

## What is the issue?

- The Uyghur Turkic ethnic minority is being persecuted by the People's Republic of China for decades
- The PRC's suppression of the Uyghurs meets the UN definition of genocide
- The international community has not done enough to put pressure on China for their crimes against humanity

## Context

China's current socio-political climate has been highly influenced by the communist party that founded the People's Republic of China in 1949. Preserving the nation-state from internal turmoil and foreign influence became the government's core objective. Repressive policies aimed to broaden majority Han Chinese hegemonic power and stifle any resistance, often targeted Uyghur minorities for their distinct religious and cultural practices rooted in Islam. Within the last few years millions of Uyghurs have been detained for minor infractions, placed in "re-education camps", and endured forced labor.

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The Chinese state's persecution of the Uyghur Turkic minority meets the UN definition of genocide for implementing campaigns of mass sterilization, forced abortions and mandatory birth control.



## Why did you choose this topic?

- Muslim struggles are usually overlooked due to the Western terrorist narrative that is pushed about Muslims. As this situation has been going on for years now, we want to look into why more hasn't been done about it, and also educate those around us on this situation.

## One point that you want your classmates to know about this topic

- The Uyghurs have a long history of persecution, however the Chinese Communist region has been the darkest period in time for them due to the severe religious oppression and presence of detention centers.

## How does this intersect with social work practice (micro/mezzo/macro)

- Micro: Informing yourself and others about the injustices going on. Increasing awareness
- Mezzo: Advocating in the USA and encouraging people to speak up against this situation. Signing petitions, etc.
- Macro: Pushing this issue in the UN and encouraging countries to speak out against China.

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