

WANG Youcai

	m	d	y
official offense: subversion	detained: 11	/ 02	/ 1998
sentence: prison, 11 years, deprivation of political rights 3 years	arrested: 11	/ 30	/ 1998
birthdate: 1966	indicted: 12	/ 05	/ 1998
occupation: physicist	trial date: 12	/ 17	/ 1998
residence: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province	sentenced: 12	/ 21	/ 1998

Wang Youcai is considered by many to have originated the idea for a formal opposition party. In 1991, he was sentenced to four years in prison for his involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy movement. As No.15 on the government's "twenty-one most-wanted students" list in 1989, Wang served part of a four-year sentence before being released on parole. A physics graduate, he then went to work at a telecom equipment company. After the establishment of the CDP in June 1998, Wang was detained for almost two months. During a short spell of freedom he had his appendix removed because he expected to go to prison for a longer period.

HAN Lifa

	m	d	y
official offense: soliciting prostitutes	detained: 10	/ 23	/ 1998
sentence: 2 years administrative detention	arrested:	/ /	
birthdate:	indicted:	/ /	
occupation: worker, mechanic	trial date:	/ /	
residence: Shanghai	sentenced: 07	/ 23	/ 1999

Han Lifa, a motorcycle mechanic, was one of the five signatories of the document establishing the CDP Shanghai Preparatory Committee. Originally detained in October 1998, six months after completing a three-year term, he was first administratively sentenced to a nine-month term. However, his sentence was extended for an additional two years for attempting a hunger strike while in custody. Before his detention, Han held a weekly human rights study group at a Shanghai teahouse on issues such as human rights treaties.

DAI Xuezhong

	m	d	y
official offense: deliberate injury	detained: 02	/ 01	/ 1999
sentence: prison, 3 years	arrested: 09	/ /	/ 1999
birthdate:	indicted:	/ /	
occupation: store owner	trial date: 01	/ 24	/ 2000
residence: Shanghai	sentenced: 01	/ 24	/ 2000

Dai Xuezhong, a Shanghai CDP member, was sentenced on alleged assault charges, widely believed to be bogus, stemming from either a shoving match between Dai and a fellow worker or a knife attack. Dai became politically active during the 1989 pro-democracy movement and was sentenced to three years in prison as a result. He was detained again during the 1994 visit of then U.S. Assistant Secretary for Human Rights John Shattuck. After his release, he took part in a democracy salon that met in a park in Shanghai, and he worked to help victims of the 1989 crackdown. He was also a member of the illegal Shanghai Human Rights Association.

LI Guotao

	m	d	y
official offense: disrupting the social order	detained: 06	/ 13	/ 2000
sentence: 3 years administrative detention	arrested:	/ /	
birthdate: 1958	indicted:	/ /	
occupation: computer technician	trial date:	/ /	
residence: Shanghai	sentenced: 07	/ 04	/ 2000

Li Guotao, one of the five signatories of the CDP Shanghai Preparatory Committee founding document, was found guilty of "disturbing the social order" for appealing on behalf of Dai Xuewu who was arrested in March on charges of stealing mobile phones. Li has been detained many times including once in March 1994 for signing the "Blueprint for Democratization" when he was president of the unofficial Shanghai Human Rights Association. He served a two-year term for involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy movement.

WU Yilong

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 11 years
birthdate: 1969
occupation: student
residence: Shanghai

	m	d	y
detained:	04	/ 26	/ 1999
arrested:	/	/	
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	10	/ 25	/ 1999
sentenced:	11	/ 09	/ 1999

Wu Yilong was one of the prime movers behind the CDP Zhejiang Preparatory Committee. After its establishment, he traveled around China in a successful effort to organize the party nationwide. In January 1999, Wu was expelled, three days before graduation, from Zhejiang University where he was a graduate student in the literature department. In addition, Wu was the author of the CDP's Guidelines for Activities, a four-page document he reportedly wrote while in detention.

ZHU Zhengming

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 10 years
birthdate: 1962
occupation: engineer
residence: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

	m	d	y
detained:	07	/ 10	/ 1998
arrested:	/	/	
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	03	/ 17	/ 2000
sentenced:	04	/ 29	/ 2000

Zhu Zhengming took part in the drafting of the CDP founding documents and on November 8, 1998 was elected as the person responsible for the CDP Zhejiang preparatory committee's Permanent Work Group and as a member of the National Preparatory Committee. A veteran activist, Zhu gave speeches in Tiananmen Square during the 1989 pro-democracy movement and wrote the "ten proposals for political action" for student leaders in the Square. In 1995, Zhu began writing a book, *Political Democracy*, which no publishing house dared to print.

ZHU Yufu

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 7 years
birthdate:
occupation:
residence: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

	m	d	y
detained:	05	/	/ 1999
arrested:	/	/	
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	10	/ 25	/ 1999
sentenced:	11	/ 09	/ 1999

Zhu Yufu was first detained in connection with CDP activities in mid-December 1998 just before the first trials of party members. Among other endeavors, he had helped distribute the CDP's "Open Proclamation," the party's founding document. Zhu is a veteran dissident, active first during the Democracy Wall period (1979-81) as editor of the Hangzhou magazine *Qian Jiang Hu*. His activities during the 1989 pro-democracy movement earned him two months in detention.

GAO Hongming

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 8 years, deprivation of political rights 2 years
birthdate: 1950
occupation: cadre
residence: Beijing

	m	d	y
detained:	06	/ 29	/ 1999
arrested:	06	/ 30	/ 1999
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	/	/	
sentenced:	08	/ 02	/ 1999

Gao Hongming, a former government employee, helped Xu Wenli organize the CDP Beijing-Tianjin branch and became one of its two vice-chairmen together with Zha Jianguo. After Xu's arrest in November 1998 he took over the branch leadership but faced increased harassment culminating in his own detention in June 1999. Gao's other activities included an attempt to set up an independent labor union in 1999 and repeated attempts to have the Chinese government re-evaluate the June 1989 pro-democracy movement.

LIU Shizun

official offense: subversion	m	d	y
	detained:	/	/1999
sentence: prison, 6 years	arrested:	12 / 17	/1999
birthdate: 1962	indicted:	/	/
occupation:	trial date:	/	/
residence: Dalian, Liaoning Province	sentenced:	02 /	/2000

Liu Shizun, who assisted Xu Wenli in setting up the Beijing-Tianjin branch of the CDP, became its secretary-general after Xu and other branch leaders were detained between November 1998 and June 1999. Liu was detained in September 1999 and sentenced in February 2000.

ZHA Jianguo

official offense: subversion	m	d	y
	detained:	06 / 29	/1999
sentence: prison, 9 years, deprivation of political rights 2 years	arrested:	06 / 30	/1999
birthdate:	indicted:	07 / 05	/1999
occupation:	trial date:	/	/
residence: Beijing	sentenced:	08 / 02	/1999

Zha Jianguo, one of two deputy chairmen of the Beijing-Tianjin branch of the CDP found himself with increased responsibilities after Xu Wenli's arrest in November 1998. The two deputies, together with Gao Hongming, approved the adoption of a revised CDP constitution. In the indictment of Xu and Gao, the two men are accused of setting up the "CDP United General Headquarters" February 1999, which had as its goal the unification of all CDP preparatory committees.

XIAO Shichang

official offense: subversion	m	d	y
	detained:	09 / 01	/1999
sentence: prison, 5.5 years	arrested:	/	/
birthdate: 1955	indicted:	/	/
occupation:	trial date:	/	/
residence: Wuhan, Hubei Province	sentenced:	07 / 07	/2000

Xiao Shichang, branch manager of the CDP Hubei branch, was tried and sentenced together with Chen Zhonghe, its chairman. Both men, employees of the Wuhan Iron and Steel Plant, were active in the failed attempt to organize a national CDP congress scheduled to take place in Wuhan in March 1999. Shortly after Chen's and Xiao's detention, their immediate family members fled to Thailand.

WANG Yingzheng

official offense: subversion	m	d	y
	detained:	02 / 26	/1999
sentence: prison, 3 years	arrested:	03 / 30	/1999
birthdate: 1981	indicted:	/	/
occupation:	trial date:	/	/
residence: Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province	sentenced:	12 / 10	/1999

Wang Yingzheng, the youngest person sentenced in connection with CDP activities, was detained while photocopying an article he wrote which argued that corruption cannot be rooted out unless opposition parties are permitted. After graduating from high school, Wang helped Qin Yongmin set up the Hunan branch of the CDP.

MAO Qingxiang

official offense: subversion

sentence: prison, 8 years

birthdate:

occupation:

residence: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

	m	d	y
detained:	06	/ 26	/ 1999
arrested:	/	/	
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	10	/ 25	/ 1999
sentenced:	11	/ 09	/ 1999

Mao Qingxiang, a key member of the CDP Zhejiang Preparatory Committee, has been active as a dissident since the Democracy Wall period (1979-81). His involvement in underground publishing at the time resulted in a two-year sentence. After the founding of the CDP committee in Zhejiang, Mao was repeatedly detained for brief periods before finally receiving an eight-year term on November 9, 1999.

TONG Shidong

official offense: subversion

sentence: prison, 10 years

birthdate: 1934

occupation: assistant professor (retired)

residence: Changsha, Hunan Province

	m	d	y
detained:	06	/ 11	/ 1999
arrested:	06	/ 15	/ 1999
indicted:	07	/ 17	/ 1999
trial date:	11	/ 30	/ 1999
sentenced:	01	/ 03	/ 2000

Tong Shidong, the oldest imprisoned CDP member, organized the CDP Hunan University Preparatory Committee, the CDP's only on-campus organization. Assisting him was Peng Yuzhang, who had been active during the 1989 pro-democracy movement. Another CDP activist, Liao Shihua, helped Tong publish the magazine *Opposition Party*.

LIAO Shihua

official offense: subversion

sentence: prison, 6 years

birthdate: 1949

occupation: worker

residence: Changsha, Hunan Province

	m	d	y
detained:	06	/ 10	/ 1999
arrested:	/	/	/ 1999
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	11	/ 30	/ 1999
sentenced:	01	/ 03	/ 2000

Liao Shihua, a labor activist who organized workers to protest in front of government offices in Changsha, the capital of Hunan province, later joined the on-campus CDP Preparatory Committee set up by Professor Tong Shidong at Hunan University. Liao also help Professor Tong edit the magazine "Opposition Party" (*Zai ye dang*). In addition to the subversion charge, Liao was charged with disrupting traffic.

ZHANG Youju

official offense: subversion

sentence: prison, 4 years

birthdate:

occupation:

residence: Hebei Province

	m	d	y
detained:	/	/	
arrested:	11	/ 18	/ 1998
indicted:	/	/	
trial date:	/	/	
sentenced:	05	/ 27	/ 1999

Zhang Youju, a CDP member from Hebei, was arrested in November 1998 after placing a quantity of handbills in a passageway leading to Tiananmen Square and at the entrances to the China Textiles Industries Association and the Yuanyang International Forwarding Company in Beijing. The handbills called for reversing the official verdict on the Tiananmen incident, release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, compensation for the families of those killed, and release of their names.

LI Zhiyou

official offense: incitement to subvert state power
sentence: prison, 3 years
birthdate: 1969
occupation:
residence: Guilin, Guangxi Autonomous Region

m d y
detained: / /
arrested: 12 / 27 / 1998
indicted: / /
trial date: / /
sentenced: 05 / 30 / 1999

Li Zhiyou was arrested in Guilin in December 1998 after traveling to Zhejiang province to protest the trial of CDP founder Wang Youcai. Li had posted slogans such as "There are no human rights under the leadership of the Communist Party" and "The police are bandits" in parks, on department store toilets, and on public notice boards.

CHEN Zhonghe

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 7 years
birthdate: 1948
occupation:
residence: Wuhan, Hubei Province

m d y
detained: 08 / / 1999
arrested: / /
indicted: / /
trial date: / /
sentenced: 07 / 07 / 2000

Chen Zhonghe, chairman of the CDP Hubei branch, was tried and sentenced together with Xiao Shichang, the branch manager. Both men, employees of the Wuhan Iron and Steel Plant, were active in the failed attempt to organize a national CDP congress scheduled to take place in Wuhan in March 1999. Shortly after Chen's and Xiao's detention, their immediate family members fled to Thailand

LIU Xianbin

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 13 years, deprivation of political rights 3 years
birthdate: 1968
occupation:
residence: Suining, Sichuan Province

m d y
detained: 07 / 07 / 1999
arrested: 07 / 14 / 1999
indicted: / /
trial date: / /
sentenced: 08 / 06 / 1999

Liu Xianbin, a key CDP organizer who helped set up the party's Sichuan branch, was active as a member of a coordination and liaison group attempting to secure Xu Wenli's release. Between 1991 and 1993, he served two and a half years in prison for his support of the 1989 pro-democracy movement. Activities then included helping publish the journal *Democracy Forum*. Formerly a student in the personnel management department at People's University, Liu was expelled at the time of his first arrest.

QIN Yongmin

official offense: subversion
sentence: prison, 12 years, deprivation of political rights 3 years
birthdate: 1953
occupation: worker
residence: Wuhan, Hubei Province

m d y
detained: 11 / 30 / 1998
arrested: 12 / 01 / 1998
indicted: / /
trial date: 12 / 17 / 1998
sentenced: 12 / 22 / 1998

Qin Yongmin, an activist since the 1979-81 Democracy Wall period, was a key figure in the formation of the CDP, particularly in the Wuhan area where he lived. He was among the first to be sentenced for CDP activities. Qin served an earlier eight-year sentence, beginning in 1981, in part for establishing the April Fifth Society, a political debating group. After his release, Qin took part in the Peace Charter Movement which resulted in two years of administrative detention beginning in 1994.

XU Wenli

	m	d	y
official offense: subversion	detained: 11	/ 30	/ 1998
sentence: prison, 13 years, deprivation of political rights 3 years	arrested: 12	/ 02	/ 1998
birthdate: 1943	indicted: 12	/ 09	/ 1998
occupation: electrician; editor	trial date: 12	/ 21	/ 1998
residence: Beijing	sentenced: 12	/ 21	/ 1998

Xu Wenli is a veteran dissident, active since the 1979 Democracy Wall period when he helped organize the journal *April Fifth Forum* and wrote "big character" posters. In 1981, he was sentenced to fifteen years in prison for "organizing a clique to overthrow the government." After his release in 1993, three years early, he continued to air criticism of the government. Initially uninterested in the CDP, he became involved in an attempt to lift the organization to a nationwide level.

SHE Wanbao

	m	d	y
official offense: subversion	detained: 07	/ 07	/ 1999
sentence: prison, 12 years	arrested: 07	/ 10	/ 1999
birthdate:	indicted: /	/	
occupation:	trial date: /	/	
residence: Guangyuan, Sichuan Province	sentenced: 08	/ 04	/ 1999

She Wanbao helped coordinate CDP activities nationwide after three of the party's leading figures were sentenced in December 1998. His dissident activities, which earned him a three-year sentence, go back to the 1989 pro-democracy movement. They included organizing resistance to the crackdown and writing about it in essays which were published in Hong Kong. Formerly employed in the banking sector as deputy head of a branch and director of a trust association, She Wanbao became a private entrepreneur after his release.

XU Guang

	m	d	y
official offense: subversion	detained: 06	/ 25	/ 1999
sentence: prison, 5 years	arrested: /	/	
birthdate:	indicted: /	/	
occupation:	trial date: 10	/ 25	/ 1999
residence: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province	sentenced: 11	/ 09	/ 1999

Xu Guang, a core member of the CDP Hangzhou Preparatory Committee, was sentenced during the third wave of repression against the party

LIU Jin

	m	d	y
official offense: subversion	detained: 06	/	/ 1999
sentence: prison, 3 years	arrested: 06	/ 08	/ 1999
birthdate:	indicted: /	/	
occupation:	trial date: 08	/ 17	/ 1999
residence: Zhangjiakou, Hebei Province	sentenced: 09	/ 29	/ 1999

Liu Jin and Yu Dengqiang, charged with subversion, were sentenced respectively to three- and four-year prison terms just two days before the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Both men were members of the Hebei branch of the CDP.

YU Dengqiang

official offense: subversion

sentence: prison, 4 years

birthdate: 1967

occupation:

residence: Zhangjiakou, Hebei Province

m d y
detained: 06 / / 1999

arrested: 06 / 08 / 1999

indicted: / /

trial date: 08 / 17 / 1999

sentenced: 09 / 29 / 1999

Yu Dengqiang and Liu Jin, charged with subversion, were sentenced respectively to four- and three-year prison terms just two days before the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Both men were members of the Hebei branch of the CDP.

XU Wanping

official offense: disrupting the social order

sentence: 3 years administrative detention

birthdate: 1962

occupation:

residence: Chongqing

m d y
detained: 10 / / 1998

arrested: / /

indicted: / /

trial date: / /

sentenced: 12 / / 1998

Xu Wanping is believed to have been the first participant in the movement to register the CDP to have been sentenced to a prison term. A Chongqing-based dissident, he was sentenced in December 1998 some weeks before the court announced the verdicts for Xu Wenli, Qin Yongmin, and Wang Youcai.