# Media of the People's Republic of China / China should stop imprisoning journalists

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### Position: China should stop imprisoning journalists

This position addresses the topic Media of the People's Republic of China.

#### For this position

"If Beijing is so quick to turn on a life-long friend, perhaps these more recent allies might usefully reflect on the following question: How long will they last once -- like so many before them -- they outlive their usefulness to the Communist leadership?"

From China Jails a Friend, by The Wall Street Journal editorial board (*The Wall Street Journal*, September 1, 2006) (view)

"China should be ashamed of this abuse of its legal system and of the mistreatment of Mr. Zhao. There is no face to be saved so long as his conviction stands."

From Of Shame and Face, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, August 27, 2006) (view)

"Invariably, it is a tacit admission of vulnerability by basically insecure regimes, which fear that if their citizens were told the truth, their own grip on power would be weakened. Such defensiveness ill serves China's aspirations to be respected worldwide as an emerging superpower."

From China needs its press, by Financial Times editorial board (*Financial Times*, August 21, 2006) (view)

"Mr. Li's case reminds us that the placid surface of a society kept under surveillance by the thought police hardly means that resentment of China's one party system has disappeared. It should also reassure Americans that in the world's tyrannies the U.S. remains a beacon of freedom."

From An American in Spirit, by The Wall Street Journal editorial board (*The Wall Street Journal*, August 10, 2006) (view)

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