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ASK ALL:

CHINA_OPEN

We'd like to learn a little bit about what you think about when you think about China. Please share the first things that come to mind when you think about China.¹ [OPEN-END]

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20**NET: Human rights**

9

Censorship, control over citizenry, lack of freedoms

3

*Genocide, Uighurs, Muslims, re-education camps***19****NET: Economy**

4

Everything is "made in China"/manufacturing powerhouse

3

High growth rate/improving quality of life/rapidly industrializing

3

Bad products, knockoffs

2

Economic/industrial world leader

2

Poor working conditions, child/slave labor

2

Trade

2

*Intellectual property theft***17****NET: Political system**

8

Dictatorship/totalitarian/authoritarian

8

*Communism/CCP***13****NET: Threat**

6

Wants to "rule the world" or be most powerful country

2

Military threat

1

Economic threat to the world (not U.S.)

1

Threat to democracies, humanity, peace, freedom

1

Threat to Hong Kong, Taiwan

1

Wants to rule all of Asia/South China Sea

1

Threat to developing countries in Africa, South America

1

*Cyber threats, hacking***12****General negative adjectives (scary, bad)****12****NET: US-China relationship**

5

China hurts the U.S. economy

4

China is a threat to the U.S./wants to take away U.S. freedoms

2

U.S. should be tougher on China/should contain China

1

*Should be U.S. ally***7****NET: COVID-19**

2

China is at fault, covered up the virus

1

Where it started, wet markets, Wuhan, bats

1

Domestically did a good job handling it

1

*Made in a lab, used as a bioweapon***5****Population size****4****Environment/pollution/climate change****4****NET: Generally positive adjectives**

2

Ancient/interesting history and culture

1

*Food***3****Biden****3****NET: People**

2

Positive: smart, hardworking, innovative

1

*Negative: cheaters, liars, negative stereotypes***2****I don't think about China/don't know about China****2****China is a world power****1****Personal experience****4****Other****26****Refused**

¹ Up to five different topics were coded for each respondent. Topics mentioned by fewer than 1% of respondents are not shown.