

# **Social Justice Watch 0926**

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“You guys” is  
not gender  
neutral



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Ozzy Etomi  
@ozzyetomi

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Today alone on the news:

- Women in Afghanistan have finally been granted the right to be included on their children's birth certificate.
- Married women in Botswana finally gained the right to own land.

Today. In 2020.

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WOMEN IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH WOMEN ARE IN THE DUAL POSITION OF BEING BOTH INFANTILIZED AND SEXUALIZED BY SOCIETY.

STOP BEING CUTE AND  
START MAKING OUT SO  
I CAN FILE IT AWAY IN  
MY SPANK BANK.



LITTLE  
PUNK

MEN IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MEN ARE HYPERSEXUALIZED TO THE POINT WHERE THEIR MERE EXISTENCE IS DEEMED "INAPPROPRIATE."

MUST YOU DO THAT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN?!

...HOLD HANDS?



AND MEN & WOMEN IN RELATIONSHIPS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE "NATURAL ORDER" AND REPRODUCE.





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Bree Newsome Bass ✅  
@BreeNewsome

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I still blame the political establishment for telling ppl their vote was the extent of their power, pitting protest against civic engagement & pushing a false narrative that all we had to do was vote to secure our needs. 1/

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Bree Newsome Bass ✅ @BreeNe... · 3h ▼  
Replying to @BreeNewsome

The result is many people either thinking that all they have to do is vote or that voting doesn't matter at all. It has done so much damage to our ability to organize effectively and build organized political power in the post-civil rights era. 2/2



Bree Newsome Bass ✅  
@BreeNewsome

The purpose of having massive voter turnout is to make it harder for Trump to complete his coup. It is by no means a fullproof firewall. Republicans are already laying groundwork for delegitimizing the results & relying on Supreme Court & his crazed followers to nullify the vote.

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@BreeNewsome

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Instead of tweeting at me that voting doesn't matter and that I'm being hyperbolic about the threat of Trump, please just focus on organizing whatever your alternative plan is for life under a Trump dictatorship.

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@OTHER\_COLLECTIVE

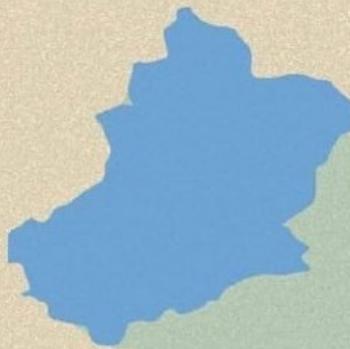


Disney's "Mulan" was **shot near at least 10 internment camps** and five prisons in China's Xinjiang Autonomous Region, prompting Uyghur activists to call for a worldwide ban on "Disney's propaganda movie."

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"By filming the movie in Turpan, East Turkestan, where there are possibly hundreds of thousands of Uyghurs being detained in concentration camps and prisons, Disney is not only helping promote Chinese government propaganda, but it is also helping the CCP whitewash the genocide faced by Uyghurs and demonizing the Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples of East Turkestan as 'barbarians' and as enemies of China and the Chinese people."

- *President of the East Turkestan National Awakening Movement (ETNAM), Salih Hudayar*



The Chinese government is believed to have detained up to a million Uyghurs over the past few years in what the state defines as "re-education camps" (BBC).

**The fate of about one million people is unknown.**

China has intensified its campaign of mass internment, intrusive surveillance, political indoctrination, and forced cultural assimilation against the region's Uyghurs, Kazakhs, and other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups (AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL).



## WHO ARE THE UYGHURS?

- Mostly Turkic-speaking minority ethnic group
- Regard themselves as culturally and ethnically close to Central Asian nations (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan)
- Many still identify their homeland by its previous name East Turkestan
- 11 million live in Xinjiang, China
- Islam is an important part of their life and identity

# XINJIANG & CHINA

- **1949:** East Turkestan state enjoys short-lived independence and is soon declared part of Communist China
- **1990s:** Open support for separatist groups after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the emergence of independent Muslim states in Central Asia
  - Demonstrations were suppressed by Beijing, and activists went underground
- **2013 & 2014:** China claims that “extremist views” from Uyghurs threaten national security
- **2017:** Xinjiang government demolishes mosques and bans the display of important Islamic cultural symbols such as beards for men and veils for women
  - One million Uyghurs interned in at least 85 identified camps
- **2020:** China initially denies that camps existed. After images surface online, with watch towers and wire fences, the Chinese government call them “re-education camps” for Uyghurs.
  - Nearly **eight million people** out of a population of 22 million could have been through the program (BBC).

## HOW ARE THE “RE-EDUCATION CAMPS” VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS?

- Inside the camps, detainees are subjected to political indoctrination, forced to renounce their religion and culture and, in some instances, reportedly subjected to torture.
- Inter-ethnic marriages are being actively promoted to slowly diminish Uyghurs, with cash and other material inducements offered to Han men who take a Uyghur bride.
- The state regularly subjects minority women to pregnancy checks and forces intrauterine devices, sterilization, and abortion on hundreds of thousands. (AP)
- The children of the Uyghurs living in detention camps have been separated from their families; nearly a half million children have been placed in boarding schools. The schools are also designed to assimilate and indoctrinate children at an early age, away from the influence of their families. (NYT)

# UYGHURS AREN'T JUST FACING CONCENTRATION CAMPS, BUT ALSO FORCED LABOR

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- 1 **80,000 Uyghurs were transferred** out of East Turkestan to work in factories across China between 2017 and 2019. These factories are far away from their homes; they typically live in segregated dormitories.
- 2 Uyghur workers undergo organized Mandarin and ideological training outside working hours. They are subject to constant surveillance, are forbidden from participating in religious observances, and have limited freedom of movement.
- 3 Australian Strategic Policy Institute's research has identified **82 foreign and Chinese companies directly or indirectly benefiting** from the use of Uyghur workers outside East Turkestan through **potentially abusive labor transfer programs**.

# WHY IS CHINA TARGETING MUSLIM UYGHURS?

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**The Chinese government characterizes any expression of Islam in East Turkestan as extremist, a reaction to past Uyghur independence movements.**

The government has often blamed terrorist attacks on the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, a separatist group founded by Uyghurs seeking independence. Following the 9/11 attacks, the Chinese government started justifying its actions toward Uyghurs as part of the Global War on Terrorism.

The threat of East Turkestan's independence would mean China losing its largest natural gas-producing region, as well as major oil reserves.

East Turkestan is an important link in China's Belt and Road Initiative, a massive development plan stretching through Asia and Europe. China considers separatist movements as a threat to its development.

# INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

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The UN human rights chief and other UN officials have demanded access to the camps. The European Union has called on China to respect religious freedom and change its policies. Other human rights organizations have urged China to immediately shut down the camps and release information about disappeared Uyghurs.

Muslim-majority nations such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are notably silent. The U.S. announced it is blocking imports from some companies in the East Turkestan region of China due to the suspected usage of forced labor of the Uyghur Muslim population detained in the province.

Donate to Uyghur Muslim refugees who have fled to Turkey.

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## HOW CAN WE HELP?

- 1 Support advocacy groups** such as Uyghur Human Rights Project and World Uyghur Congress by following @uyghurprojectig, @uyghurcongress, @freeuyghurnow
- 2 Spread awareness** by sharing and speaking up about this issue with friends, relatives, and large groups.
- 3 Be aware of brands using forced Uighur forced labor**, which include Abercrombie & Fitch, Adidas, Amazon, Calvin Klein, Gap, H&M, Marks & Spencer, Nike, Patagonia, Tommy Hilfiger, Victoria's Secret, and Zara.

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Sojourner Truth (1797-1883), the daughter of enslaved Africans from Ghana and Guinea, was born into slavery in New York State where she grew up speaking Dutch.

By the time Truth escaped slavery, she had been beaten daily by one of her enslavers, denied her first love and forced to marry and bear the children of an older man by another, raped by her last enslaver (resulting in the birth of her second child), witnessed the death of her firstborn, and changed ownership four different times.

In 1826 she escaped to freedom with her infant daughter Sophia, just a year

before New York State finally abolished slavery, a legislative process that had begun 28 long years earlier. After New York's Emancipation Act went through, Truth learned that her five-year-old son (who, along with her other older children, she had been forced to leave behind) was illegally sold and taken to Alabama.

She successfully fought for her son in court, making her the first Black woman to win a legal case against a white man. [source](#)

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