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**Interview with a citizen whom fully experienced the Cultural Revolution/Anonymous\_01**

**What do you think about communism?**  
It did give me some help like having public hospitals and other public services, but the problem was that the service itself wasn't good. Doctors and waitresses had really bad attitude because no matter what they do, they will all get the same salary, so no one wanted to be nice to a particular person. Also, no one bothered to comment about the weakness of communism since that will cause the whole family to be punished.

**What did you eat during the Cultural Revolution?**  
Everyone only has a limited amount of food, and other daily supplies. I had a family of 4 people, so my family could only buy 2 pounds of meat every month. Other supplies such as oil, eggs, fabrics were very rare. Having a cup of milk in that time was like a symbol of wealthy.  
  
**How was your living environment during the Cultural Revolution?**  
My house was only 25 meters squared [269.10 ft squared]. It has no kitchen, no bathroom. There were no appliances for cooking, no stove, no washing machine, so all cooking and washing has to be done by hand. There was only 1-2 set of cloth for every season. All cloth were mono colored, singled styled. I can only bath once a month, and preparing for a bath would take up to 2 hours, since I had to boil the water in small pots and I needed to make space for the bath tub.

**Do you think present day China is free?**

It is not completely free, but it was much better than the environment during the Cultural Revolution. Punishment was not as severe as in the Cultural Revolution though bad talks about your employer or the government would make you look really bad. I'm glad with these expansions in freedom of expression, but I am still hoping for more rights that would make China a better country.