

# One Country, Two Systems?

## Sino-British Joint Declaration

Under Hong Kong's mini-constitution, the Basic Law, Hong Kong was guaranteed its freedoms for "at least 50 years" after 1997.



The transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong, commonly known as the **handover of Hong Kong**.

Let's look at how many times the Chinese government has breached the Sino-British Joint Declaration (and which article).

## Oppose the anti-subversion Hong Kong Basic Law Article 23

The article prohibits any act of treason, secession, sedition, subversion against the Central People's Government, or theft of state secrets, to prohibit foreign political organizations or bodies from conducting political activities in the Region, and to prohibit political organizations or bodies of the Region from establishing ties with foreign political organizations or bodies.

**Result:** half-million people protested. More than 100,000 censorship started, in exchange for access to Chinese market.

1984

2003

Universal suffrage denied.

**Result:** over ten thousands demonstrate on July 1st every year

45, 68  
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and people protested

the introduction of "Patriotic education in primary and high schools in the special region. (against basic law articles 22)

Demonstrators holding up signs claiming they were "not receiving English education".

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Result: Trust in China government kept falling due to China's capricious justice system

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Dissident kidnapped back to China for show trials  
Causeway Bay Books disappearances

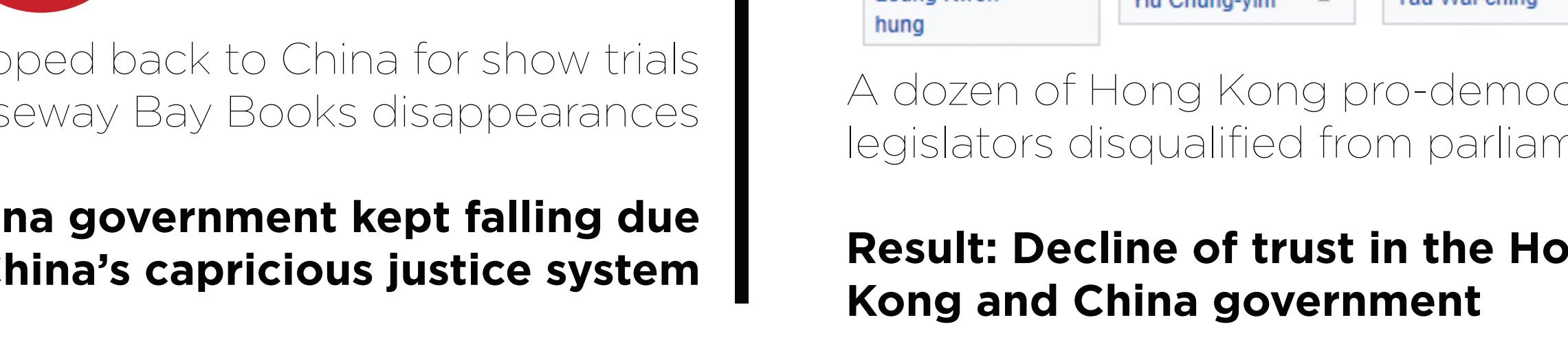
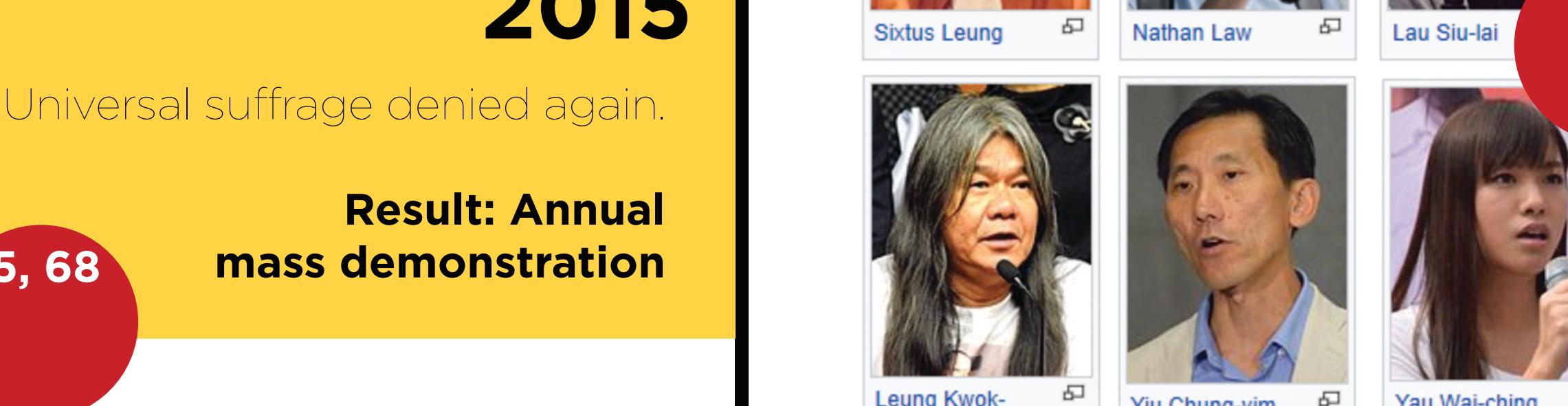
Result: Decline of trust in the Hong Kong and China government

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## Umbrella Movement

Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPCSC - China Legislative Body) prescribed a selective pre-screening of candidates for the 2017 election of Hong Kong's chief executive.

**Result:** 79-day occupation

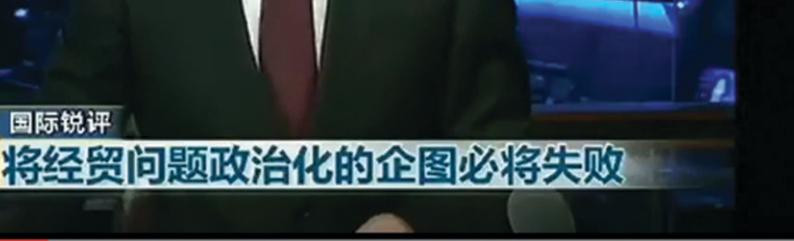


## The entire declaration breached

In June 2017, UK declares that Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong remains in force.

**Result:** Challenge against new election rule

2016



China says Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong no longer has meaning. In June 2019, China denied UK's obligation on this international bilateral treaty.

2017



2016 - 17



Juxtaposed Controls

Under one country two system, China law is adopted within Hong Kong territory in Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail station.

**Result:** Fear against China increased, after Hong Kong SAR government ceded the province to China.

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A dozen of Hong Kong pro-democracy legislators disqualified from parliament



**Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill (ELAB)**

If enacted, the bill would allow local authorities to detain and extradite criminal fugitives who are wanted within Hong Kong territory. The bill would subject Hong Kong residents and visitors to the mainland Chinese jurisdiction, undermining the autonomy of the region and its civil liberties.

**Result:** Millions of people demonstrated, escalating into violent confrontations.

## Activists Jailed

Sociology professor Chan Kin-man, Law professor Benny Tai, Baptist minister the Rev Chu Yiu-ming, Raphael Wong, Social Worker Shiu Ka-chun, former student leader Eason Chung and Democratic party member Lee Wing-tat, Edward Leung Tin-kei, Joshua Wong, Nathan Law, Alex Chow, and etc., and pro-democracy legislator (incumbent) Hon. Tanya Chan (on trial)



**Treaty ends 2047**