

Good morning, Friends of Canadians Against Propaganda,

My name is Harry Chen, President of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs. I am very delighted to witness a strong voice here in front of the Rogers Communications, expressing freely and responsibly our strong stand against propaganda of all forms, especially the propaganda from the Chinese Communist Party.

We all know that these 9 TV channels are owned by various levels of the Chinese government. Under the one-party system, they belong to the Chinese Communist Party.

In the free world, the media is considered as the fourth power since it can maintain checks and reports on improper conduct of any branch of the government, whether it is the executive, the legislative or the judiciary. Based on this, people can deliver the final verdict on the direction of their country, through free and fair elections. However, it is important for the media to be impartial, truthful and honest.

Under the authoritarian, communist system, the Communist Party is the supreme force. No other institution can challenge and oppose its policies or practices, even when it so blatantly commits human rights atrocities. The media under a communist system is nothing but a tail-wagging dog and on the other hand a powerful mouthpiece of spreading hate messages. They have to submit to their master, the Party, for their mere survival. They do not report events and happenings accurately, rather, they kowtow to the party, and fabricate the news events and manipulate reporting to spread false information and to artificially support the Communist Party. The continued hate misrepresentation of the Falungong practitioners in China and around the world is one of the extreme examples. Their propaganda contains nothing but hate to people, organization and system that threatens the CCP's existence. Mao once said: "Everything exists for a sole purpose of serving the Party".

I came from Taiwan. Let me share with you the terrible Taiwanese experience of Chinese Communist Propaganda in Taiwan. Taiwan evolved into a true democratic country in the last two decades through the great effort of democratic movement. The freedom of expression is now truly allowed as the result of democratization. The media has flourished. Taiwan has more than 100 TV channels and numerous newspapers. Unfortunately, quite a few TV stations are funded by the CCP through its puppets in Hong Kong and take advantage of the freedom of expression achieved by

Taiwanese people. The democratic Taiwan is certainly a threat to the survival of the authoritarian regime in China because Taiwan offers an alternative for Chinese people as far as the political systems are concerned. In order to destroy the democratic system in Taiwan, the CCP instructs their government-funded media to report on numerous fictitious and distorted news events that mislead the people in Taiwan. They produce the “cultural programs in a disguised format” that show the painted bright side of China and accredit it to the Communist Party rule. They report on unsubstantiated scandals and falsely accuse government officials. In this case, they didn’t even interview the one who was falsely accused, leaving the story to drag on for days, even weeks. Their only purpose is to bring down the democratically elected Democratic Progressive Party government, and prove that democracy is not a viable system in Taiwan, and therefore, not in China either.

One of my friends from China told me that she used to hate Taiwanese people through long period of the CCP brainwash. But she found that I, as well as many Taiwanese people, am friendly and approachable when we met in Toronto. We now share the same universal values of freedom, human rights and democracy that we Canadians treasure.

I personally believe that most people in Taiwan are sympathy to the victim families of Tiananmen massacre. But there was NOT a single report of this tragedy on the CCP funded media in Taiwan on June 3 or June 4 to remind people of this terrible occurrence. Such examples on Taiwan show how terrible these channels are for misrepresenting the truth, and spreading propaganda for the Chinese Communist Party.

It is clear that these 9 TV channels are pawns and instruments of the Chinese Communist regime. They will certainly spread false propaganda and continue to ignore human rights abuses of the Chinese Communist Party. They are financed by the state, and they will seek to wipe out all independently owned stations in Canada under our free enterprise system, which DOES NOT exist in China. We strongly oppose granting them any license since they seek only to justify or conceal the horrendous acts perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party.

Thank you

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