CONFLICTED HEARTS AND MINDS:  
A SURVEY OF THE POLITICAL ATTITUDES OF CHINESE STUDENTS IN GERMANY

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Questionnaire

Q1
How has studying abroad changed your attitude towards China?
☐ Positively
☐ Negatively
☐ No change

Q2
How has studying abroad changed you attitude towards “Western countries” (i.e. European/North American countries)?
☐ Positively
☐ Negatively
☐ No change

Q3
In China, where did you regularly read the news?
☐ Chinese mainstream media (e.g. China Daily, sina.com)
☐ Chinese social media (e.g. WeChat official accounts, Blogs)
☐ Foreign media in foreign languages (e.g. The Wall Street Journal, Der Spiegel)
☐ Foreign media in Chinese language (e.g. New York Times Chinese Edition, duowei.com)
☐ Others (Please specify)

Q4
In Germany, where do you regularly read the news?
☐ Chinese mainstream media (e.g. China Daily, sina.com)
☐ Chinese social media (e.g. WeChat official accounts, blogs)
☐ Foreign media in foreign languages (e.g. The Wall Street Journal, Der Spiegel)
☐ Foreign media in Chinese language (e.g. New York Times Chinese Edition, duowei.com)
☐ Others (Please specify)

Q5
Do you think Chinese media reports on China are objective?
☐ Very objective
☐ More or less objective
☐ Not so objective
☐ Very unobjective

Q6
Do you think Western media reports on China are objective?
☐ Very objective
☐ More or less objective
☐ Not so objective
☐ Very unobjective
Q7
In which of the following aspects are you proud of China?
☐ Political system
☐ History and culture
☐ Social environment
☐ Economic potential
☐ Infrastructure
☐ Education system
☐ Technology Appliance
☐ Others (Please specify)

Q8
What are your opinions on the following statements?
(Strongly agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)
01. In China or abroad, criticizing China’s shortcomings can also be an act of patriotism.
02. Patriotism is practicing and spreading the core values of socialism with Chinese characteristics.
03. Western countries criticize China because they don’t want China to become the most powerful country in the world.
04. Traditional Chinese culture is outdated.
05. Current discourse power is controlled by Western countries, and therefore China receives unequal treatment.
06. No matter how excellent the Chinese are, we are always deemed as inferior by Western countries.
07. To become a great nation, China must learn from the West not only through science and technology but also humanities.
08. Media censorship is necessary.
09. Appointing state leaders through general elections is not yet viable in China.
10. China will eventually achieve rejuvenation and become the most powerful country in the world.

Q9
Would you like to immigrate to a Western country?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

Q10
Gender
☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Other

Q11
Which degree program are you on in Germany?
☐ Bachelor
☐ Master
☐ PhD
☐ Exchange
Q12
What is your subject of study in Germany?
- Social Science
- Natural Science
- Medicine
- Applied Science
- MBA
- Humanities
- Music/Arts

Q13
In which state is your university?

Q14
How much do your parents support you with per month?
- Below €1,000
- €1,000 ~ €2,000
- Above €2,000
- Flexible according to needs
- No need for parents' support (work-study, scholarship etc.)

Q15
How long have you been living in Germany?
- Less than 2 years
- 2 years ~ 4 years
- 4 years ~ 6 years
- More than 6 years

Q16
Where did you grow up in China?