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# What is Civil Society?

...and (why) does it matter in modern China?



# Civil Society can be...

- A community of citizens linked by common interests and collective action (Oxford English Dictionary)
- Public space beyond the government, the family and the market, in which people can debate and take action.
- A sense of shared responsibility and stewardship, for a way of life people value.



# Civil Society Can Include...

- Debate, sharing of information and ideas, and discussing shared concerns, in person, in the news media, or on the internet and social media.
- Forming non-government organizations or working individually to advocate for a cause, or provide assistance to those who need it.
- Working in professional groups – like China's Weiquan (civil rights) lawyers – to make sure laws are fairly upheld.
- Protests and citizen movements, calling for policy changes or reforms.

















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# Regulating Civil Society: 1984

“Every social organization shall be associated with a government line agency in its professional field, and shall be reviewed and supervised by the State Commission for the Restructuring of the Economic System.”

1984, Document # 25, issued by the Communist Party Central Committee & the State Council











# Regulating Civil Society: 1990s

China begins to embrace the internet. Official at 1996 National People's Congress says it will bring the country more benefits than harm.

- Chinese state-run media journalists, spurred by market reforms, start to experiment with investigative reporting.
- Foreign foundations and NGOs do rule of law training for Chinese officials, lawyers and judges.

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## 1998: “Regulations on the Registration and Management of Social Organizations”

- Article 1: “These regulations protect citizens’ freedom of association (and) the lawful rights and interests of social organizations.”
- Article 2: “Social organizations (are) non-profit organizations voluntarily created by Chinese citizens to achieve the collective desires of members.”





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Figure 1. Study design.

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## 张曙光的秘密

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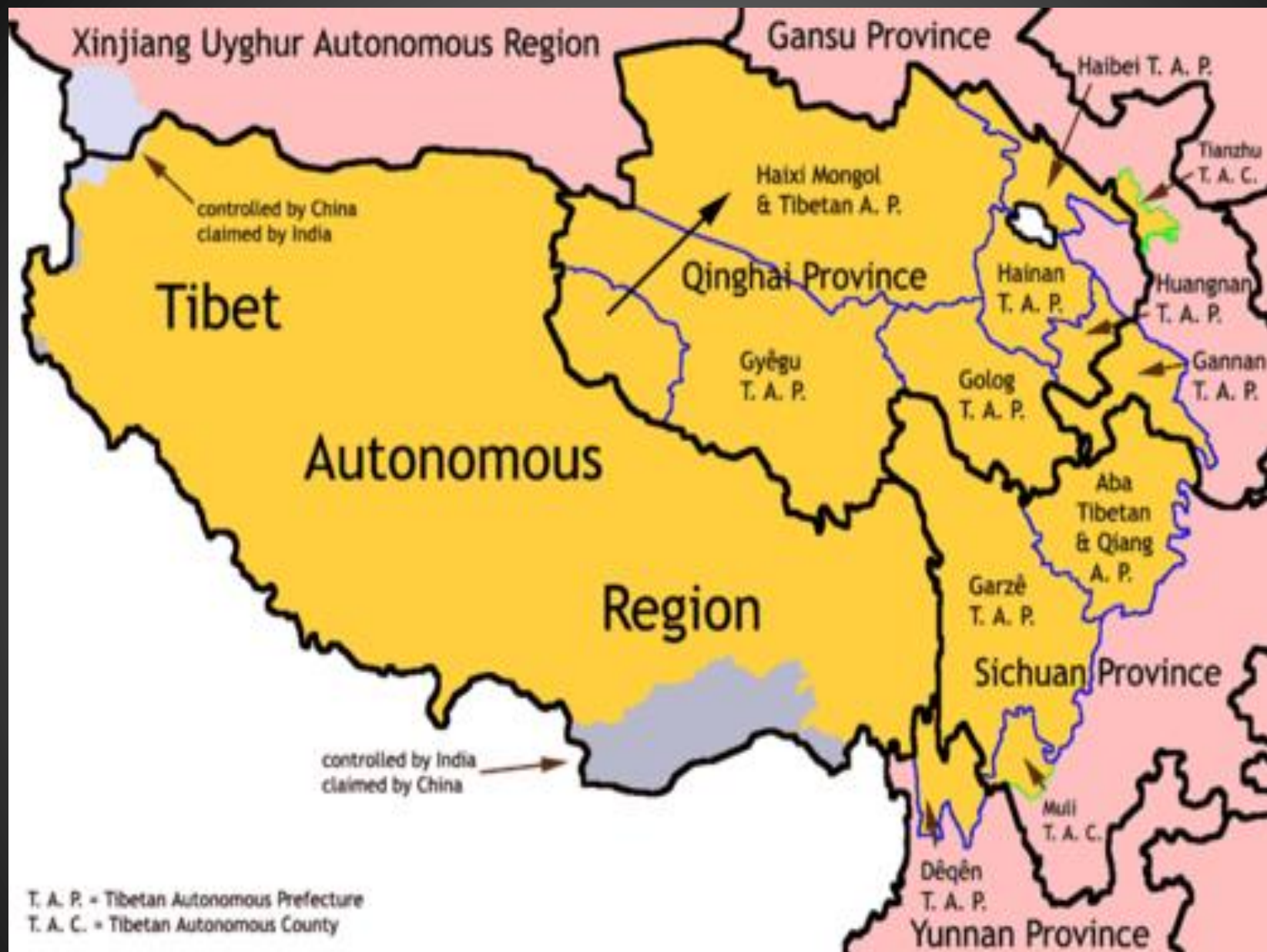


























# Regulating (Civil) Society: 2013

- Document No. 9....came out in summer 2013 from the top leadership.
- Warned of 'Western' ideas, called "perils" to the Party's continued rule, including:
  - Democracy
  - Rule of Law
  - Media independence
  - Civil Society
  - "Constitutionalism" (The idea that no one, including government and Party leaders, is above the law).













