

Say My Name

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The term “Shanghaied” dates back to the 1850s, referring to Americans being kidnapped, sneaked onto ships, and transported across the Pacific Ocean, often to Shanghai, China.

Doesn't happen so much anymore.

Unless you're Taiwanese.

The subject came up on a just released Common Sense podcast featuring Joseph [last name withheld for his own protection], a sharp young Taiwanese lawyer working in Norway. He expressed concern that one day he might be repatriated to China, rather than returned to his home country of Taiwan.

Mighty big difference.

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Nobody wants to be sent there.

But in recent years, Taiwanese nationals have been



taken to China from Spain and the Czech Republic, despite fierce protestations from Taiwan.

“I’m afraid of being targeted by the CCP [Chinese Communist Party],” Joseph explained, because “I’m registered as a Chinese citizen here in Norway” and “because we initiated this [legal] case.”

Months back, I wrote about Joseph’s lawsuit to stop Norway from declaring him “Chinese” on official documents. Denied by a Norwegian court, he appealed to the European Court of Human Rights.

Last week, the European Court of Human Rights rejected his appeal. Norway and other European countries can continue to misidentify him and others to please Chinese totalitarians.

Still, I strongly sense we have not heard the last of Joseph, and certainly not the name “Taiwan.” *You can’t keep a good man down.*

Or a free and prosperous people.

Not even the powerful Chinazis can do that. Not even with help from Western wimps.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.