



Chinese Politics

AHS Capstone Presentation

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[Outline]

- Why a course capstone?
- What was it like?
- Who cares?
- Trivia party
- Papers
- Conclusions
- Questions



[A Course? Of Course.]

- Unwieldy concentration
- Capstone Prep Course
 - No compelling ideas!
- Offering at Wellesley: “Advanced Topics in Chinese Politics”
- Structure/freedom blend
- Excellent choice for me

[What was it like?]

- Respected China scholar teaching
- Small, upper level course
 - Qualified, interested students
- Professor for guidance
- Current events, weekly assignments

[No Really, Who Cares?]

- Deficiency in knowledge
- Rising global power
- Business dealings
- Fascinating sub-plots

[Pop Quiz!]

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- Hu Jintao
(also General Secretary of the Communist Party of China)



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- Private property (at least for the very rich)

[Fill in the Blank]

- Lawyers : USA :: _____ : China

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[Technocratic Leadership]

- Engineers in charge
- No antisocial stereotype
- Economic basis for power
- How will they fare in the future?

[Legal System]

- Work in progress
- Players in the system
- CCP members above law
- “Rule of Law” vs. “Rule by Law”

[In Conclusion...]

- China: a rapidly changing nation
 - Economically
 - Socially
- Growing pains
- Look out for
 - More “normal” behavior

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