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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NET: Human rights
9 Censorship, control over citizenry, lack of freedoms
3 Genocide, Uighurs, Muslims, re-education camps

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

NET: Political system
8 Dictatorship/totalitarian/authoritarian
8 Communism/CCP

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

General negative adjectives (scary, bad)

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

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

Population size
4 Environment/pollution/climate change

NET: Generally positive adjectives
2 Ancient/interesting history and culture
1 Food

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

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.