

Why “Not One Less”

The Relationship, Connection, and Importance of Each Demand

The spirit of “Five Demands, Not One Less” is to reject patchwork remedies to our society while insisting that the whole system has to be restructured. The anti-extradition bill movement has revealed the ugliness of the Hong Kong society, including the incompetence of the HKSAR government, the chaotic rule of the CCP, and the corruption between the powerful, the police, the merchants and the triads. All the problems point towards the necessity of a comprehensive restructure. Let’s imagine what would happen if any of the demands cannot be realized.



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“由6.9開始，經過三個月激烈反對後，才撤回！但隨即開始反蒙面法”

政府回應

There has been large-scale protests of 1 million, and even 2 million people, as well as civil unrest in all districts in the past 4 months. If this cannot persuade the government to withdraw the offending bill, the future of civil disobedience will be much more difficult. The extradition bill sparked the protests, and as the original demand, this is also the most basic. If the bill is not completely withdrawn, it will show that the government does not wish to make peace with its citizens.

1 No withdrawal of the extradition bill



“令警暴問題反而愈來愈嚴重”

政府回應

The corrupt police officers abused their power to arrest anyone and everyone, collaborated with the local triads and gangs to beat up and shoot the protesters, and released tear gas within dense residential areas. There are also reports that some of the police officers are in fact gong'an (public safety officers) from mainland China, who operate under a vastly different judiciary and political system. The existing Independent Police Complaints Council has been shown to be ineffective, and there are no other channels of complaints for any citizens against the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF). If an independent commission of inquiry is not set up, the power of the HKPF will go unchecked, and even after the movement has concluded, police officers will continue to abuse their powers.

2 Failing to set up an independent commission of inquiry into the police

“If any one demand is not met, Hong Kong will never be revived.”



“抗爭者被濫用私刑失去應有人權”

政府回應

Those arrested will be in great difficulty, and it is guaranteed there will be more searches and arrests in the future. Anyone who has signed a petition, has their name recorded by the police, and has been identified in any photos or videos, regardless of whether they are a frontliner, will not be able to escape. Let alone fighting for the long-term, if we cannot even protect our fellow protesters and their future, there will be no one who dare to stand up against the establishment. The protesters did not commit any real crimes, so they should not be charged.

Failing to release arrested protestors without charges 3



“不停挑釁市民底線，以暴徒甲由稱呼示威者，加深社會矛盾”

政府回應

The government will be able to arrest and charge the protestors under the anti-riot laws, which can result in 6-10 years of jail time. The anti-extradition bill protests will go down in history as riots, where everyone involved will be named a rioter. It means that the 2 million peaceful protesters on the streets will be equated to the leftist, communist-sympathizers who participated in the 1967 riots of Hong Kong (the 1967 rioters are famous for deploying terrorist tactics, planting decoy and real bombs all over the city, and murdering members of the press).

Failing to retract the characterization of the protests as riots 4



“違反基本法賦予港人權利，更謊稱沒有港人治港之說”

政府回應

There is no question that the core of the problem and the basis of the five demands all point towards the restructuring of Hong Kong's political system. If there isn't a democratically-elected legislative council, we cannot put a stop to unjust laws, and cannot begin to address the other elephants in the room. Any elected official will be disqualified as long as they are not pro-Beijing; and without a proper democracy we cannot start investigating the violence committed by police officers and triad members. The laws will become a tool of oppression, protecting only the privileged. Hong Kong will no longer be safe to the commoner. Even if the government implements electoral reforms while abiding by the Chinese National People's Congress's decision on 31 August 2014, we are merely returning to a limbo state and implementing a false democracy.

No full universal suffrage 5