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Why Is YouTube Hiring So Many Software Engineers With Ties to Communist China?

YouTube, which this week announced that it will <u>delete videos</u> discussing voter fraud in the 2020 election, employs software engineers linked to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Of course, the oppressive Chinese regime is an old hand at Internet censorship, having erected its infamous Great Firewall for that purpose.

The <u>presence at the company</u> of a number of software engineers who have formerly worked for CCP-run institutions raises concerns about China's influence on a major American platform and, by extension, on American elections.



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One software engineer who has worked at YouTube since May of 2019, Tai Jinjiang, formerly worked as a project manager for Guanghzou Shian Technology.

According to Jinjiang's <u>LinkedIn page</u>, his work for the China-based firm involved playing a "major role in successful PLA certification of ShiAn terminal by Ministry of Public Security, State Secrecy Bureau, and IT Evaluation Center."

PLA appears to refer to the People's Liberation Army, meaning the YouTube employee led software efforts on behalf of China's military and other government-led intelligence bodies. He even "garnered numerous staff awards for excellent performance."

Then there's Xiao Chen. Listed <u>on LinkedIn</u> as a software engineer at YouTube since November of 2020, he previously served as a Research Assistant at Sun Yat-Sen University.

The National Pulse reports:

The university – which recently dispatched a researcher to the U.S. who pleaded guilty to lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) over ties to China – has also seen its Supercomputing Center on the U.S. government's entity list since 2015 – a "list of people and companies the U.S. government deems a national security risk."

Still another software engineer, <u>Xifei Huang</u>, has worked at YouTube since February 2014, despite having previously worked as a developer for Beijing-based Peking University. The university has seen its researchers sentenced by the FBI for theft of intellectual property and failing to disclose Chinese Communist Party ties. It is <u>controlled</u> by the CCP.

Moreover, Peking University counts former and current party apparatchiks among its leadership. Its leader is a former head of the Beijing branch of China's spy agency.

Fan Yang, who has worked as a YouTube software engineer since April 2017, interned for China



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Telecom, labeled by the U.S. Department of Defense as collaborating with the Chinese military for over two decades.

Later in his career, Yang worked as a research assistant at Fudan University, which recently cut "freedom of thought" from its charter at the demand of the Chinese Communist Party. During his time at Fudan, five Chinese military-linked hackers based out of the university were indicted for stealing American secrets.

As the National Pulse notes:

The unearthed ties cast YouTube's decision to ban all content disputing a victory for Joe Biden – the Chinese Communist Party's preferred candidate – in an interesting light. It similarly calls into question reports of YouTube automatically deleting Chinese-language phrases critical of the Chinese Communist Party, which the platformer attributed to "an error in our enforcement systems."

Facebook and Twitter also have a record of hiring individuals with CCP ties.

For its part, Facebook <u>hired at least six</u> Chinese nationals to help with improving its censorship algorithms on its Hate Speech Engineering team. At least one of the six employees worked in the past for the state-backed Chinese telecommunications firm Huawei. News of those hires came as Facebook was actively suppressing content about Hunter Biden's laptop, on which were found emails tying his father, former vice president Joe Biden, to his business foreign business dealings.

Twitter earlier this year <u>appointed</u> Dr. Fei-Fei Li, a Stanford Professor and former Google Vice President linked with CCP projects, to the company's board as an "independent advisor." Dr. Fei-Fei has been <u>described</u> as one of "the Google scientists who led the company's efforts to build its China AI operations"

It's now clear that there is a symbiotic relationship not only between the Democrat Party and Big Tech, but also with the communist Chinese government as well. The three entities are supporting each other. Big Tech churns out the pro-Democrat and pro-China propaganda (while censoring content critical of them); the Democrat Party creates the policy favorable to its two partners in crime; and the CCP provides the cash to keep it all running.

President Trump was right to call Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act a <u>threat to</u> <u>national security</u>. The Silicon Valley cartel must be defanged immediately, before America's enemies abroad gain total control over our government and information channels.



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