

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Leads bipartisan effort to highlight CCP's 100 years of human rights abuses

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – In advance of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) centenary celebration on July 1, 2021, Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today introduced a bipartisan resolution highlighting the CCP's 100 years of human rights abuses against its own people. The resolution, co-sponsored by Reps. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), Michael McCaul (R-TX), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Jared Golden (D-ME), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), includes dozens of abuses dating back to 1930.

“For the last century, the Chinese Communist Party has repeatedly violated basic human rights and brutalized its own citizens,” said Rep. Gallagher. “The story of the Party is one of repression, torture, mass imprisonment, and genocide. This centenary is not a cause for celebration—it is a time to reflect upon the egregious acts the Party has committed and honor the tens of millions of victims who suffered under the Party’s cruel regime.”

“The Chinese Communist Party wantonly harass, coerce, and at times kill dissenters within their own country and throughout the world. The United States, as a defender of democracy, must condemn these atrocities and recognize Chinese attempts to censor and manipulate free speech. Their embrace of brutal suppression is a threat to global freedoms and must be stopped,” said Rep. Gallego.

“Throughout its hundred-year history, the Chinese Communist Party has used brutal Marxist doctrine to suppress individual liberty and drive unspeakable human rights atrocities. As they use the 100th anniversary to legitimize their malign actions, it is more important than ever to be clear-eyed about the true nature of the CCP, which is the greatest threat to the foundation of democracy of our generation,” said Rep. McCaul.

“There’s no question that China must be held accountable for its grave human rights violations and failures to abide by international norms and standards. That’s why the United States must continue to work with our allies and partners to highlight China’s ongoing, egregious abuses in Xinjiang and crackdown in Hong Kong, as well as mobilize the international community to prevail on China to alter its behavior. Issues with the CCP do not end here though — China continues to be responsible for stealing American intellectual property and the Chinese government cannot be fully trusted to come forth with accurate information about the origins of the outbreak of COVID-19. I am proud to support bipartisan efforts in Congress to address the full range of challenges posed by China under the CCP, including threats to the universal values of freedom and human rights,” said Rep. Gottheimer.

“Over the last century, the world has witnessed the horrific human rights abuses committed by the Chinese Communist Party,” said Congresswoman Stefanik. “From the millions of Chinese killed under the reign of Mao Zedong, to today’s genocide of Uyghur minorities by Xi Jinping’s regime, crimes against humanity and the violation of basic human dignity are built into the DNA of the Chinese Communist Party. As the CCP approaches its 100th anniversary, the free world must hold them accountable for their history of horrific human rights abuses and support the Chinese people who are in pursuit of freedom and liberty.”

“As we have seen from COVID-19, the Chinese Communist Party has consistently, intentionally, and maliciously misled the rest of the world about its true objectives and intentions. This centenary gives us the somber opportunity to reflect upon the tragedies and human rights abuses that the Chinese Communist Party has inflicted upon the Chinese people and other nations. We must urgently hold the oppressive CCP accountable,” said Rep. Fitzpatrick.

Some of the abuses highlighted in the resolution include:

- The Chinese Communist Party's massive land reform movement campaign, in which Mao Zedong claimed to have beaten and murdered as many as 2 to 3 million landlords and others deemed to be of the "bourgeoisie."
- Mao Zedong's "Great Leap Forward," which collectivized Chinese agriculture and resulted in a catastrophic famine that killed as many as 20 to 40 million citizens — one of the worst man-made catastrophes in history.
- Mao Zedong's cultural revolution, which saw the arbitrary arrest, torture, and execution of an estimated 1 to 35 million citizens.
- The butchering of students and protestors demanding greater freedoms in the Tiananmen Square Massacre in the spring of 1989.
- The grotesque human rights abuses against Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities in Xinjiang, where over one million Uyghurs have been refined to concentration camps and forced to give up their religious and cultural practices.

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