

ICT for China's "Harmonious Society"

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Overview

- Background: Internet Use and Its Contributions to Sustainable Development
- Before ICT: Traditional Methods of Voicing and Learning
- ICT: Bridging Government and Citizens for a “Harmonious Society”
- Discussions & Conclusion

Background

The # of Internet users has reached 298 M (Jan., 2009. CNNIC findings)

China has been the largest Internet country in the world since 2007

Covering **22.6%** Chinese population

Early Adopters: young, male, well educated, and well paid.

The Internet contributes to China's sustainable developments:

B2C, C2C has becoming very popular

Distant learning provides more opportunities

New and convenient way to communicate (email 4 work, QQ 4 friends)

And even online dating..... etc.

Most importantly, the Internet helps public to have their voice heard

Before ICT: Traditional Ways of Voicing & Learning

Sustainable development needs good policy making and good policy making based on learning of real situation.

Being born out of war, designed for “class struggle” and grew in socialist planning economy, China’s political system is hierarchical.

One of the problems for a sustainable development in China is the communication between government and citizens.

Country leaders can hardly reach normal people or even communicate with each other.

Emperors Wear Poor Clothing to be Inconspicuous

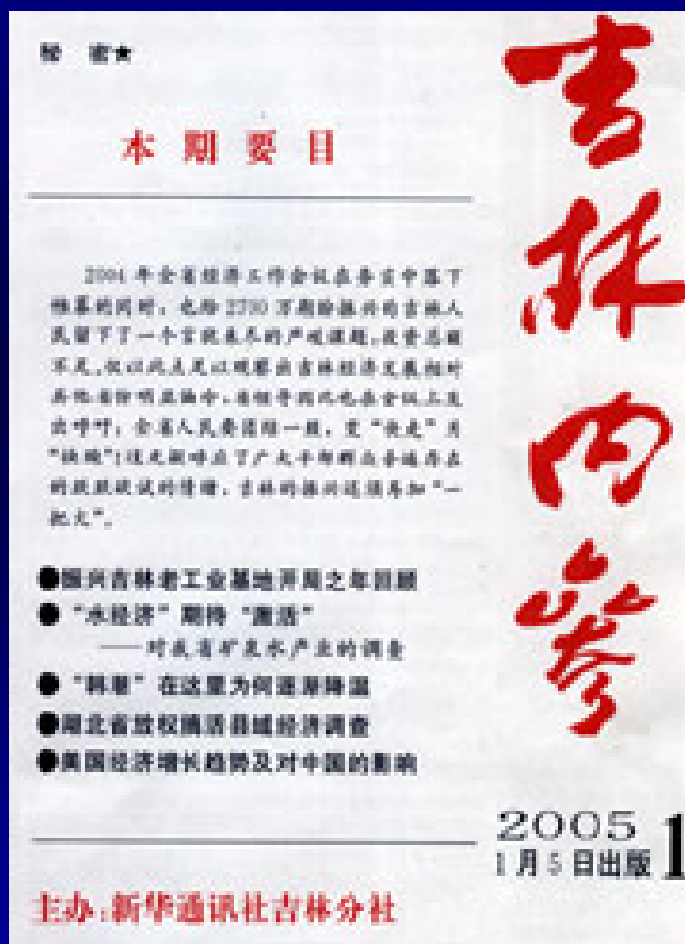


微服私访 vs. TV

Investigation



Xinhua News Agency's "Internal Reference"



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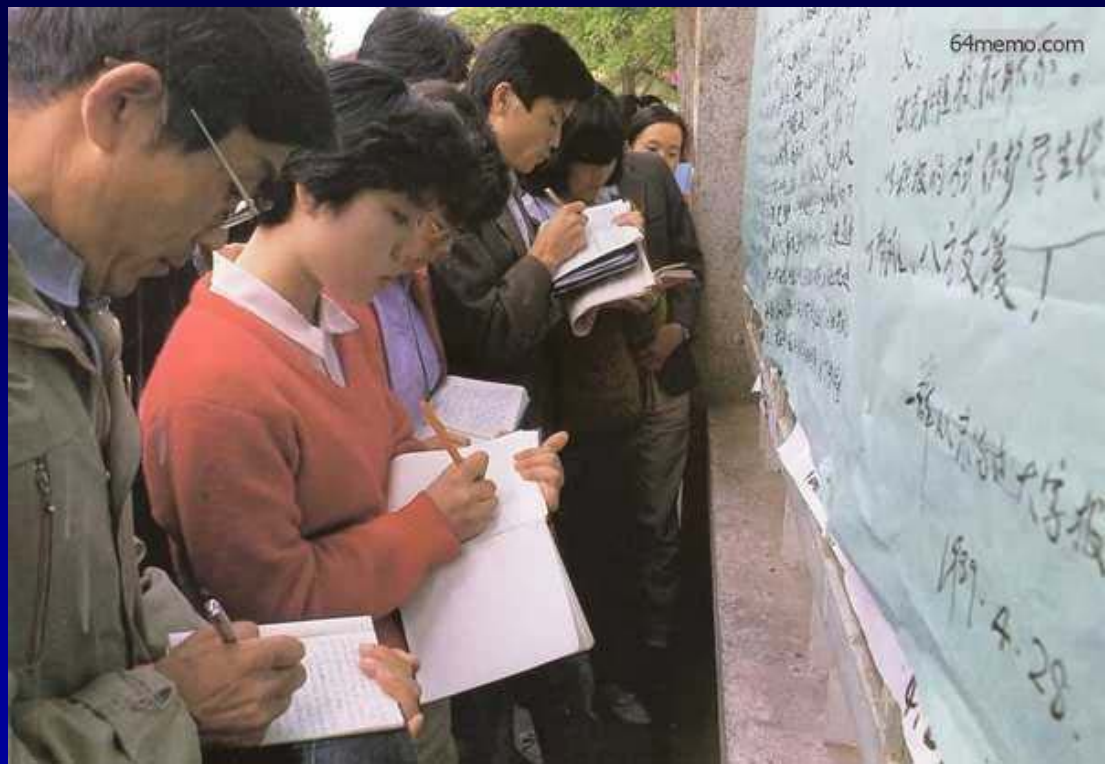
广州市长接待上访群众



李晓斌摄《上访者》



Da Zibao (big character posters)



Demonstration



Chairman Mao:

“The Great Culture Revolution would happen every seven or eight years”.

Such social crisis partly because lacking of communication between government and citizens.

ICT has provided great opportunity for both sides to be better communicated.

Different Ways to Express Opinion Online

- Comments to the News on Portal Websites (sina.com etc.)
- Bulletin Board System (BBS: 强坛, 一塔糊图, 百度贴吧, 天涯)
- Chat Room (IRC)
- Blog

Online Comments on the News



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- 南方人物周刊调查：电影是娱乐还是艺术

要闻

北京时间：2005.11.15



有“响法”就来参加 [三例不明原因肺炎进行调查](#) 20:

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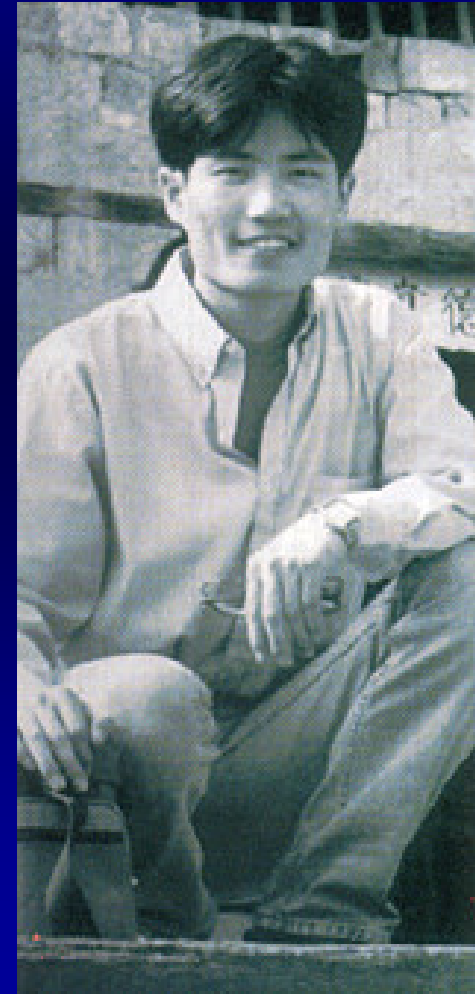
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A Young Man Was Beaten to Death in Guangzhou(2003)

Sun Zhigang (male, 27) worked with a garment company in Guangzhou. On March 17, he was detained by police and sent to a holding center and three days later he died at a clinic for holding vagrants and beggars.

Finally, online discussion made the regulation of vagrants expired.



SARS: Top Leaders Learn the “True Situation” from the Internet



Information about SARS was disseminated by email and SMS.

“最牛的钉子户”：The Most Outstanding Household Owner on the Internet that didn't Move during Reconstruction

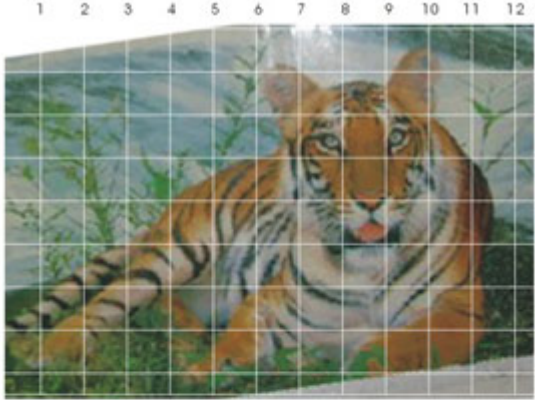


The landlord used to be a Gongfu champion in Yuzhou. A same size, same location house + several million RMB redeem were required.


The house was estimated as 2.4 million RMB. Local court made the final judgment that the landlord has to, or would be forced to, move before March 22, 2007.




The Internet has exposed the "Paper Tiger"




Netizen:
This is only a paper tiger!




The farmer:
I would use my head to promise this is a real tiger.



Local official:
If this is not a real tiger, I will resign my job.



Scholar:
I would use my head to promise this is *NOT* a real tiger.



South China Tiger:
Pictured by a farmer Zhou Zhenlong.

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“Human Meat Search”

2009第一号人肉搜索令 铁道部长刘志军在哪里? (转贴)

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(请马上转发十人以上,手机、QQ及QQ群、论坛、MSN、邮件都可,三天内转到温总理和最高人
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造成我们买不到票是刘志军造成的.刘志军的弟弟刘志祥,是中国第一票贩,已经法院核实的倒
票获利超过3000万,另有贪污受贿数千万,纵凶杀人!有这样的弟弟,我们可以想象会有怎样的
哥?!

谁让我们买不到票,过不好年,我们就一定不能让他过好年!!!!!!让刘志军下课吧!!!!!!

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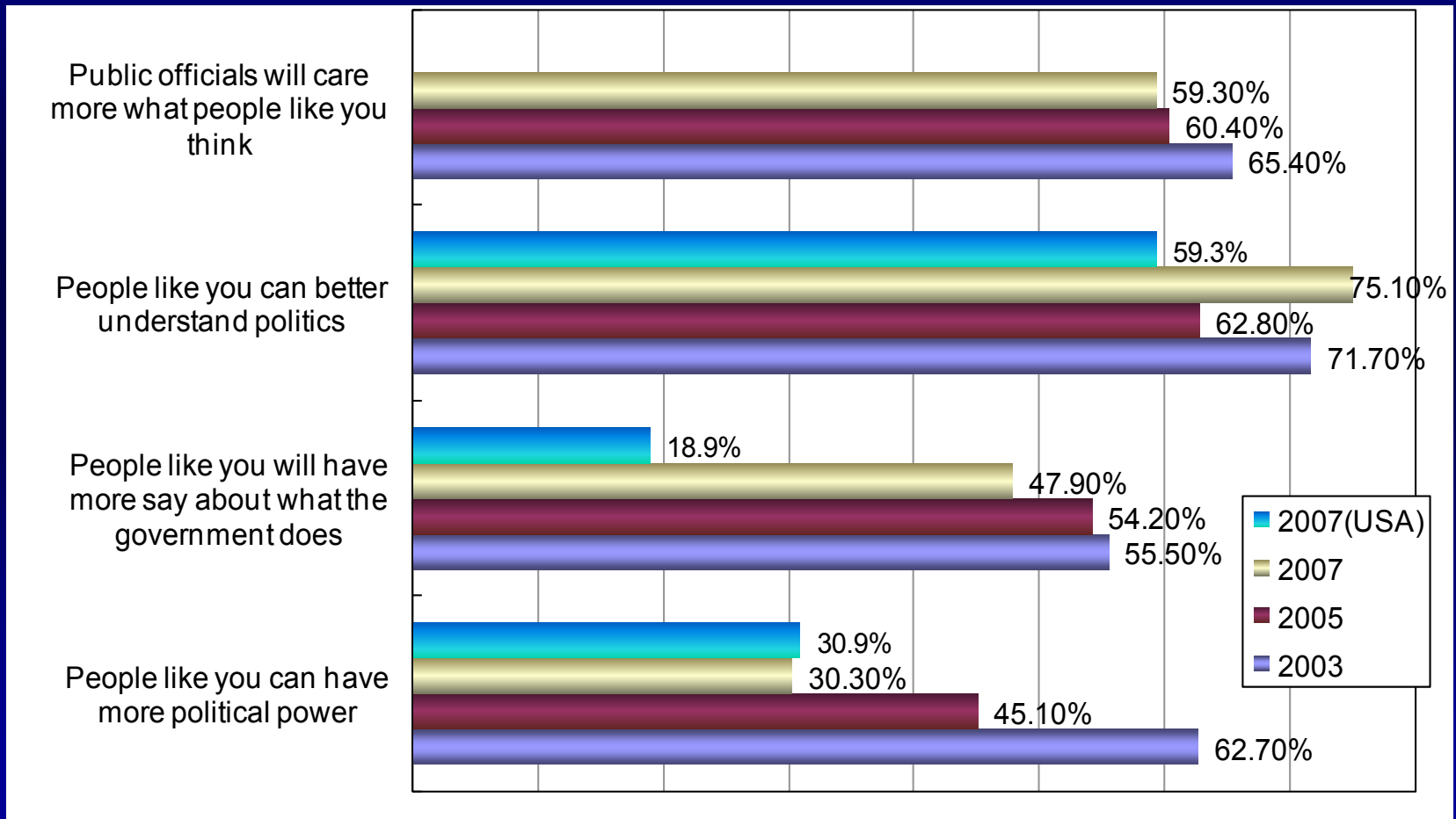
所有有正义感的中国人,一起来把刘志军罢免掉吧!

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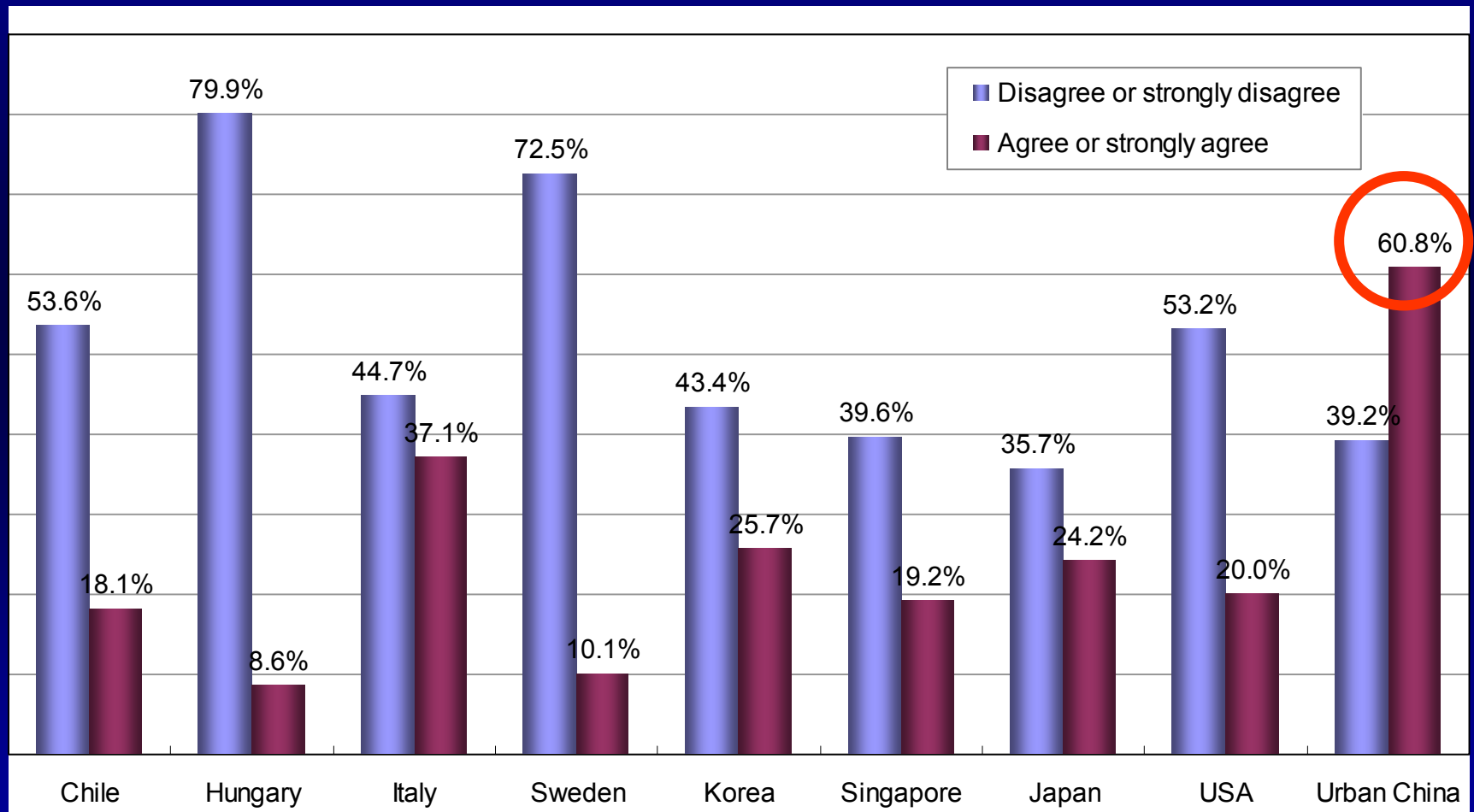
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Positive Attitudes towards the Internet to affect political change (but declined)

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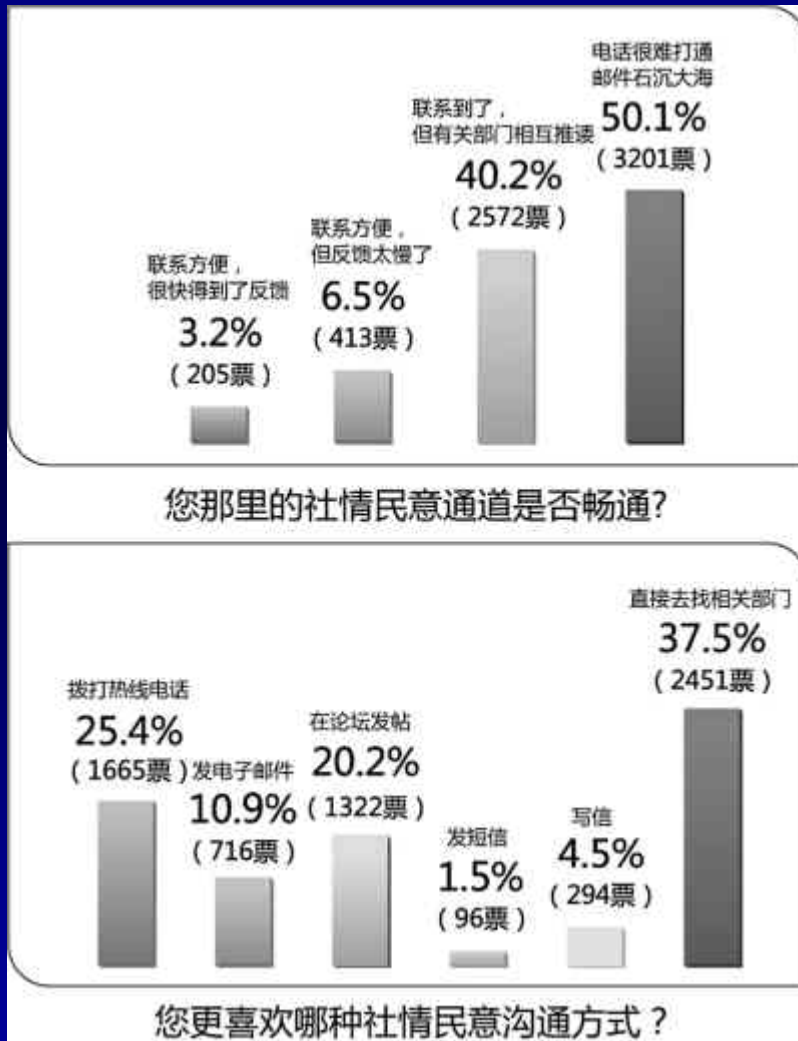


By using the Internet, people like you will have more say about what the government does.



Source: <http://digitalcenter.org/> (2003)

Reason: Traditional Communication doesn't Work



Do you think citizens can communicate with government and make their voice heard?

- Can hardly communicate with phone calls or mail. (50.1%)
- Can communicate but to solution to the problems (40.2%)
- Can easily communicate but the feedback is very slow (6.5%)
- Easy communicate and fast feedback (3.2%)

Questions to Discuss:

The Internet is a platform for Netizens to express their opinion. It has already strongly influenced China's policy making, private property protection, law making, etc. There is no other country better than China that makes the Internet such powerful platform for public opinion.

Yet, in democratic countries, few state leaders would proudly declare that they learn public opinion from the Internet.

There are questions to discuss

- Does online public opinion represent “the public”?
- Does censored opinion represent what people really want to say?
- How can we reach authentic public opinion?

Online Public Opinion does not Represent Public

Compared to the government propaganda, online grassroots voices are no doubt a form of public opinion, and they have already affected many aspects of Chinese public life. But, in fact, online public opinion can hardly represent real public opinion.

- Internet adoption covers only less than 20% of the total population
- Early Adopters: young, male, well educated, and well paid
- 50% users do not use or do not “speak”, 39% users occasionally speak, only 11% users often speak (wipchina).
- To catch attention, posters tend to go to extremes (Jack Qiu)
- Some people don't take responsibility when they leave comments online.
- Someone may try to influence/”produce” online public opinion.

Censored Opinion is not “Public Opinion”

There is no 100% freedom of expression. But the question is we don't really know the limitation in the censorship.


- The Changing limitation (1F+3T? Not against top leader?)
- Self-censored content by individual standard (sometimes by retired editors)

Choosing Online Public Opinion tends to be very subjective

On the one hand, there is information booming; yet on the other hand, we can hardly discover authentic public opinion online. Choosing online public opinion tends to be very subjective.

Conclusion

- The Internet has provided a new and interactive platform for citizens and the government to communicate. It is faster and more effective than any other traditional ways.
- Compared to the government propaganda, online grassroots voices are no doubt a form for public opinion, and they have already affected many aspects of Chinese public life.
- Both Chinese government and Netizen highly recognize and respect online public opinion.
- Yet such online opinion does not really represent overall public opinion.
- The Internet can, however, be a “virtual classroom of public opinion” leading China to sustainable future.



Thank You!

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