

General Secretary Xi in His Own Words

General Secretary Xi Jinping's own speeches and statements reveal a Communist Party consumed by ideological and political control, technological superiority, state-direction of the economy, and export of authoritarianism.

1. Ideological and Political Control

“Perfect the Party leadership over the National People’s Congress, government, supervision organs, trial organs, inspection organs, armed forces, people groups, companies and institutions, grass roots organizations, and social groups.”

- October 31, 2019, Fourth Plenum Decision Document

“Party, government, military, society, education, east, west, south, north, and central, the Party leads everything.”

- October 25, 2017, 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China

“The Chinese Communist Party and Socialism are the foundation for our country’s governance. Our ideology...is absolutely not westernization or capitalism.”

- February 17, 2014, Seminar on the Third Plenary Session of the 18th Central Committee

2. Technological Superiority

“[China] must accelerate the advancement of domestically produced indigenous and controllable replacement plan and build a secure and controllable information technology system.”

- October 9, 2016, 36th Collective Study Session of the CCP Politburo

“[Countries] cannot always rely on others’ technological achievements to raise your own technology level, and absolutely cannot be a technological vassal for other countries”

- June 9, 2014, Meeting of the Two Academicians

“Internationally, without an advantage on core technology, one has no strength politically.”

- August 21, 2013, Report from the Ministry of Science and Technology

“High-end science and technology is a national weapon in modern times.”

- July 17, 2013, Inspection of the Chinese Academy of Sciences

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“Only by controlling core technology in one’s own hands, can one seize the initiative in competition and development, and absolutely guarantee national economic security, defense security.”

- March 4, 2013, 12th Meeting of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference

3. State-direction of the Economy

“We will work to see that state assets maintain and increase their value; we will support state capital in becoming stronger, doing better, and growing bigger.”

- October 25, 2017, 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China

“State-owned enterprises are an important force for expanding our comprehensive national strength...[we] must maintain our convictions [that SOEs] get stronger, better, and bigger.”

- July 4, 2016, Forum on Nation-wide State-owned Enterprise Reform

4. Export of Authoritarianism

“The Chinese nation, with an entirely new posture, now stands tall and firm in the East.”

- October 25, 2017, 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China

“Anyone attempting to split China in any part of the country will end in crushed bodies and shattered bones.”

- October 13, 2019, Meeting with Nepal’s Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli

“Non-governmental diplomacy should... guide foreign institutions and individuals to participate in China's modernization...We must...participate extensively in the activities of international non-governmental organizations, spread Chinese voices.”

- June 15, 2014, International Friendship Conference