# Pro Democratic Movements in China

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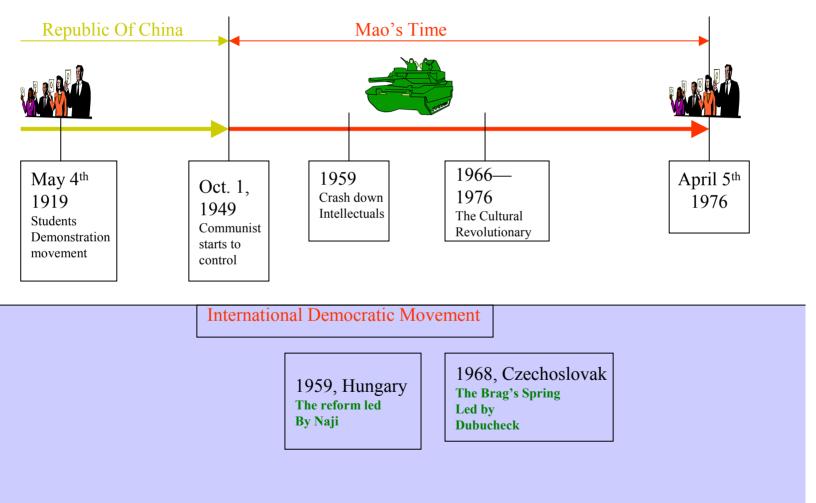
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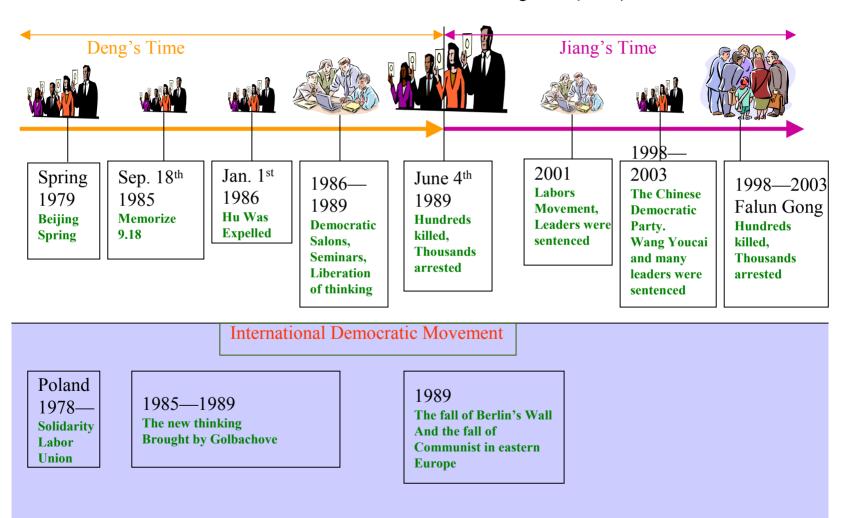
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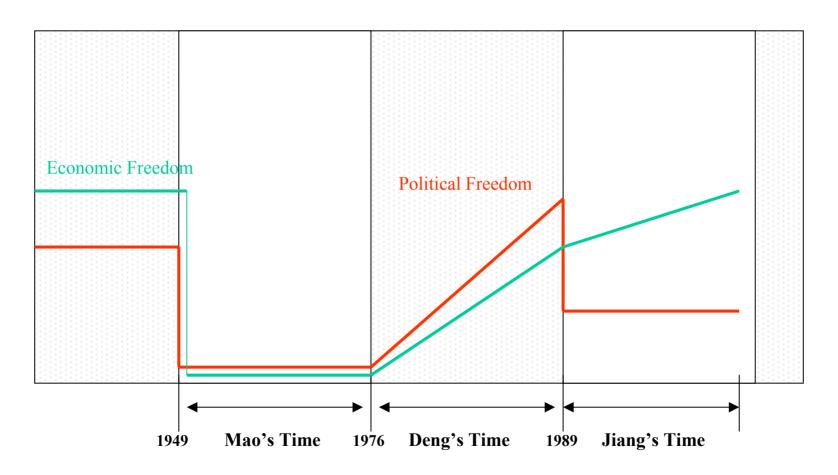
## A brief history (I)



#### A brief history (II)



#### Freedom Levels in China



## June 4<sup>th</sup> (1): Initiation



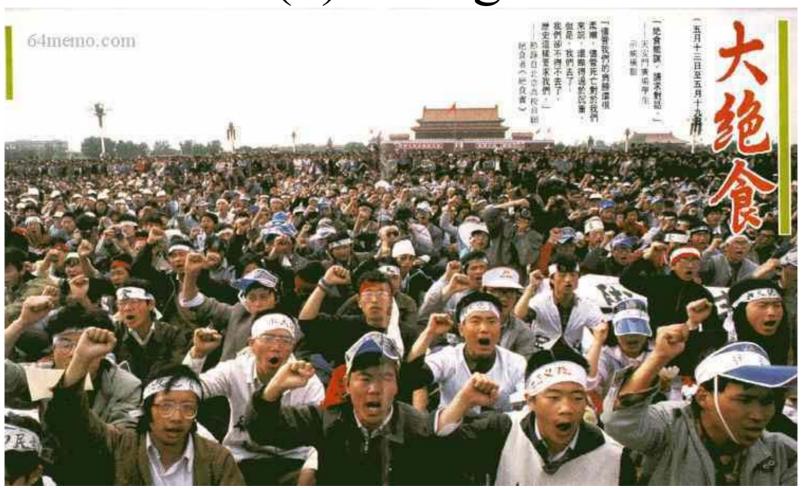
### June 4th (2): Started on Campus



# June 4<sup>th</sup>(3): Demonstration



# June 4<sup>th</sup>(4): Hunger Strike



## June 4<sup>th</sup>(5): Missing Hero



# June 4<sup>th</sup>(6): Crash Down



# June 4<sup>th</sup>(7): Victims



#### Rough Statistics

- Millions people joined the demonstration
- Millions were forced to be brain washed
- Thousands were arrested and sentenced
- Hundreds were killed
- Out of 21 students leaders on the most wanted list, 13 were arrested, 8 escaped to western countries

#### People who affected us

- Mahatma Gandhl (and his nonviolent disobedience movement)
- Matin Luther King, Jr. (and his civil rights movement)
- Nelson Mandela (and his anti-apartheid movement)
- Walsha (and his union of solidarity labors in Poland)
- Hawale (and his 77 constitutional movement)
- Dubuchek (the former communist leader of Czechoslovak)
- Khrushchev-Golbachove-Yalsin
- Andrei Sakharov (Soviet Physicist and dissident)
- George Washington
- Einstein

#### People who inspired us

- Fang Lizhi (Chinese Physicist and dissident)
- Sun Yet-sen(The Provisional President of the Republic of China)
- Wei Jingsheng (Chinese dissident)
- Liu Xiaobo
- Chen Ziming
- Peng Dehuai (Former leader of Chinese Communist)
- Hu Yaobang (Former leader of Chinese Communist)
- Lu Xun (Chinese writer)
- Zhang Zhixin (and other dissidents jailed by the CCP)

#### Helpful Agencies and People

- VOA and other news agencies (through which we know what happened abroad and we spoke out to the world)
- Western Journalists in Beijing
- Western students in Universities in China
  Our petitions are usually first broadcasted by the western
  news agencies.

#### Why students more active?

- Instead of sponsored by the CCP, students are mainly sponsored by parents. The CCP can apply less penalty to students
- Highly educated
- More collectivized and assembled
- Enjoy more freedom
- More desire for freedom
- More opportunity to contact with western world

# Which comes first, demonstration or organization?

- In most cases, demonstration comes first for most of movements, and organization are set up during the demonstration, e.g., April 4<sup>th</sup> Movement
- It is more successful if a demonstration is started by a mature organization, e.g., Falun Gong movement.
- Any independent political organization cannot exist long enough to start up a democratic movement. The Chinese Democratic Party is an example.

### Why June 4<sup>th</sup> is well organized?

- In 1980's, the CCP tried to give more freedom
- We learned lessons from the former movements
- The Democratic Salon, The Beijing Social Economic Institute, and other groups are prepared long time for democratic movement. Most members of these group played key roles in June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- However, the June 4 movement is started spontaneously. It was initiated by occasional events—Hu's death. The time is not selected by the existed organization. We cannot fully control the movement through our organization.

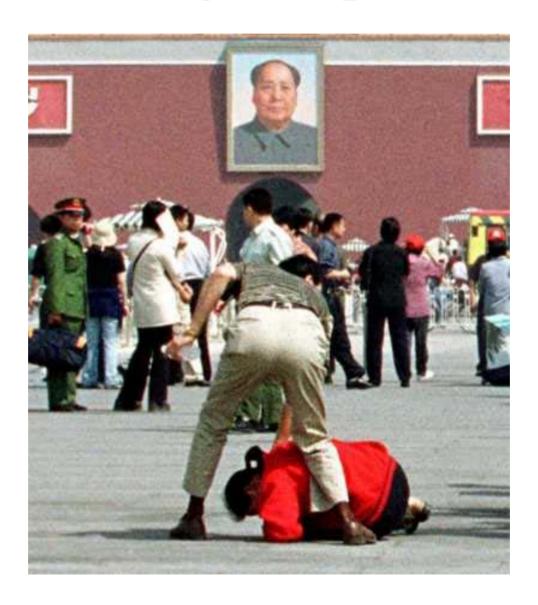
#### Movements after 1989

- The Chinese Democratic Party was set up in 1998. Most of its leaders, such as Wang Youcai, were arrested and sentenced to more than 10 years
- The independent labor union movement in 2001. Recently, the CCP sentenced Yao Fuxin to 7 years, Xiao Yunliang to 4 years.
- Dissidents tried to enter into China. Yang Jianli has been detained for more than 1 year now, Wang Bingzhang is life sentenced, Wang Ce served for 4 years in prison.
- Falun Gong followers have continuously demonstrated for the freedom of religion and have been persecuted brutally since 1999.

# Falun Gong Demonstration



## Falun Gong was persecuted



#### My Appeals

- My thanks to all of you for your consistent concern and appeal for releasing the Chinese political prisoners, thanks to American people for providing us political asylum here
- I hope you do not forget the political prisoners, including Wang Bingzhang, Wang Youcai, Wang Weilin, Yao Fuxin, Xiao Yunliang, Yan Qichen, as well as thousands Falun Gong practitioners who are jailed in China. I hope you will appeal for them until all political prisoners are released.
- Please remember that your voice are more effective to the CCP government.