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Interviewing a citizen that partially experienced the Cultural Revolution / Anonymous\_02

**What are your opinions on the present Chinese government responsibilities and citizen rights?**

I believe that there are the responsibility of survival, and the right to express. For the current responsibility of survival and growth, I think that the government has improved the quality of life comparing to back then. When humans are born, they have the right to maintain oxygen, nutritious food, water, environment, and healthy, unpolluted cloth. When I was little, food was healthy but rare, but after the revolution, things were much plentiful, such as food, no matter quality or quantity, had improved. For the freedom of expression, there was no level limit to movies and books; we can access the knowledge whenever we want to. I loved the new social media website that allows me to express my feelings while hearing other’s. There are no “restrictions” to how far your criticisms can go, and it was better than before, where we weren’t allow to criticize Mao even if the Revolution ended. As of now, we are allowed to say how horrible the revolution was, and that Mao is was a terrible leader, dragging down China’s development.

**Please describe your environment during the Cultural Revolution.**

Cities and urban areas were dirty, messy, and horrible. There was trash everywhere, well, there was pretty much *everything* in everywhere. One good thing was probably the oxygen. Unlike now, streets are much more “walkable” and the environment was much enjoyable. We enjoy great environment but we still live in a polluted world, but the government did declared to deal with pollutions.

**What are your thoughts on the Chinese Cultural Revolution, or Mao Zedong?**

I think that the Revolution is a pretty bad idea and no one liked it. Mao used the revolution for his own purpose and persuading teenagers to be his personal “militia”. I hated the impact the Revolution made on China, but I am glad that China is fixing itself from the wound.