**What are some advantages to living in China compared to living in the US?**

Recently I had a dinner with an American woman. At one point in the conversation she said to me straight: I’m not ever going back to the states. So that should tell you something about China.

As someone who has lived in both the US and China, I can come up with a quite a few advantages China has over the US..

1. Safety - There is no dispute China is much safer than the US. Gun crime or violence in general are nonexistent. You will never have to worry about your safety. You can walk in any part of the city at any time of the day or night without fear of getting mugged, shot or harassed. And in light of the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes in the US, as an Asian I really really appreciate this.
2. Blending In - China is a highly homogenous country. There aren’t that many foreigners outside of the city centers. If you are Asian, it’s easier for you to blend into the crowd. In the US, I lived in the suburb and I was constantly self-conscious because I was one of only handful Asians there. I did not feel comfortable about that.
3. Convenience - It’s really easy to get around China. The trains and buses are frequent and reliable. You absolutely don’t need a car. Taxis are also cheap. Most people live in high rise apartments, so distances to your local supermarket, mall, gym, etc. are all within walking distance most of the time. You don’t have to worry about car payments, tickets, fuel costs, maintenance like you have to do in the US.
4. Opportunities - Job opportunities are more plentiful in China compared to the US or other western countries. It’s not just teaching jobs you can do. You can also get a job in a field you specialize in. There’s also many business opportunities here if you speak the language. There’s a lot of money sloshing around in China, kind of like the 70s or 80s Japan.
5. No Politics - In the US, people get so worked up on politics. And the political exchange have gotten nastier since Trump. It’s really disheartening to see the mess it is in. Unless you live in a Swiss canton where you can vote on policies in referendums, I don’t think you should waste your time with politics because your vote really doesn’t mean anything in a giant country like the US. Even more so in China. Luckily people in China have come to this realization, so they don’t care and don’t concern themselves with the business of politics. It makes social interaction so much more pleasant.
6. No Lawsuits / Political Correctness - In the US, you are constantly afraid of getting sued if you are a business owner. It’s a highly litigious society. So you are constantly afraid of offending something or having to deal with some unpleasant individual. There are also too many snitches, Karens, people that are jealous, vindictive, passive aggressive, anti-social. You see very few of those in China. Political correctness is also not a thing in China, so you generally have more freedom to say what you want without fear of getting called out. This makes social interactions more tolerable here.
7. Rich Culture / Cuisine - Nobody can dispute the fact that China is a very old civilization with a rich history and culture. The US can’t really compare in this department. There’s no shortage of heritage sites, cuisines that you can sample and experience in China. It’s a vast country with many different regions, climates and ethnic cultures. The “Chinese food” that you get at Panda Express is definitely not authentic. But the McDonald’s that you get in China is pretty much the same as the US.