

Recovering “Visiting a Re-Education Camp in Xinjiang” Series

Introduction

Originally published in March of 2019, Youtube account [CHINA LIVE](#) posted a five-part series entitled, “Visiting a Re-Education Camp in Xinjiang” which recorded the daily lives of individuals in re-education facilities. Each episode followed an individual throughout camp and covered topics including family relations, removal of religious garb, and integration into e-commerce platforms.

On March 28, 2019, the Chinese government published a white paper entitled, “[The Fight Against Terrorism and Extremism and Human Rights Protection in Xinjiang](#)”. This paper outlined the strategy employed within re-educational facilities to “de-radicalize” the region. The paper provides an overview of the centres’ curriculum which included lessons on the Chinese language, vocational skills, and courses on eradication of religious extremism.

These videos provide insight into how the Chinese government was viewing these centres as a successful means to mold Turkic Muslim individuals’ minds in Xinjiang.

Recovery Process

The Xinjiang Documentation Project team was made aware in July of 2021, that this series had been removed from CHINA LIVE’s platform and the account was subsequently deleted. Staff members at the project first reached out to the contacts at CHINA LIVE to discuss the removal of these Youtube videos. However, the organization did not comment or reply to the requests. The Xinjiang Documentation Project collaborated with the Internet Archive and the Wayback Machine to recover the following videos.