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The Asian American Friendship Congress (AAFC) is an organization dedicated to **struggling against racism and negative perception of Asian peoples**. We recognize that the prejudice experienced by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) is exacerbated by the **corporate elites to create a wedge between working AAPI people and the rest of the American population**.

We aim to educate the American people on AAPI history in order to **demystify prejudices, stereotypes, and negative perceptions of the AAPI community**.

We also hope to foster closer bonds between the American people and the nations of East Asia and Southeast Asia.

The AAFC seeks to normalize relations with these emerging Asian economies, including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China.

The AAFC also seeks to promote and preserve the diverse cultures which Asian immigrants have brought to our shores. These rich cultural aspects include cuisine, music, art, and languages.

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Shen Yun, The Epoch Times and the Falun Gong Cult

by **V. Saumya**



“Master” Li Hongzhi: Founder and leader of cult Falun Gong

The Falun Gong is a far-right religious cult that romanticizes China’s “Century of Humiliation” where China was doubly oppressed by both feudal lords and foreign colonial powers such as the western powers, Imperial Japan and Tsarist Russia. The ideology they spread is racist, misogynist, anti-LGBT, skeptical of modern medicine, and generally reactionary. They operate several organizations, including the dance troupe Shen Yun.

The Shen Yun dance troupe has a track record of subjecting their dancers to horrible abuses. Dancers are barely paid, physically and mentally abused, and recruited at a very young age to ensure complacency. ¹While the Shen Yun performances are their most recognizable form of propaganda, their disinformation reaches beyond the theatre as well.

Falun Gong runs the Epoch Times newspaper which promotes far-right conspiracy theories such as anti-vaccine misinformation. They have spread falsehoods about human rights abuses while undermining real cases of abuse in the world. For instance, they claim the Chinese government is harvesting organs, a claim which is completely unsubstantiated.



Epoch Times, newspaper of Falun Gong, pushes propaganda that the Chinese government created COVID.

A report by NBC News revealed the cult as the second-largest funder of pro-Trump Facebook advertising after the Trump campaign itself.² For a group that has its base largely in Asian communities, it’s very telling of their sinister motivations in endorsing Trump, a political figure who promotes bigotry towards Asians.

In 2010, the U.S. State Department offered 1.5 million USD to a Falun Gong-related group promoting “internet freedom”. ³ Why would such a dangerous and untrustworthy group be granted huge funds? The U.S. State Department has outlined a detailed plan to provoke a war with China. By aiding the Falun Gong in spreading their hatred of modern-day China, they manipulate the public’s opinion of potentially waging a war against China. The cult’s activities threaten the rights and safety of Asian-Americans. Such a dangerous group should be defunded and held accountable.



Shen Yun, the famous dance show, acts as a revenue generator for far-right Falun Gong cult and spreads false idea that China was utopic before the 1949 Revolution.

China Is Not Our Enemy!



For years, the American people have been conditioned to view Peoples China as an enemy. From misinformation about the “Uyghur Genocide,” to blaming the COVID-19 Pandemic on a lab-leak in Wuhan, China, there is no shortage of anti-Chinese propaganda available in the United States today.

The reality is that the American government has targeted China not because of any human rights abuses or purported biological warfare. Instead, it intends to continue military escalations in the coming years in a desperate attempt to prevent the emergence of Peoples China as the new greatest world power.



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a speech during a welcome banquet jointly hosted by Washington State government and friendly communities in Seattle, the United States, Sept. 22, 2015.[Photo/Xinhua]

It is not Peoples China which is the enemy of the American people. Rather, the US military-industrial complex is our greatest obstacle today. The \$800 billion a year which is spent on the US war machine is money that could better serve Americans when invested in education, healthcare, housing, and job creation.

Do not be fooled by the scapegoating of Peoples China. China is not our enemy. By working against the American war-for-profit machine, we can build a better world for us and our neighbors abroad.

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Nobel Peace Prize Winning Organization Representing Hiroshima Survivors Compares the Situation in Gaza to Japan 80 Years Ago

By Driss El-Hassan and Kenji Takahara



Toshiyuki Mimaki, the co-chair of Nihon Hidankyo, speaks at an event held in November at United Nations headquarters in New York of the second meeting of state parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. | JIJI

On October 11th, Chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee Jørgen Watne Frydnes announced the Nobel Peace Prize Award of 2024 was awarded to Nihon Hidankyo, also known as the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations.

Nihon Hidankyo is a peace organization that lobbies both the Japanese government and governments internationally in the interest of abolishing nuclear weapons on a global scale. Nihon Hidankyo represents over 170,000 hibakusha, a term referring to those who survived the atomic detonations over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Nihon Hidankyo was founded by hibakusha who were inspired by the Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, an organization founded as a response to a tuna-fishing boat and its crew being contaminated from radiation fallout from the US's Castle Bravo H-bomb test near Bikini Atoll in 1954.

Since 1956, Nihon Hidankyo has played an instrumental role throughout Japanese history as a voice for those hibakusha living both in and outside Japan. Today, Nihon Hidankyo represents the majority of organized hibakusha worldwide.

Tomiyuko Mimaki, the organization's representative, said at a press conference after the win that the awarding of the prize will give strength to the struggle for eternal peace. "Nuclear weapons should be completely abolished," he added.

Mimaki criticized the Israeli bombings on the Gaza Strip and emphasized, "the situation in Gaza now, like in Japan 80 years ago... Especially in places like Israel and Gaza, children are being covered in blood and living every day without food, having their schools destroyed, stations destroyed and bridges destroyed," he said, appearing to fight back tears. "The people are wishing for peace. But politicians insist on waging war, saying, 'We won't stop until we win.'"

The prize committee also noted that in recent years it seems that the taboo created around the use of atomic weapons is beginning to be undermined. The committee stated "the nuclear powers are renewing and upgrading their stockpiles of weapons, new countries are working to obtain nuclear capabilities, and others are threatening to use nuclear weapons in combat." Therefore, the work of an organization that emphasizes the importance of abolishing nuclear weapons worldwide is particularly important at this time, as it helps dissuade nuclear weapons usage and preserve our planet and its people.

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