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ASK ALL:

Q26

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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2021**29****NET: Political system**

15

Dictatorship/totalitarian/authoritarian

9

*Communism/CCP***23****NET: Human rights**

11

Censorship, control over citizenry, lack of freedoms

4

*Genocide, Uyghurs, Muslims, re-education camps***23****NET: Threat**

7

Poor international conduct

7

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

4

Economic threat to the world (not Australia)

4

Military threat

2

Threat to Hong Kong, Taiwan

1

Threat to democracies, humanity, peace, freedom

1

*Wants to rule all of Asia/South China Sea***18****NET: Economy**

4

High growth rate/improving quality of life/rapidly industrializing

3

Everything is "made in China"/manufacturing powerhouse

3

Trade

2

Bad products, knockoffs

2

Economic/industrial world leader

2

Poor working conditions, child/slave labor

1

*Business corruption***16****General negative adjectives (scary, bad)****9****NET: Australia-China relationship**

4

China hurts the Australian economy

2

China is a threat to Australia/wants to take away Australian freedoms

1

*Australia should be tougher on China/should contain China***8****Population size****7****NET: Generally positive adjectives**

2

Ancient/interesting history and culture

1

Food

1

*Natural beauty***6****NET: COVID-19**

2

China is at fault, covered up the virus

1

*Where it started, wet markets, Wuhan, bats***6****NET: People**

4

Positive: smart, hardworking, innovative

1

Chinese nationals abroad

1

*Negative: cheaters, liars, negative stereotypes***3****China is a world power****3****Environment/pollution/climate change****1****I don't think about China/don't know about China****6****Other****8****Refused**

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