

# Reform Chinese Culture

## *For All Voices, In All Places*

Union for Reform Chinese Culture (URCC)

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## 1 What I Write

[Letter to the Editor: \*Abundance for the 99 Percent\* in \*Jacobin\*—Why centrism still works](#) August 4, 2025

[A Debate on How to Do Philosophy—Paul Graham vs. James Somers: Is philosophy more than a word salad?](#) August 5, 2025

[Meritocracy yet to be defeated: A rebuke against Michael Sandel](#) August 24, 2025

## 2 What I Browse

“You’re probably using the wrong dictionary.”<sup>1</sup> Arguing for a return of the original Webster’s edition of dictionary which uses livelier, more classical, and context-specific language

“Google Scholar.”<sup>2</sup> Combined with your individual scholarship library subscription, a powerful search engine.

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1. James Somer, “You’re Probably Using the Wrong Dictionary,” The jsomers.net blog, accessed August 7, 2025, <https://jsomers.net/blog/dictionary>.

2. Google, “Google Scholar,” Google Scholar, <https://scholar.google.ca/>.

### 3 Mission

The Union for Reform Chinese Culture (URCC) seeks to reform Chinese culture to accommodate progressive and democratic values using radical centrism,<sup>3</sup> with reasoning based on the classical and contemporary Chinese cultural canon, to benefit the Chinese diaspora and all people of Chinese culture.

### 4 URCC Manual of Style

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4. In quoting from a website, the first few words of a paragraph may be included while italicized, to reference the appropriate section of the website. This is to remedy the lack of page numbers and paragraph numbers on a website.
5. If the context is enough to identify the exact location of the source on a website, the footnote or sidenote may be omitted. Users can use the browser's search function to locate the source quote.

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3. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical\\_centrism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical_centrism)

4. <https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

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## 6 References

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