – whether support for Hong Kong, religious faith in Christianity or the Falun Gong spiritual practice, or simply speaking out in favour of democracy.
- Respondents were also asked their thoughts on solutions to protect Canadians targeted by the CCP. Many ideas were put forward, including a registry of CCP agents, controls on the CCP-owned ‘WeChat’ app, and expulsion or criminal prosecution of any CCP agents found guilty of harassment.

This research builds on previous media reports and research into Chinese government harassment and intimidation of Chinese-Canadians and other expatriates.

Introduction

The CCP has a well-known track record of brutal oppression and human rights abuses throughout history, and it continues today. Mao's [Great Leap Forward](#)¹ led to the deaths of an estimated 30 to 45 million people over a two-to-four-year period. While Xi Jinping's modern Chinese regime has made some efforts to interact with the international community and has implemented some economic reforms to move towards more of a market-based system, his Communist party still [detains religious minorities](#)² in concentration camps and [surveils and detains citizens](#)³, all the while denying access to vital services based on a state-controlled '[social credit score](#)⁴.' With that in mind, it should not be surprising the CCP would continue to target Chinese expatriates.

This practice on behalf of the Chinese government has been recognized and documented in several news stories. One example includes [Turnisa Matsedik-Qira](#)⁵, a Uyghur-Canadian activist in Vancouver who claims she has been spat upon by pro-CCP activists. Other examples involve anonymous pro-Hong Kong activists who [told the Globe and Mail](#)⁶ they had been sent videos of beheadings, while politicians in both [the NDP](#)⁷ and [the Conservative Party](#)⁸ have also been targeted. [Amnesty International](#)⁹ has also reported on harassment and intimidation by the CCP towards Chinese-Canadians.

Some potential policy options include an improved registry for agents of hostile foreign governments, as well as increased transparency on investigations into incidents of harassment.

Through its research, SecondStreet.org set out to better understand what Chinese-Canadians have experienced in terms of harassment and intimidation by the CCP in Canada.

Methodology

The goal of this research was to bring to light stories from Chinese-Canadians, Canadians from Hong Kong and others who have been targeted by the CCP. With this in mind, it is

important to note that this is not simply a random sampling, as one might expect in a survey on a topic like health reform or education.

This qualitative exercise sought to examine more granular details from those who had experienced persecution. The respondents to the survey were found by reaching out to cultural, religious and political organizations, through targeted advertising on social media, by speaking with those who had already shared their story in the media, and through personal connections.

Twenty-six survey responses were gathered between March 15 and July 15 of 2024.

Because of the sensitive nature of the survey, all respondents' names have been withheld to protect their anonymity, and none of their personal information has been shared except what they volunteered in their responses. Justifiable fear of further targeting no doubt discouraged several potential respondents from filling out the survey. SecondStreet.org recognizes the bravery of those who contributed to this research.

The credibility of the 26 survey responses is reinforced by several common threads. Despite the varying backgrounds and geographical locations of the respondents, most of the responses shared details that are further validated by reports in media.

A language barrier was also an issue for some respondents, with five providing their information in Chinese; these responses SecondStreet.org translated using an online translation resource. In addition, some responses contained unclear or unrelated information.

Respondents were asked the five following questions:

1. *Please describe any harassment, intimidation, or any other interference in your life from the Chinese government (or its agents) since you moved to Canada.*

2. How frequently have you been harassed by the Chinese government?
3. Why do you think you have been targeted by the Chinese government?
4. Do you think it's common for Chinese-Canadians to be harassed by the Chinese government?
5. What do you think government bodies in Canada should do about what's happening?

"Cyber attack on Jan-11 2015, the attack came from China, Hunan province . My [computer system] totally crashed."

"Blacklisted by the CCP, cyber attacked, harassment and intimidation of various forms, being impersonated by the CCP to send emails to MPs, etc..."

Of the 26 respondents, 14 mentioned either phone calls, cyberattacks, and/or bans or harassment on social media.

Others claimed to have faced more personal methods of interference:

"There was a notice in a Chinese Montreal Chinese newspaper that there would be a discussion on Falun Gong. So we tried to join the meeting in Montreal, but [were] not allowed in. [Name redacted] and [Name redacted], et al, and their invited guests, including some invited media reporter[s] were allowed in. People coming out of that meeting were full of hatred toward us (we stayed outside). We learned that an hour-long video made in China that demonized Falun Gong, founder, practitioners [was] played."

Equally concerning were reports that family and friends still in China were targeted. Obviously, those living back in China are defenseless against the CCP – it would seem, based on these responses, that their vulnerability is used as a tool against dissenters living in Canada.

"They also harassed my family in China, forced them to sign a pledge that if [I] did something they don't like overseas, they will take away all their properties."

"About 2010, my daughter and son-in-law [visited] Beijing from Canada – they were visited by Beijing security two officers in their hotel, talked for about [an] hour. asking them to tell [my] mother don't do anything that hurts China. My brothers also were "warned"."

"In 2008 when I went back to mainland [China] to visit my grandma who was very ill at the time, I got harassment from [the] CCP. The national security department sent 4 people to

Observations

As mentioned above, there were several broad themes clearly present throughout the responses.

Beginning with the respondents' descriptions of harassment, it is clear the CCP utilizes digital platforms to target people in Canada, in addition to threatening and/or mysterious phone calls.

"My WeChat account, which is the only app almost all Chinese use, got shadow-banned when I posted my support for Hong Kong in 2018. If I am in a group, no Chinese citizens, anyone using a Chinese phone number, can see my post. Only a few people that use Canadian phone numbers can see my post. So my Canadian political campaigns for various candidates and my Bible study with friends in China since 2018 have been severely impacted."

"For many years since the persecution, the phone line at our home received numerous harassing phone calls, mostly automated messages that hate propaganda against Falun Gong or endless red songs praising [the] Chinese Communist Party. [But] in 2002 after I went to Geneva to join the appeal for the end of persecution of Falun Gong outside the United Nation in Geneva during the Human Rights of that year, I got a call from a man who spoke impeccable Mandarin, saying he knew [about the] trip I made recently to Geneva, then [the] call turned into a sexual harassment. I [hung up] the phone."

follow my [family] (my husband and [I] brought my daughter who was 5 years old."

"If I call my friends in China, they will be given a reminder from the public security bureau that the call might be a spam from abroad and the recipient needs to be careful. My relatives even asked me to stop calling them because of fear that the police [are] watching them and they will get in trouble. My parents asked me not to talk about anything related to CCP, the leaders, Chinese politics, COVID, vaccines etc lest their pensions [be] stopped."

This was a relatively common theme – eight of the 26 respondents mentioned some type of harassment or targeting of family back in China.

Two unique answers are also worth highlighting. The first involves a claim of a strange threat that would leave anyone unsettled and looking over their shoulder:

"Around 2002, one day when I came home, [I] found a big size branch of my house plant was cut off and put on the kitchen counter and a knife was beside it."

The second example involved another respondent who had run for municipal politics in 2022 and claimed to have been the victim of CCP election interference for his anti-CCP views.

"During the last municipal by-election 2022, my profile [was] put in a wrong name, mis-translated, or even omitted on certain Chinese-community oriented, Chinese language websites focused on ethnic Chinese candidates. Notably MyCanadaMyVoice.com (now defunct) puts out a slate of 45 ethnic Chinese candidates but covertly omits vocally anti-PRC (People's Republic of China) ones."

The next question in the survey examined the frequency with which harassment occurred. Responses varied depending on the respondent. Twelve of the 26 replied that harassment happened 'every day,' 'frequently,' 'always,' 'often,' or some other similar descriptor. The remainder said they were targeted either a few times, or during specific events (public Falun Gong events, during election season, etc.).

As to why respondents thought they had been targeted, there was an extremely broad consensus: speaking out with anti-CCP views was to blame. Of the 26 respondents, 21 specifically mentioned their beliefs – either religious (Falun Gong, Christian) or political (pro-Hong Kong, pro-democracy) were cited. Of the remaining five, one said they did not know why they were targeted, two gave irrelevant answers, one said the CCP wants to control everyone born in China, and one shared an interesting anecdote:

"In 2005 during the visit of President Hu Jing-Tao, I worked as a freelance [reporter] for the Chinese community in Ottawa. I was [having] a conversation with a news reporter from [Epoch Times] at the Media Room at the Parliament. After the conversation and the reporter from [Epoch Times] had left, a neatly dressed, sort-of giving-you-a-PLA (People's Liberation Army)-look[ing] man sat in front of me. He turned and asked for my name and agency's name. I asked back, out of etiquette, for his information (because he did not have any ID on him). But he did not comply and kept on asking for my information. We kept the stand-off and I still guarded my information hard. Finally, he admitted that he was from the Chinese embassy."

The survey also touched on how common respondents thought experiences like theirs were. Again, we saw a broad consensus. Of the 26 respondents, 25 thought interference was common for Chinese-Canadians, with seven of those adding a qualifier that harassment was common if someone holds views in opposition to the CCP. Only one respondent flat-out said 'no.'

Finally, respondents were asked if they believed anything could be done by the Canadian government to help the situation.

Some put forward specific policy solutions:

"1. [The] Canadian government should apply The Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act without any delay;

2. [It] should pass the Act of Foreign Influence Registry as soon as possible."

"Anyone who [has] worked for [the] Chinese government shall register as foreign agents. Anyone who threatened Canadians shall be deported immediately."

Others simply wanted the Canadian government to take the threats more seriously:

*"Government is the voice of citizens and people. So
1. Government should speak out for Canadian human rights:
and let [the] Chinese Regime know what they did is bad: 2.
Government should take actions to suppress the spy activities
from [the Chinese] Regime."*

*"Stand up to tell CCP what they should follow with the human
right policy towards Chinese Canadian(s)."*

Policy Options

The responses above provide insight into the struggles faced by some Chinese-Canadians and other dissenters to the CCP. It is important to know what is occurring in order to address the problem.

So, what can be done to protect Chinese Canadians from harassment?

The policy landscape on foreign interference is an evolving one. The Canadian federal government does appear to be taking steps toward clamping down on foreign agents.

The United States, Australia and other Western democracies have foreign agent registries. Bringing this option to Canada has been advocated for years by politicians such as Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong, who has faced a targeted disinformation campaign likely [coordinated](#)¹⁰ by the CCP. Recent legislation has been tabled to [create such a registry](#)¹¹. However, it appears that this bill will require voluntary registration from those with ties to foreign governments:

"The proposed Act would require registration of persons who enter arrangements with foreign principals to communicate with public office holders, to disseminate information by any means including social media, or to distribute money, items or services, in relation to Canadian political or governmental processes."

It is easy to see how a foreign agent with ties to the CCP may not be enthusiastic about reporting to Canadian authorities. However, the bill does propose a strict timeline and potential punishments for those who do not self-report.

"Penalties could be imposed on anyone who fails to report an arrangement [within] 14 days, fails to update information about an arrangement, or knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Commissioner."

Needless to say, CSIS and other law enforcement agencies will have to be armed with the necessary resources and tools to investigate reports of foreign interference and harassment if this registry is to be effective.

Another idea from Chong is to require transparency from law enforcement agencies, as he [articulated during testimony](#)¹² to the U.S. Congress in September 2023:

"Our security agencies and services, our experts, have told us that often foreign interference, transnational repression, doesn't rise to the level of criminal prosecution. So one way to counter it is to make it public. To go public with the intelligence. To tell members of the public, members of Congress, members of Parliament, here's what's exactly going on to arm citizens and elected officials with the information they need to protect themselves."

More transparency from government is generally a good guiding principle. This could help Chinese-Canadians who believe they've been targeted know who is responsible, and could also serve as a deterrent for agents of the CCP.

SecondStreet.org also reached out to the federal NDP to inquire about their policy on this problem but did not receive a response.

Conclusion

As citizens of a Western democracy, Canadians should have certain inalienable rights – the right to free expression and assembly, the right to dissent, and the right to live one's life free of overt government interference, to name a few.

Those rights do not exist in China and often do not exist in other socialist or communist dictatorships. But if someone manages to escape such a regime and becomes a Canadian citizen, steps should be taken to ensure their rights in Canada are protected.

While Canada alone can certainly not stop the CCP from trying to advance its goals, it can take steps to protect those expats who have been welcomed as new citizens. Part of addressing this problem includes raising awareness of the tactics used by socialist and communist regimes.

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Appendix: Full Survey Responses

*Translated **Several major and minor typos were fixed

- Q1 - Please describe any harassment, intimidation, or any other interference in your life from the Chinese government (or its agents) since you moved to Canada.	- Q2 - How frequently have you been harassed by the Chinese government?	- Q3 - Why do you think you have been targeted by the Chinese government?	- Q4 - Do you think it's common for Chinese-Canadians to be harassed by the Chinese government?	- Q5 - What do you think government bodies in Canada should do about what's happening?
RESPONDENT 1: "I am not allowed to say anything critical of the Chinese government on the Internet. They blocked my bank account in China, demolished my house in China, and occupied my property."	"Everyday"	"The Chinese government wants to control everyone born in China"	"Yes."	Protect us from Chinese government supporters living in Canada.
RESPONDENT 2: "My relatives and friends in China were interrogated by police. My car tires were slashed and car body was scratched. Even paid advertisements were banned by local chinese media Physical attack at Chinese consulate. Some Gov. officials of three levels become pro-CCP agents and using their power to thread hate about Falun Gong (Ask Markham city Mayor and councilors about Falun Gong, they will repeat exact lie that CCP said)."	"CCP harassment has been going on since 1999 till today. None stop."	"Falun Gong stands by Truth, compassion and forbearance principle which is totally opposite against CCP's evil nature."	"Yes. As long as you have a different opinion of CCP you become its target."	"Expose CCP's evil deeds , make laws to punish those pro-CCP agents."
RESPONDENT 3: "Intimidation"	"1"	"In 2005 during the visit of President Hu Jing-Tao, I worked as a freelance reporter for the Chinese community in Ottawa. I was exchanging a conversation with a new reporter from Epoch Times at the Media Room at the Parliament. After the conversation and the reporter from Epoch Times had left, a neatly dressed, sort-of giving you a PLA (People's Liberation Army) look man sat in front of me. He turned and asked for my name and agency's name. I asked back, out of etiquette, for his information (because he did not have any ID on him). But he did not comply and kept on asking for my information. We kept the stand-off and I still guarded my information hard. Finally, he admitted that he was from the Chinese embassy."	"Yes!"	"Since the person who intimidated me was from the Chinese Embassy, and the location is inside the centre of Canadian politics, Canada should protect Chinese-Canadian or high profiled personnel who escape from China or Hong Kong free from the harassment from foreign authorities. That includes: detailed background check on Chinese-affiliated organizations, possible orders for immediate dissolution of those questionable organizations, fast track any complaint from citizens or PR regarding harassment from Chinese government/representative in Canada, and banning any person who commits the harassment."
RESPONDENT 4: "During the last municipal by-election 2022, my profile is put in a wrong name, mis-translated, or even omitted on certain Chinese-community oriented, Chinese language websites focused on ethnic Chinese candidates. Notably MyCanadaMyVoice.com (now defunct) puts out a slate of 45 ethnic Chinese candidates but covertly omits vocally anti-PRC ones."	"During elections."	"I have been openly vocal in supporting Hongkongers and their struggle for government accountability and democracy since the early 2000's."	"On a daily basis, from self to community censorship, to peer pressure on refraining from critiques on Chinese state "main melo-dy" narratives."	"Criminal repercussions on those identified and confirmed in acts of harassment, from fines and incarceration to deportation for those applicable. Foreign agents' registry would do much good to identify local actors as well as diplomatic/foreign ones."
RESPONDENT 5: "Because I am fairly high-profile in the community, I have not received explicit threats. But being followed or unexplained phone calls that hung up are common tactics that they used."	"Not often, as I am fairly high-profile."	"I have been an outspoken Canadian leader of pro-democracy and human rights move-ment. As such I am a targeted because of my criticism of China's policies--specifically in the media."	"Not only is China authoritarian, it likes to think it is the "motherland" of the Chinese diaspora worldwide and expects loyalty to the regime, Canadian or not.. Anyone openly critical or quietly working against its regime is deemed hostile."	"Have a better understanding of what China is doing to the Chinese community and don't brush it off as just another ethnic "conflict". We are Canadians being harassed on Canadian soil."

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<p>1. RESPONDENT 6: " My WeChat account, which is the only app almost all Chinese use, got shadow-banned when I posted my support for Hong Kong in 2018. If I am in a group, no Chinese citizens, anyone using a Chinese phone number, can see my post. Only a few people that use Canadian phone numbers can see my post. So my Canadian political campaigns for various candidates and my Bible study with friends in China since 2018 have been severely impacted. 2. My non-profit organization's web link and telegram channel got banned on WeChat and in China. No one can open our links in China or overseas on WeChat. 3. My landline home phone and my cell phone got tapped since 2018. My conversations were constantly intercepted and interrupted. The CCP also called me via WeChat headquarter in Shenzhen to threaten me on my landline and mobile phones and asked me to shut up because I violated the Chinese laws. My mobile phone got tampered. My friends' phone numbers and names and text messages got constantly deleted from my phone. If I call my friends in China, they will be given a reminder from the public security bureau that the call might be spam from abroad and the recipient needs to be careful. My relatives even asked me to stop calling them because of fear that the police are watching them and they will get in trouble. My parents asked me not to talk about anything related to CCP, the leaders, Chinese politics, COVID, vaccines etc lest their pensions be stopped. 4. There were a couple of people sent to talk to me in 2019. I believe they were from the National Security Bureau in China. But they live here and ran media and political organizations to swing the Chinese Canadian votes. I denied their request for spending money on my candidates and joining my organization. Since then, the blockage of my online appearance on WeChat got even more severe. I could not use as much influence as before. But their organization took over WeChat and swung quite a few ridings that had a strong Chinese population. You can read the Global and Mail and many other newspapers and government report on the Chinese CCP influence on Canadian elections. 5. When I visited China in 2023, my parents got visited unannounced by the municipal representative (appointed high officials by the CCP municipally). There was a troupe of 7 or 8 officials. They said they were visiting my parents because it was the Handicapped Day and my dad was a second degree handicapped. They gave my parents oil, rice and flour. A couple of days later, I got seriously ill all of a sudden with stomach pain and breathing difficulty. I was sent to the local hospital. After that visit, I can feel pulses all over my body for many periods a day even till now. My muscles, nerves, inner organs get vibrated, throbbled and twitched daily. I believe it is called electronic harassment or covert torture. There are millions of Chinese that have been tortured that way. They are called Targeted Individuals, shortened as TIs. My family doctor can't diagnose it. You might say the symptoms and my hospital visit are a coincidence. But it is highly likely that I got something from China that has been affecting me physically."</p>	<p>"Daily."</p>	<p>"Because of my political involvement in China in the past (2010 and 2011) and my political influence in the Chinese Canadian community and because of my Christian belief."</p>	<p>"If you are politically and religiously active, yes, esp. when you have influence. If you are a nobody, don't care about politics and faith, don't care about injustice, don't post, say or do anything the CCP doesn't like, no."</p>	<p>"1. Ban any CCP members, officials, military members and people working for military-controlled institutions and companies from immigrating to Canada. 2. Ban CCP agents from running political organizations in Canada. 3. Ban WeChat or regulate WeChat so it won't be able to shadow-ban or ban Canadians from using the app. 4. Any Chinese organization or people threatening the Chinese Canadians will be banned from entering Canada or face restrictions. 5. Foreign agents have to be registered."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 7: "I received a phone call from the National Security Department of Hong Kong police force."</p>	<p>"February 26 2024. January 3, 2024."</p>	<p>"Colluding with foreign countries to endanger national security. Subversion. Insulting the national flag."</p>	<p>"No."</p>	<p>"Withdraw the Chinese consulate from Cana-da and sanction all Chinese and Hong Kong officials, as well as expel all Chinese and Hong Kong officials"</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 8: "Black listed by the CCP, cyber attacked, harassment and intimidation of various forms, being impersonated by the CCP to send emails to MPs, etc..."</p>	<p>"Always being monitored by the CCP in the last 25 years."</p>	<p>"I am a Falun Gong practitioner and national coordinator for the Falun Gong community and advocate for the human rights of Falun Gong practitioners."</p>	<p>"Very common. CCP try to control all Chinese by varies means. Falun Dafa Association of Canada published a 130-page comprehensive report on this subject. Please read this report for details. https://library.faluninfo.net/canada-2023-report-foreign-interference-transnational-repression-of-falun-gong/"</p>	<p>"Canadian government should take effective measures to combat the foreign interference and transnational repression. Please refer to the Conclusion and recommendation chapter to see Falun Dafa Associations recommendations to the Canadian government. https://library.faluninfo.net/canada-2023-report-foreign-interference-transnational-repression-of-falun-gong"</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 9: "In 2021, when I was distributing End CCP materials at a SkyTrain Station in Vancouver, a woman came over and insulted me; in 2022, while participating in the Victoria Parade, a young woman yelled and insulted Falun Gong at our team; our Epoch Times newspaper was stolen, in Vancouver in 2021, a man and a woman took a large number of newspapers, but we stopped them</p>	<p>"relatively high"</p>	<p>"I know they picked me at random. (I don't know how other Chinese people became victim targets)"</p>	<p>"It is said online that Canada is the hardest-hit area where overseas Chinese are harmed jointly by the Chinese government and certain Canadian organizations. Many Chinese and Chinese students have been harmed by them."</p>	<p>"Legislation should be enacted and implemented."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 10: "I wish to be anonymous. I have a very brief story to tell you about my experience of CCP interference. I am Canadian. I am a Falun Gong practitioner. Back in 2011, I planned a trip from Ottawa to Singapore. A cheap flight was offered and I could be passing by China. The travel agency was JAL (Japan AirLines). The lady in the office was probably Chinese and she can speak both Japanese and English. She asked for my passport to be sent to the Chinese Embassy to get a visa to enter China. After a few days, the travel agent called me and asked for more information. She said that the Chinese Embassy wanted more information. They wanted to see if I have old passports. I was unsure why this was necessary. I gave my old passports over to JAL office and they sent them over to the Chinese Embassy. It was very close to my flight day, but my passport had not returned. I went to the JAL agency office again. The lady told me that other customers/travelers got their passport back with visas to enter China but not me. She wanted to know if there's any reason why. I do not remember precisely what my answer was to her. I probably gave a vague response that I wrote letters to the Chinese Embassy using my real name. I remembered that in the past, I had written to the Chinese Embassy to ask for the release of Falun Gong practitioners from the prisons in China. I wrote letters especially if Falun Gong practitioners are Canadian citizens or permanent residence. For example, Prof Kunlun Zhang, or others. Since time is getting close, the travel agent told me that she will demand the Chinese Embassy to hand over my passport since I am a Canadian citizen. In about a day or 2, I was able to pick up my Canadian passport from the JAL travel agent, and I headed home to pack up for my trip. The layover between flights is still in China. But I was told not to leave the airport under any circumstances. I traveled abroad and during layover flights, I stayed in the Airport. I am not sure today if it was the Beijing Airport. Then in the end I reached Singapore as my destination. Thank you."</p>	<p>"Only the time when I planned to go to Singapore."</p>	<p>"The reason was because I am a Falun Dafa practitioner, I wrote letters to the Chinese Embassy using my real name."</p>		<p>"Pass the bill for Foreign Agent Registry Act. And keep out the Chinese diplomats involved with Organ harvesting."</p>

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<p>RESPONDENT 11: *Because I practice Falun Gong, I received harassment and intimidation from the Chinese Communist government in Canada, which manifested itself in threats to my relatives in mainland China (brother, sister-in-law, and sister). Among them, I threatened my brother to sign for me to give up practicing Falun Gong. My pension is to be stopped.</p>	<p>*Harassment will occur whenever there is activity, and it will happen several times a year.</p>	<p>*I am a Falun Gong practitioner.</p>	<p>*Common</p>	<p>*We must fight against the brainwashing of Chinese immigrants, strengthen the police force, and especially prohibit Chinese who are members of the Communist Party of China from entering Canada.</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 12: *Harassment phone calls, intimidation and harassment of people with different political opinions, stalking or causing car accidents to assassinate people, punctured tires, and damage to vehicles, including scratches. Write anonymous letters of defamation, videotape dissidents, etc.</p>	<p>*There are many cases. For example, the electromagnet of the sensor light in my backyard was pulled out. The computer is operated remotely, etc.</p>	<p>*I don't like the Chinese Communist dictatorship, and I am a Falun Gong practitioner.</p>	<p>*Common, often happens. It feels like being in China.</p>	<p>*The use of WeChat and all Mainland CCP software should be strictly prohibited, because this is spyware, and the CCP is using WeChat to monitor and control every mainland immigrant. It is necessary to counter-brainwash immigrants from mainland China, not to be a fan of the CCP, but to love Canada. In addition, members of the Chinese Communist Party are strictly prohibited from immigrating and entering Canada.</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 13: *Ever since I arrived in Canada (in May 2001), I have been harassed by Chinese people, including phone harassment and tire punctures.</p>	<p>*Every year on April 25, July 20 and other Dafa activities, people often take photos</p>	<p>*Practicing Falun Gong</p>	<p>*It is very common and has been seriously penetrated into various fields by the Chinese Communist government.</p>	<p>*Punish those who wantonly insult others, steal newspapers, etc. who undermine freedom of speech and freedom of belief.</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 14: *Ever since I came to Canada, The CCP had demanded me to write on a paper promising to not have any form of contact to the Canada government officials; ever since I came to Canada, my router has suffered attacks where the attackers IP address indicated that they are from China."</p>	<p>"Ever since I came to Canada."</p>	<p>"I am Falun Gong practitioner."</p>	<p>"Yes. I do believe it is common to be harassed by the Chinese government."</p>	<p>"Legislate to evict spies, agents that take command from officials of CCP, set up agency to help and protect Chinese Canadian who are currently suffering from the harassment or oppression."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 15: *One Chinese guy took photo of me in Calgary's China Town on Sep.17 .2023 Sunday about 10am. Then I am being tracked, monitored, listened, by different guys (chinese, indian, black, white including teenagers) at my house, bus station, any location I parked, also on my computer and phone. All these happened after a day in Oct. I am sure I closed my garage door that Sunday night. But it was opening when I went to garage to drive in the next morning."</p>	<p>"Almost every time when I go outside by driving or take bus from May.2024. Normally I go outside 3 days a week."</p>	<p>"I am a Falun Gong practitioner. I deliver Chinese Epoch Times paper every Friday. And I join and coordinate a few Falun Gong Activities. The guy who took a photo of me had tracked me over 3 times in ChinaTown and he is the first one that has tracked me to my house . I saw him go to the Chinese Culture Center and Shanghai Association building at once In China Town when he parked his car. I already reported his car photo to the police in Calgary."</p>	<p>"I get many this kind of information from the media. In local I know a Falun Gong practitioner who was harassed a few years ago. I think the monitoring through their phone is common."</p>	<p>"Find the evidences and expel them."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 16: "I can not get VISA to China since 1999. Chinese police told my friend in China they knew everything I did in Canada. I cannot publish ads for Falun Gong in local Chinese media because the Chinese consulate controls them. Falun Gong was barred from all local Chinese community activity such as parade, festivals etc."</p>	<p>"It happens every day in Falun Gong truth-tell station in GTA , at CN tower, City Hall, Pacific Mall ... our banners black tared, slashed."</p>	<p>"Yes. Because I go to the Chinese consulate many times to protest."</p>	<p>"Yes, I do believe that it is common, and very often some Chinese Canadians that wish to go to China to visit their family, friends ect... will fear due to the stuff they've said over internet or direct chatting via messages."</p>	<p>"Make Laws to ban any foreign country agents or using third parties to harass."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 17: *I feel that after immigrating to Canada, I still haven't escaped the control and interference of the CCP. 1) Computer hacker interference 2) Telephone interference, including just mentioning the word Falun Gong when calling family members in China, and the call will be interrupted immediately. 3) A forum on live organ harvesting was held. My car's tires were punctured four times in a month (the last time was punctured with an inch-wide knife). There are also physical threats and actions</p>	<p>*More frequency.</p>	<p>*I am a Falun Gong practitioner and coordinate some anti-persecution activities</p>	<p>*Yes</p>	<p>*Strengthen the police force and deal with harassment incidents in a timely manner so that the Chinese can see that they will be protected and disputes will be redressed.</p>

<p>1. RESPONDENT 18: "In 2002, I went to Hong Kong and stayed there for a few weeks. When I came back to Ottawa, a local Ottawa fellow practitioner of Falun Gong told me that his neighbour who had the same last name, very similar first name, and same birth year and same birthplace (Shanghai) with me went back to Shanghai of China, and was detained at the airport and interrogated. About 38 policemen, people from the National Security Bureau and officers from "610 Office"(an office established to suppress Falun Gong) officers, et al were waiting for her arrival. She was interrogated for about 10 hours, when her mother, a CEO of a Shanghai hospital, came to her rescue. The police found they caught the wrong person --- they mistook her for me.</p> <p>2. Before the persecution of Falun Gong and in February 1999, then [name and title redacted] came to the Falun Gong practitioner's booth at a local event and praised local Ottawa Falun Gong practitioners for "spreading traditional Chinese culture". However, after persecution started in July 1999, the Chinese Embassy under [name redacted] started to actively carry out the Chinese Communist Party's policy of "destroying Falun Gong's reputation" by holding anti-Falun Gong meetings, rallies in Canadian cities.</p> <p>There was a notice in a Chinese Montreal Chinese newspaper that there would be a discussion on Falun Gong. So we tried to join the meeting in Montreal, but was not allowed in. [names redacted], et al, and their invited guests, including some invited media reporters were allowed in. people coming out of that meeting were full of hatred toward us (we stayed outside). We learned that an hour-long video made in China that demonized Falun Gong, founder, practitioners was played.</p> <p>Anti-Falun Gong hate rallies were organized across Canada when the persecution started. We were told that the Chinese Embassy held an anti-Falun Gong meeting with the local Chinese newspaper editors, publishers, the local Chinese Community (pro-ccp) leaders and asked these people to toe the CCP-party line and condemn Falun Gong.</p> <p>3. My late mother-in-law in 2001 was expelled from the Ottawa Chinese Senior Association. She was over 70-years-old, [name and title redacted] requested Council members of this seniors association to expel her because she practiced Falun Gong. https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onhrt/doc/2006/2006hrto1/2006hrto1.html?resultIndex=1&resultId=faececbb2d21468f82613555a9bedc9f&searchId=2024-06-23T07:13:17:874/07197c8ca8214f28aa635d4886535bfc&searchUrlHash=AAAAQANRGFPbWluZyBlidWFuZwAAAAAB https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onhrt/doc/2011/2011hrto825/2011hrto825.html?resultIndex=2&resultId=8ea3cb727e564fbbace774129c1996c&searchId=2024-06-23T07:13:17:874/07197c8ca8214f28aa635d4886535bfc&searchUrlHash=AAAAQANRGFPbWluZyBlidWFuZwAAAAAB https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/news_centre/tribunal-finds-falun-gong-protected-creed-under-ontarios-human-rights-code https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/backgrounder-tribunal-finds-falun-gong-protected-creed-under-ontarios-human-rights-code</p> <p>3.For many years since the persecution, the phone line at our home received numerous harassing phone calls, mostly automated messages that hate propaganda against Falun Gong or endless red songs praising the Chinese Communist Party. But in 2002 after I went to Geneva to join the appeal for the end of persecution of Falun Gong outside the United Nation in Geneva during the Human Rights of that year, I got a call from a man who spoke impeccable Mandarin, saying he knew trip I made recently to Geneva, then call turned into a sexual harassment. I hang off the phone.</p> <p>In mid-July 2017, my husband and I changed our landline phone service from the traditional bell phone line to Rogers internet home phone. A week later, in the morning around July 22, Our home phone got a call from a man who spoke impeccable Mandarin, asking if this phone number still belongs to XXX (name of my husband who also practices Falun Gong). I said Yes. Shortly after, a woman who spoke perfect Mandarin called saying "my husband's name" got an international parcel sent to "address of our home", asking whether "name of my husband" still lives at "address of our house". I said YES. The parcel never arrived.</p> <p>Then a couple of days later, a man with a strong Chinese accent, who spoke broken English, called and said that he was working for Bell, and he was doing maintenance, and that there is no signal on the phone like "the telephone number of our house". I replied that we were no longer using Bell.</p> <p>It is very strange to all of a sudden receive all these Chinese calls in Ottawa. It is obvious to me that our phone line had been monitored, and that all of a sudden, the signal of our phone line was gone (when we switched to Rogers).</p> <p>There are many other cases, like the Falun Dafa websites were under constant attacks, I/we also received bogus emails to flood our inboxes, my email account was accessed by IP addresses in Asian countries, files in my hard drives were deleted, Chinese community newspapers across Canada repeated word-for-word CCP hate propaganda against Falun Gong, I just list a few here."</p>	<p>"Very often."</p>	<p>"A practitioner of Falun Gong, and the group became a target for persecution in China."</p>	<p>"Yes , as long as you openly criticize the Chinese Gov.'s wrong doing."</p>	<p>"Do all it can to protect Chinese Canadians. People come here for freedom, but are still living under the fear."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 19: "Chinese consulate hired several gangsters cut my banners in front of the consulate, beating me and pointing gun at me. They also sent on secret agents to collect our personal information. They also harassed my family in China, forced them to sign a pledge that I did something they don't like overseas, they will take away all their properties."</p>	<p>"Twice in Canada. My family in China used to be harassed very often."</p>	<p>"I am practicing Falun Gong."</p>	<p>"If one is vocal, and does not align himself/herself with the CCP, then yes,"</p>	<p>"Anyone who works for the Chinese government shall register as foreign agents. Anyone who threatened Canadians shall be deported immediately."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 20: "About 2010, my daughter and son-in-law were visiting Beijing from Canada. They were visited by Beijing security and two officers in their hotel, and talked for about an hour, asking them to tell mother don't do anything that hurts China. My brothers also were "warned"."</p>	<p>"Personally a few times, but as Falun Gong organization, it is ongoing."</p>	<p>"It is obvious as I am one of the coordinators of Falun Gong in local."</p>	<p>"Yes."</p>	<p>"Yes sure."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 21: "Around 2002, one day when I came home, I found a big size branch of my house plant was cut off and put on the kitchen counter and a knife was beside it."</p>	<p>"Probably a couple of time"</p>	<p>"As I am active in Falun Gong activities to protest the persecution of Falun Gong."</p>	<p>"Yes."</p>	<p>"If the government can make something like Foreign Agent Act, is very good."</p>

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<p>1. RESPONDENT 22: "Cyber attack on Jan-11 2015, the attack came from China, hunan province . My system of computer totally crashed 2. Strangers paid a weird visit to my house. They are Chinese faces speaking English; 3. Since Nov 2022, Chinese bank needs my ID to prove the relationship between brothers and Mom while I send money for my Mom. It never happened in the past 14 years."</p>	<p>"Yearly."</p>	<p>"I am Falun Gong practitioner and disclose the facts of Chinese Regime violations of human rights and religious belief."</p>	<p>"Yes, the main targets are mainly the active Falungong practitioners and active human rights activists."</p>	<p>"Government is the voice of citizens and people. So 1. Government should speak out for Canadian human rights: and let the Chinese Regime know what they did is bad: 2. Government should take actions to suppress the Spy activities from Chinese Regime."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 23: "I began practicing Falun Gong in mainland China in 1996. In 2003, I exposed the truth about the Chinese Communist Party persecution of Falun Gong to stu-dents, and they reported me to the school's party committee. I was forced to wander and became homeless for nearly two years. In March 2005, I went into exile in Canada. I experienced the following incidents:</p> <p>1. In April 2005, I entered a local KW Chinese senior club (KW Red Maple Chinese Senior Club). When I first went there, I told everyone that I am a Falun Gong practitioner, and everyone was fine with it. I brought Falun Gong truth materials, The Epoch Times newspaper, and "Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party" to the club and distributed them to everyone. In addition, I spoke about the truth and persuaded people to quit the Party. During this period, there was a woman surnamed [name redacted] who was a Christian and wanted to be a leader. Around the second half of 2009, a group of Christians suddenly came, about 7 or 8 people (including [names redacted] from Toronto). They claimed that they were sent by the city to take over the club. Director of the club, [name redacted], was removed, and there was a doctor surnamed [name redacted] among the leaders who found me and said, "From now on, you are not allowed to bring anything related to Falun Gong here. You can continue to volunteer, but you cannot bring anything related to Falun Gong." I said, "Other newspapers are also placed here." [name redacted] said, "Yes, anything else is fine except for Falun Gong." From then on, I left the club. Others said that I was expelled from the club, but I don't know the details. However, it was from this point that the club turned into a battleground where some Christians assisted in persecuting Falun Gong, following the Communist Party's approach.</p> <p>2. After I left the club, the club immediately organized a signature collection and reported my 'crime' of persuading people to quit the Chinese Communist Party to relevant departments of the CCP. One of the leaders is named [name redacted], she is a Marxist political teacher and a CCP member at [location redacted]. I spoke to her about quitting the party, but she refused. During an event at the [name redacted] Chinese Church, she may have already immigrated to Canada with her daughter and is nearby. She also knows that I am a professor at an university in mainland China. Therefore when my husband was in mainland China, he called and told me not to do this anymore because someone had already reported it to the school's party committee and they had come to our house. I suspect it was her doing and she reported to the embassies.</p> <p>3. In the afternoon of March 5, 2023, along with another practitioner named Xiao Xing, we distributed flyers to the elderly people who came to the 'Red Maple Club' outside the parking lot. The flyers contained good methods for warding off evil and seeking good fortune in the face of the pandemic. Several women from the club immediately rushed out, shouting loudly, "Don't accept anything related to Falun Gong." They formed two human walls to surround the elderly people and let them pass through in the middle. One man in his seventies reached out his arm and insisted on taking a flyer, and everyone criticized him.</p> <p>4. In March 2023, there was a snowstorm of more than 20 centimeters. After the snow stopped, there were snowdrifts everywhere. At 1 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, I brought two display boards, each 124 centimeters long and 60 centimetres wide, and placed them against the wall in the church's parking lot. The content was about Master Li, the founder of Falun Gong, and talking about quitting the CCP for personal safety. Eight or nine people from the club rushed out of the church and surrounded me. Two of them desperately tried to snatch the display boards because I had spent a lot of time and effort making them, so I had to let go to prevent them from breaking. They took the boards away. I stood there without moving, wanting to clarify the truth to them. Not only did they not listen, but they also grabbed my sleeve and pushed me to leave, saying, "The parking lot is also rented by us, you cannot stand here." I told them that such behavior is illegal in Canada, and they pushed me while saying. "Who pushed you? Who pushed you?" I left without bothering them and went to find the display boards. I found the boards in one of the snowdrifts and left the parking lot and stood on the nearby sidewalk with the display boards until no one came near, and then I left to go to the university's nearby station.</p> <p>5. Around the summer of 2018, I set up three display boards, each 124 centimeters long and 60 centimeters wide, at the bus stop of route 12 at the south gate of the University of Waterloo (University Ave/Laurec). The content exposed the CCP's crime of organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners and also collected signatures from the public to rally support. Around 2 pm, three Chinese male students came, one of them took photos of the display boards, and another person in a suit came over and kicked the display boards down, broke the strings, and shouted, "I am a Communist Party member!" Then they left. Since I was the only one doing this, there was nothing I could do. Some students waiting for the bus helped me set up the display boards again and I continued to collect signatures. I stayed there for two weeks, and they didn't show up again. Chinese students informed the campus security and the off-campus plaza administrators to have them expel us more often.</p> <p>6. In the summer of 2018, I set up display boards at the southwest corner of the small square outside the main gate of the University of Waterloo. The content was 'Falun Dafa is Good' and 'Heaven will eliminate the CCP.' Around lunchtime, two men in their forties walked by the display boards and looked at them. One of the men in a suit suddenly stopped, turned around, and asked me sternly, "Where in China are you from?" I walked towards him and asked, "What do you want?" He hesitated for a moment, turned around, and left.</p> <p>7. In April 2023, I set up display boards at a side entrance of the University of Waterloo facing east. The content was about promoting Falun Dafa and Quit the CCP. A young woman carefully looked at the display boards. I waited for her to finish and wanted to talk to her, but she aggressively questioned me. "What are you doing by setting this up? Take it down immediately, you cannot set it up here." I asked her why. She said "Why did you have to join this organization? How many people in your family have joined?...Don't bring shame to your ancestors, be grateful, be grateful in the past, be grateful now, be grateful in the future..." I told her that the Chinese nation has a history of five thousand years created by our ancestors, while the CCP has only been around for over seventy years... The woman walked away angrily, and I never saw her again."</p>	<p>"Very often."</p>	<p>"A practitioner of Falun Gong, and the group became a target for persecution in China."</p>	<p>"Yes , as long as you openly criticize the Chinese Gov.'s wrong doing."</p>	<p>"Do all it can to protect Chinese Canadians. People come here for freedom, but are still living under the fear."</p>

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<p>RESPONDENT 24: "In 2008, when I went back to mainland China to visit my grandma who was very ill at the time, I got harassment from the CCP. The national security department sent 4 people to follow my family (my husband and I brought my daughter who was 5 years old) 3 cities. And they visit me in my hotel at 10:00pm at night time.."</p>	<p>"They harassed my old father as well, before I visited mainland China in 2008. And I came back to Canada, they kept sending me emails asking me all weird questions till I blocked them off."</p>	<p>"Because I started to practice a spiritual ex-ercise called Falun Dafa in 2004 in Canada, as their questions are all about Falun Dafa and why I practice it."</p>	<p>"Yes."</p>	<p>"Stand up to tell CCP what they should follow with the human right policy towards Chinese Canadians, or make some policy accordingly."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 25: "1. After visiting me, my brother was interrogated by the Chinese National Security Department; 2. "610" office called my family asking them to warn me not to show up at the public protest events too often; 3. China's embassy denied my visa to enter China."</p>	<p>"610" office called often to my family in China during some "sensitive" time; however, my family dare not to call me from their home phone since it is under surveillance."</p>	<p>"My family passed the messages that I should not say any bad words against the CCP; otherwise, my brother will lose his job."</p>	<p>"Yes, I think so because we all have families in Mainland China."</p>	<p>"1. The Canadian government should apply The Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act without any delay; 2. should pass the Act of Foreign Influence Registry as soon as possible."</p>
<p>RESPONDENT 26: "Starting around 2006, I distributed information about the persecution of Falun Gong in front of the Chinese Consulate. Soon after, the National Security Bureau in China came to talk to my father (He was in China) and said they knew about my situation in Canada. They put pressure on my father, and my father wrote to me to criticize me and not to allow me to participate in overseas activities to expose the CCP's persecution. When I tell the truth online, I am often attacked, insulted, and slandered by CCP spies or "50 cents". For example, on overseas Chinese forums, when we tell the truth about Falun Gong and the persecution by the CCP, many people from the CCP will attack and abuse us under our posts on the forums."</p>	<p>"Often, especially on the Internet, almost every post telling the truth about Falun Gong is attacked."</p>	<p>"Because I exposed the CCP's persecution and told the truth that Falun Gong teaches people to be good people according to Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, and that the CCP is evil and dictatorial. In mainland China, there is no freedom or belief. People are not allowed to have faith, and can only believe in the CCP. Otherwise, they will be persecuted, and even have their organs harvested alive, or be persecuted to death. The CCP's persecution of Falun Gong has extended overseas, and the CCP has sent many spies to Canada, the United States, etc."</p>	<p>"Yes, very common."</p>	<p>"Laws should be enacted to protect kind-hearted people, just like the United States has just enacted (H.R. 4132) to protect Falun Gong practitioners and investigate the CCP's crimes of persecuting Falun Gong, especially the crime of live organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners. This is a crime that is unimaginable in democratic countries, but it is happening on a large scale in China. The Canadian government should unite with democratic governments around the world to stop the CCP's brutal persecution of the Falun Gong community."</p>