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Update on Nationwide Campaign to Send Letter to AG Garland to End the "China Initiative"

APA Justice will accept all sign-ons to endorse the Stanford faculty letter at <https://bit.ly/EndorseStanfordLetter> before 11:59 pm PT, November 2, 2021. [A finalized letter](#) with all co-signers will be sent by certified mail to Attorney General Garland around noon ET on November 3, 2021.

At the release of this newsletter, the co-signers include **442** faculty members, scholars, and administrators from **159** universities and educational institutions across **40** states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. An additional [214 University of California Berkeley faculty members](#), [167 Temple University faculty members](#), and [198 Princeton University faculty members](#) have already endorsed their [177 colleagues at Stanford University](#), including 8 Nobel laureates, and sent in their letters to AG Garland. Another 224 persons have expressed their support via [Change.org](#).

We urge all qualified endorsers to take timely action and join this campaign. The APA Justice sign-on form will remain open until the "China Initiative" has ended. We will continue to collect the sign-ons and post the continuing progress at <https://bit.ly/319qbxn>. We are currently missing endorsers from these 10 states: Alaska, Arkansas, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Vermont.

APA Justice has created a [new web page](#) to consolidate reporting of efforts and developments to end the "China Initiative." It includes a list of growing in-depth studies and surveys that quantifies and confirms the disparity and profiling of Asian Americans in [Data and Information Sources](#). The Department of Justice has yet to provide the scope and boundary of the "China Initiative," the amount of federal resources and taxpayers' dollars spent, or how effective it has been in its purported purpose of combating economic espionage and trade secrets for the past three years.

Please send your comments and questions about this campaign to contact@apajustice.org.

Matt Olsen Confirmed to be Next Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division

On October 28, 2021, the Senate voted by a margin of [53-45 and 2 not-voting](#) to confirm Matthew G. Olsen to be the next Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division. A week earlier, Attorney General Merrick Garland committed in [a House hearing](#) that Olsen will lead a thorough review of the "China Initiative."

According to the [White House announcement](#) in May, Matt Olsen is chief trust and security officer at Uber, a lecturer at Harvard Law School and an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia School of Law. He spent nearly two decades at DOJ and held various positions, including the associate deputy attorney general and special counselor to the attorney general and executive director of the Guantanamo Review Task Force. He also served as general counsel for the National Security Agency and director of the National Counterterrorism Center during the Obama administration.

Week of Action by Advancing Justice | AAJC and OCA - November 1-5, 2021

During the week of November 1-5, 2021, Advancing Justice | AAJC and OCA will undertake a series of activities to end racial profiling of Asian Americans and Asian immigrants. This is how you can get involved:

- **Participate in virtual meetings with Congressional and Senate offices.** Join the visits to share the impact of racial profiling on your local community and your concerns about this issue. <https://forms.gle/NnPAhyzxYGpZPfWP9>
- **Attend webinar on the Movement to Combat Racial Profiling of Asian Americans: Where are we now?** On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, starting at 4:00pm ET, the webinar will start with a comprehensive overview of the anti-racial profiling movement and the current state of play, including the end of the U.S. Department of Commerce's security unit Investigations and Threat Management Service (ITMS) and the upcoming trial of Dr. Feng 'Franklin' Tao, the most recent case under the "China Initiative. It will be followed by a second panel looking into ways you can be involved. Register for the event here: <https://bit.ly/arppnov3>
- **Make use of readily available social media tool kits.** Help to lift up stories of Asian Americans and Asian immigrants impacted by racial profiling on social media during the Week of Action. <https://bit.ly/endracialprofiling>
- **Sign up and attend the trial of Professor Franklin Tao.** The trial will begin in the U.S. District Court of Kansas on Monday, December 6, 2021. Show your support of Professor Tao by attend. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Cn2XoU138bUJASLu5>

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MOVEMENT TO COMBAT RACIAL PROFILING OF ASIAN AMERICANS: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

ANTI-RACIAL PROFILING MOVEMENT: STATE OF PLAY

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Reports and Reminders for the Asian American and Scientific Communities

- **End of OSTP comment period approaching.** On August 10, 2021, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy called for suggestions on [Clear Rules for Research Security and Researcher Responsibility](#). The 90-day comment period will end in the coming week.
- **New surveys released.** On October 28, 2021, the Committee of 100 and the University of Arizona released the results of a survey titled [Racial Profiling Among Scientists of Chinese Descent and Consequences for the U.S. Scientific Community](#). The study covers scientists in top U.S. universities and seeks to understand how the China Initiative might be influencing the everyday actions and opinions of the broader scientific community, scientists of Chinese descent and non-Chinese descent, in the U.S. The experiences and perceptions between scientists of Chinese and non-Chinese descent are compared based on a final sample of 1,949 scientists across the country. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3GFySQe>. In addition, The American Physical Society released the key results of its member survey in its report on [Research Security Policies & Their Impacts](#) in October. Based on the responses of more than 3,200 APS members, the survey shows that the US federal government's current approach to addressing research security concerns is weakening, not strengthening, the US scientific enterprise.

- **FBI Director doubles down on "Non-traditional Collectors."** According to the South China Morning Post report on [US 'China Initiative' stymied scientific innovation, study says](#), which covers the Committee of 100 and University of Arizona survey, FBI Director Christopher Wray continues to use the term "Non-traditional Collectors" in a speech to the Economic Club of New York on October 28, 2021. Similar stereotypical labels have been used historically by the FBI and Senator Joseph McCarthy, such as "Thousand Grains of Sand" during the wrongful prosecution of Dr. Wen Ho Lee, "Fifth Column" during the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, and "Communist Sympathizer" during the Red Scare of the 1940s and 1950s.
- **Overdue ODNI Report.** Section 5712 of the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (pages 989-990 <https://bit.ly/3eVEHgY>) mandated the Director of National Intelligence, acting through the Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Transparency, to submit a report to the congressional intelligence committees containing (1) a review of how the policies, procedures, and practices of the intelligence community that govern the intelligence activities and operations targeting the People's Republic of China affect policies, procedures, and practices relating to the privacy and civil liberties of Americans of Chinese descent who may be targets of espionage and influence operations by China; and (2) recommendations to ensure that the privacy and civil liberties of Americans of Chinese descent are sufficiently protected. An unclassified version of this report has been overdue for 17 months since June 2020.

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