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The extremely complex and controversial topic of Uyghurs in China is quickly demystified below. Basically, it's about three things: separatism, terrorism, and geopolitics.

As for all the claims about human rights violations and genocide: Here are some simple sources:

- [United Nations report](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/41/G/17) (<https://undocs.org/A/HRC/41/G/17>) submitted to the UN Human Rights Council Signed by all Muslim countries in the world
  - [UN HRC High Commissioner](https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/China-Invites-UN-to-Visit-Education-Centers-in-Xinjiang-20190613-0004.html) (<https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/China-Invites-UN-to-Visit-Education-Centers-in-Xinjiang-20190613-0004.html>). Michelle Bachelet was invited to Xinjiang
- [A report released by the OIC](https://www.oic-oci.org/docdown/?docID=4447&refID=1250) (<https://www.oic-oci.org/docdown/?docID=4447&refID=1250>) (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) For people that don't know, it is the international organization that represents all Muslim countries in the world (China Section can found under #20 of "Resolutions on Safeguarding the Rights of Muslim Communities and Minorities in Non-OIC Member States") [News Article](http://www.inp.net.pk/china-lauds-oics-resolution-on-xinjiang/) (<http://www.inp.net.pk/china-lauds-oics-resolution-on-xinjiang/>) about it
- As for why the US cares so much about this region and spends unholy amounts of money and resources to propagandize Xinjiang. This [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKBTT827b84) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKBTT827b84>) quickly explains why:

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Lawrence Wilkerson – retired United States Army Colonel and former chief of staff to United States Secretary of State Colin Powell talking at the Ron Paul Institute in 2018

### 1. The crux of the matter is about separatism

- A small fraction of Uyghurs demand their own independent Islamic state. They call it “Turkistan” and want it to be created out of China’s Xinjiang province.
- No country in the world tolerates separatism and secession.

### 2. Separatist demands are not representative of the majority

- Uyghurs represent 45% of Xinjiang’s population. And the separatists are largely rural farmers & peasants with no formal education.
- Uyghurs in urban areas like Urumqi are secular and typical more educated and they don’t want to live in an Islamic state run by religious extremists.

### 3. The US bombs Uyghurs and other Muslims, while demonizing China

- There are thousands of Uyghur terrorists in Afghanistan. Which are in open combat with the U.S. The American solution is to bomb and kill them. As well some have been captured sent to Guantanamo. China’s solution to these terrorists is to arrest them and deradicalize them and provide secular education and job-training.
- The U.S. has spent around \$6 trillion since the start of the War on Terror bombing numerous Muslim countries and created 50 million Muslim refugees over the last 20 years.

### 4. Good Jihadists, Bad Jihadists

- Uyghur jihadists in Afghanistan or Syria are bad when they threaten NATO/U.S. military. However, when these jihadists go back to China, they are portrayed by the West as freedom fighters or innocent victims.

### 5. U.S. role in creating Uyghur jihadists

- In the 1980s, the U.S. recruited, funded, trained, and armed Islamic militants (“Mujahedeens”) to fight the USSR in Afghanistan. Not surprisingly, thousands of Uyghurs joined this jihad, since Afghanistan shares a border with Xinjiang.
- See this [video \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKBTT827b84\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKBTT827b84) for US contemporary involvement
- Uyghur militants colluded with Bin Laden and created a group called “East Turkistan Islamic Movement” or ETIM, which is designated as a terrorist group by the U.N., and the US recently declassified

(<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/11/7/us-removes-group-condemned-by-china-from-terror-list>) it as a terrorist organization

#### **6. Uyghur terrorism in China and outside gets whitewashed by western media**

- Uyghur Mujahideens have carried out hundreds of terrorist attacks in China since 1990. These vary from small-scale knife attacks and car attacks to massive riots and destructive suicide bombings.
- Tens of thousands of Uyghurs went to Syria and joined ISIS and Al Qaeda. They want to come back to China and destabilize the country.
- A documented list of Terrorist attacks ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrorism\\_in\\_China#Chronology\\_of\\_major\\_events](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrorism_in_China#Chronology_of_major_events)) in Xinjiang

#### **7. China's anti-terrorism methods are working**

- After 25 years of struggles and protests by the secular majority to do something about public safety. China cracked down on Uyghur separatists and terrorists. The result is that there hasn't been a terrorist attack since 2017.
- The World Bank (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/statement/2019/11/11/world-bank-statement-on-review-of-project-in-xinjiang-china>) (Funding Partner), The International Organization for Islamic Cooperation & 50 Muslim countries sent representatives to evaluate these rehabilitation camps and have approved of the program and found no validity to allegations of abuse.

#### **8. Combating jihadism is not easy**

- No country has found an easy solution to combat jihadism or change the minds of radicalized jihadists.
- While China could do a better job with due process and transparency, the overall efforts are reasonable and effective.

#### **9. Muslims and Islam are not oppressed in China**

- Xinjiang alone has 20,000+ mosques; and all major cities in China have large mosques, some built hundreds of years ago. There are also 20 million Hui Muslims in China, but they have never been subjected to these efforts.

#### **10. Uyghurs are moderate Muslims**

- Uyghurs have traditionally followed Sufism (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sufism>), a very moderate version of Islam that's totally different from Saudi Arabia's Wahhabism.
- Uyghur women wear beautiful colorful clothes, (<https://imgur.com/a/Wwl8nUE>) love to sing and dance, and don't wear burqas or hijabs. Uyghur tradition even includes mild alcoholic drinks (called Museles (<https://www.asiaculturaltravel.co.uk/xinjiang-local-snacks/>)).
- But if you watch the Uyghur separatist women, they are always covered up like the ultra-orthodox sects.

#### **11. China has helped Uyghurs prosper**

- The Uyghur population has doubled in the last 40 years. Uyghurs were exempted from China's one-child policy.
- Ethnic minorities get preferential bonuses on the National College Exams
- Xinjiang's GDP has 10x in the last 20 years.
- There are many popular Uyghur actors, dancers, singers, athletes, politicians in Chinese society, and media.

#### **12. This is all about geopolitics**

- Xinjiang is a crucial part of China's Belt and Road Initiative. Every month, more than 1,000 freight trains go through Xinjiang while transferring goods between China and Europe. Disrupting Xinjiang means disrupting the Chinese economy.
- The U.S. wants to contain the rise of China and thus is waging a hybrid war ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hybrid\\_warfare](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hybrid_warfare)). From stirring up internal chaos in Hong Kong and Xinjiang

to external chaos via Taiwan and India and to stifling Chinese tech companies like Huawei and TikTok, This is just America's playbook of ruthless geopolitics.

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