

Too Many Tiananmens

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Chinese students suddenly occupied Beijing's Tiananmen Square for seven beautiful weeks in the Spring of 1989.

Millions more from all walks of life joined them.

Protesting tyranny, they demanded democracy and freedom of speech.

Then, 31 years ago to this very day, the Chinese government sent in tanks and soldiers, opening fire on citizens outside the square, killing thousands. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) followed up the massacre with arrests and lengthy prison terms for those committing the unspeakable crime of speaking out for freedom.

Fast-forward three decades and the ChiNazis in Beijing are currently engaged in snuffing out the civil liberties and democratic aspirations of the people in Hong Kong.*



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In mainland China, the CCP has always squelched any mention of the Tiananmen Square massacre, but every year Hongkongers have held a vigil. Not this year. It has been banned.

The world should have learned two obvious lessons: (1) the Chinese people want freedom and democracy, and (2) the 'Butchers of Beijing' will

brutalize to prevent it.

Far more powerful than in 1989, CCP tyrants now wield a much more effective police state against Chinese citizens.

Now is the time to honor the Tiananmen demonstrators, but clearing Lafayette Park of protesters so President Trump can walk to a church seems . . . disquieting.

Not a memorial.

And suggesting he might invoke the Insurrection Act of 1807 to engage the military in domestic policing? Trump's defense secretary rightly opposes.

Comparisons to Tiananmen Square have not unreasonably been drawn.

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For the sake of the free world *and* all those — including 1.4 billion Chinese — in the *unfree* world, now is no time to abandon peaceful protest and political action for insurrection, riot, and military suppression.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

* This is brazen violation of the 1997 turnover agreement made with Britain, of course.