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Name: Basic facts for China

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| Unitary or FederalFederal- unitary | Year(s) of revolution (for our purposes) or founding (for our purposes)1916ish-1949 off and on (off when fighting Japan) CCW |
| Head of State title, name, last elected, party, how did they get their positionPresident Xi Jinping; 2013; CCP; put in place by politburo/SC; 2018 wrote himself into constitution | Head of Government title, name, last elected, party, how did they get their positionPremier- Li Keqiang Formally from National People’s Congress; picked by Pres (I think)  |
| Lower House name and electoral systemNational People’s Congress- not elected rather appointed by lower governments (really by the CCP)  | Upper House name and electoral systemnone |
| Judicial Review? (yes, no, or on paper (procedural)Nope—not even on paper | Evidence of transparency or lack of transparency?Nay! State controlled media (*intranet*) |
| Relevant political parties and necessary details-CCP; but lesser parties are “allowed” | Significant historical political players- Mao Zedong (charismatic leader of revolution) |
| Significant cleavages:Monolithic case study (90% Han Chinese)Tibetians (buddhist, burn themselves for independence)Uyghurs (Xinjing) Muslims; super discriminated against; heavy surveillance, they commit suicide bombings from time to time. In the news now as they are being placed in “reeducation camps”Hong Kong: used to be a part of GB (won in Opium wars) given back to China in 1989 (The Handover), economic capital of the world but used to more freedom. “Two Countries, one system”- H.K is used to more free speech, civil liberties b/c of British ties, now protesting in streets to have more control over Govt (umbrella protests) | Significant historical events that shape system-Civil war- off and on from early 20th century to 1949 when they declare the PLCXi Jinping writes himself into constitution; eliminating term limitsHong Kong protests; young educated people in HK are wanting to choose people on ballotsIsland Building |
| Key TermsNomenklatura- how someone rises in a comm. systemFeng-show- loosening and tightening (CCP’s grip on social/economic policy)One Country/2 systems (HK); two Chinas (Taiwan)Hukou- household responsibility system | Key Leaders (need two) and policiesDeng Xiaoping- economic liberalizes Xi- Jinping- banned Winnie the pooh, Belt and Roadway initiative, China Dream (\*read the linked article of Xi Jinping, he is really fascinating) |

Acronyms you should know:

PRC: People’s Republic of China (declared in 1949, a communist system modeled after the USSR)

CCP: Chinese Communist Party

NPC: this is tricky as there are two so avoid using abbreviating them.

 \*National People’s Congress🡪 official unicameral legislature of China (a rubberstamp, they’ve never voting legislation down, everything passes)

 \*National Party Congress🡪 This is the “legislature” of the CCP. They essentially dictate what goes before the National People’s Congress. In effect, everything in China is controlled behind the scenes by the CCP.

PLA: People’s Liberation Army. Anytime we hear the word “people,” know that it is a very communist way of saying that they “people” own something. Although this was Marx’s intent in reality, it’s a small group of people behind the scenes calling all of the shots.