

Mercedes-Benz deleted an Instagram post quoting the Dalai Lama — and there's a chilling reason why

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Mercedes-Benz is just the latest company to cross China. Greg Baker/AP Images

- Luxury automaker [Mercedes-Benz](#) sparked a firestorm on [Instagram](#) by posting an inspirational quote from the Dalai Lama.
- After an onslaught of criticism from Chinese Instagram users, the carmaker deleted the post and released an apology. [The Washington Post reported](#).

A tweet from the Houston Rockets GM — ‘Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong.’ — angers China



Daryl Morey

@dmorey



FIGHT FOR
FREEDOM
STAND WITH
HONG KONG

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Daryl Morey

@dmorey · Oct 6, 2019

1/ I did not intend my tweet to cause any offense to Rockets fans and friends of mine in China. I was merely voicing one thought, based on one interpretation, of one complicated event. I have had a lot of opportunity since that tweet to hear and consider other perspectives.



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2/ I have always appreciated the significant support our Chinese fans and sponsors have provided and I would hope that those who are upset will know that offending or misunderstanding them was not my intention. My tweets are my own and in no way represent the Rockets or the NBA.

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Senator Ben Sasse

@SenSasse

·@KingJames — you're parroting communist propaganda. China is running torture camps and you know it. #GoogleUyghurs [twitter.com/BenGolliver/st...](https://twitter.com/BenGolliver/status/1178311111111111111)

Ben Golliver

@BenGolliver

Lakers' LeBron James on NBA's China controversy: "I don't want to get into a ... feud with Daryl Morey but I believe he wasn't educated on the situation at hand and he spoke."



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Tilman Fertitta

@TilmanJFertitta

Listen....@dmorey does NOT speak for the @HoustonRockets. Our presence in Tokyo is all about the promotion of the @NBA internationally and we are NOT a political organization. [espn twitter.com/dmorey/status/...](https://espn.com/dmorey/status/1178311111111111111)

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Julián Castro

@JulianCastro

China is using its economic power to silence critics—even those in the U.S.

The United States must lead with our values and speak out for pro-democracy protestors in Hong Kong, and not allow American citizens to be bullied by an authoritarian government. [twitter.com/BillSimmons/st...](https://twitter.com/BillSimmons/status/1178311111111111111)

Bill Simmons

@BillSimmons

Daryl Morey's Hong Kong Tweet Has Put His Relationship With the Rockets in Limbo theringer.com/nba/2019/10/6/1111111111111111111 via @ringer

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