# Look back for the future

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Having a history of fifty centuries, there is no doubt that Chinese culture has developed its own characteristics, and the culture creat the special Chinese people. As what the Lin said in My country and my people ,we are different from the people in the west.

In the book ,Lin figured out the character of Chinese people, he describe it from eight aspects:

1. Mellowness
2. Patience
3. Indifference
4. Old Roguery
5. Pacifism
6. Humor
7. Conservatism

From his narration, you can see the character: A Chinese, he is hardworking, and focuses on his own life. He is afraid of innovation, and he value the family very much, and sometimes , he was told to mind his own business at some times while being told to help others at other times, the biggest dream he have is living a happy life with his parents , his mate and his children.

He goes into great detail about what Chinese people are like and why they are like that, and the part that struck me most was the Patience and the Indifference. I think they are the most fundamental causes of Chinese decline in the last 200 years. Patience makes us have no courage to reject injustice and do something innovative, and because of the indifference to others, the people do not have enough power to break the old rules and establish a new order, that’s why China has been overtaken by the rest of the West in recent centuries in a situation ahead of other countries for thousands of years.

However, My country and my people is a book written in the 1930s, about a century ago. During the 100 years, something has changed. the Chinese people united and establish their own country and defeated the aggressor. And in the last 40 years since the reform and opening up, innovation became a commendatory word and people are still as hardworking as before, that’s why our country have made great achievements today.

A hundred years has passed, many things changed, and many things not. As the Chinese old saying goes

Take history as a mirror, you can know greatness and replace; Take people as a mirror, you can show your gains and losses

At that’s why reading this book is still meaningful today: We look back, to look for a better future.