

Advance of the State

Corruption, violence and the New Left

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China: where Left means Right

In China a stronger state means:

- Greater official power
- Less accountability
- Enrichment of officials
- State violence to back private wealth

Paradox of State Ownership



- “Inequality in China today does not manifest itself in the distribution of national income but in the allocation and possession of resources through political power.” - He Qinglian 1998.



Lawyer Pu Zhiqiang

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- “The power elites use ultra-leftist methods to appropriate assets ... and once they've got them, they share among themselves in an ultra-rightist way.”
(quoting Qin Hui)



BO XILAI

New Left Hero and Mafia-slayer

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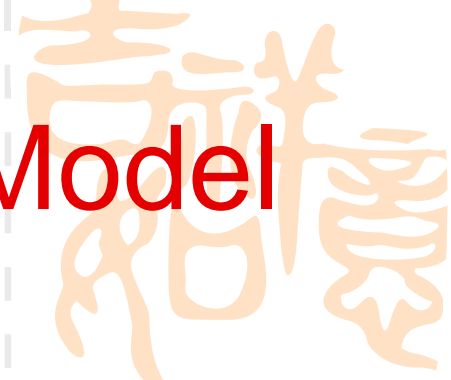
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The “Chongqing” China Model



- Massive state intervention in the economy
- Forced urbanisation
- Reviving Chairman Mao
- Tighter political and security controls
- Exemplar of New Socialism
- At war with the Liberal Right



Smashing Mafia and Patrons



■ Wen Qiang – CCP mobster who organised taxi strikes

but Bo Xilai forgot to get...

THE GODFATHER

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Weng Zhenjie

- NPC member, defacto head of Chongqing's biggest state-owned financial companies.
- Friends call him “Big Brother”.



Zhang Mingyu

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- “I call it the balance of terror - you do bad by me, I expose you”
- but “Big Brother” Weng knew the game much better.
- lost 2billion yuan in property to Weng

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Chen Meirong

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- “They kept me there for ten hours, 30 people with shaven bald heads, in the lobby of the Daisi Hotel”
- - explaining how she signed her 130 million yuan property to Weng, and why her daughter doused herself in petrol in Weng’s office.

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Weng Zhenjie's aura of power

Ye Xuanning

- Son of Marshall Ye, “spiritual leader” of the princelings
- head of Kaili (Carrier) weapons trading group
- head of PLA's Liason Office of General Political Dept
- Family ceo is Li Junyang, the key link to Weng



Children of the Revolution

Lou Gan and his nephew



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Yu Changwu

Fujin, Heilongjiang



Guo Jianmin -
former security chief
now CPPCC head



Yu Jianrong

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- “Today in China, 80-90 per cent of land cases have mafia in the background”
- “Currently there is nothing the mafia doesn't dare to do, even actually gunning down farmers.”

