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China : "L. N."

Women's Rights Activist

L.N. is in her early 20s, and is outgoing and charismatic. She lives in a major metropolitan area in **mainland China**, and is a recent college graduate with many social connections; fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin, and proficient in English.

L. N. is a key member of an active **women's rights group** in China that has gained national and international media attention for some of its activities. She is committed to activism aimed at **promoting the social and cultural change** necessary to bring about **equal rights for women in China**.

She has come **under pressure** to get married. Her resistance to this pressure found expression in several videos that she co-produced with her group and posted on WeChat. These **videos were widely shared** and led to a larger conversation throughout social media on the topic of women's place in Chinese society. This attention has caused L.N., as well as members of the rights group, to come under **closer scrutiny** by the authorities.

Goals

Ongoing ability to speak freely and **advocate** for women's rights

Maintaining **social connections** with network of fellow activists

Finding **secure communication tools** that work reliably to share with networks

#securecomms #networking

Threats

Not Free

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Activism brings constant and sophisticated surveillance, and can lead to restrictions on freedom of movement and association, including loss of employment and **imprisonment**.

Digital devices are often confiscated with sensitive data, media, and private personal networks exposed.

Social isolation and related depression stem from an inability to communicate privately, and a real fear that friends and family will also be targeted.

#surveillance #seizure #censorship
#imprisonment



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Strengths

Highly trained on digital security tools and techniques.

Conducts highly sophisticated, thoughtful **analysis of threats and choice of tools**.

Incredibly savvy on **operational security** and maintains separate mobile devices for regular activities for secure conversations

Questions

How do I communicate with individuals not already on secure communication channels?

Are there secure tools that **do not require VPN** to access?

How can I **collaborate** securely with inner circle?

How can I protect my data - on my phone and my computer - against **confiscation**?