The US Will No Longer Ignore the Fundamental Political and Ideological Differences between the Two Systems

An Evening Chat with Mike Pompeo: A Message to the Chinese People

TRANSCRIPT

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Michael R. Pompeo:
Hello, Mike Pompeo here.

Today, I’d like to share some of what I’ve learned from the Chinese people about the CCP and its communist ideology.

The Chinese people understand the CCP in ways that most Americans still don’t. The Chinese Communist Party takes its history—and its name—seriously.

Ideology matters.

For a long time, the West didn’t pay enough attention to communist ideology. We didn’t listen to what the CCP’s leaders were saying about their intentions. But when Xi Jinping has hosted a conference celebrating Karl Marx’s 200th birthday a few years ago, he wasn’t being subtle.

Under the CCP’s rule, the Chinese people have no real right to life or private property. There’s no civil society.

Instead, their government views the people as the property of the state. Americans still say President Xi Jinping—as if he were democratically elected, like President Tsai of Taiwan.

But Xi’s most important title is General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party. The Chinese people understand this, because you live it. It’s your reality. You know Xi Jinping Thought is just a high-tech update to old communist software.

So, Americans need to be confident in our universal values, which have beaten communism before. We need to pass these values on to the next generation. We need to seek reciprocity and transparency with China on everything from technology to trade.

This is not just an economic, technological, or even military competition.

It’s a competition of ideas. And we’ll win.

When we do, Americans and the Chinese people will be better for it.