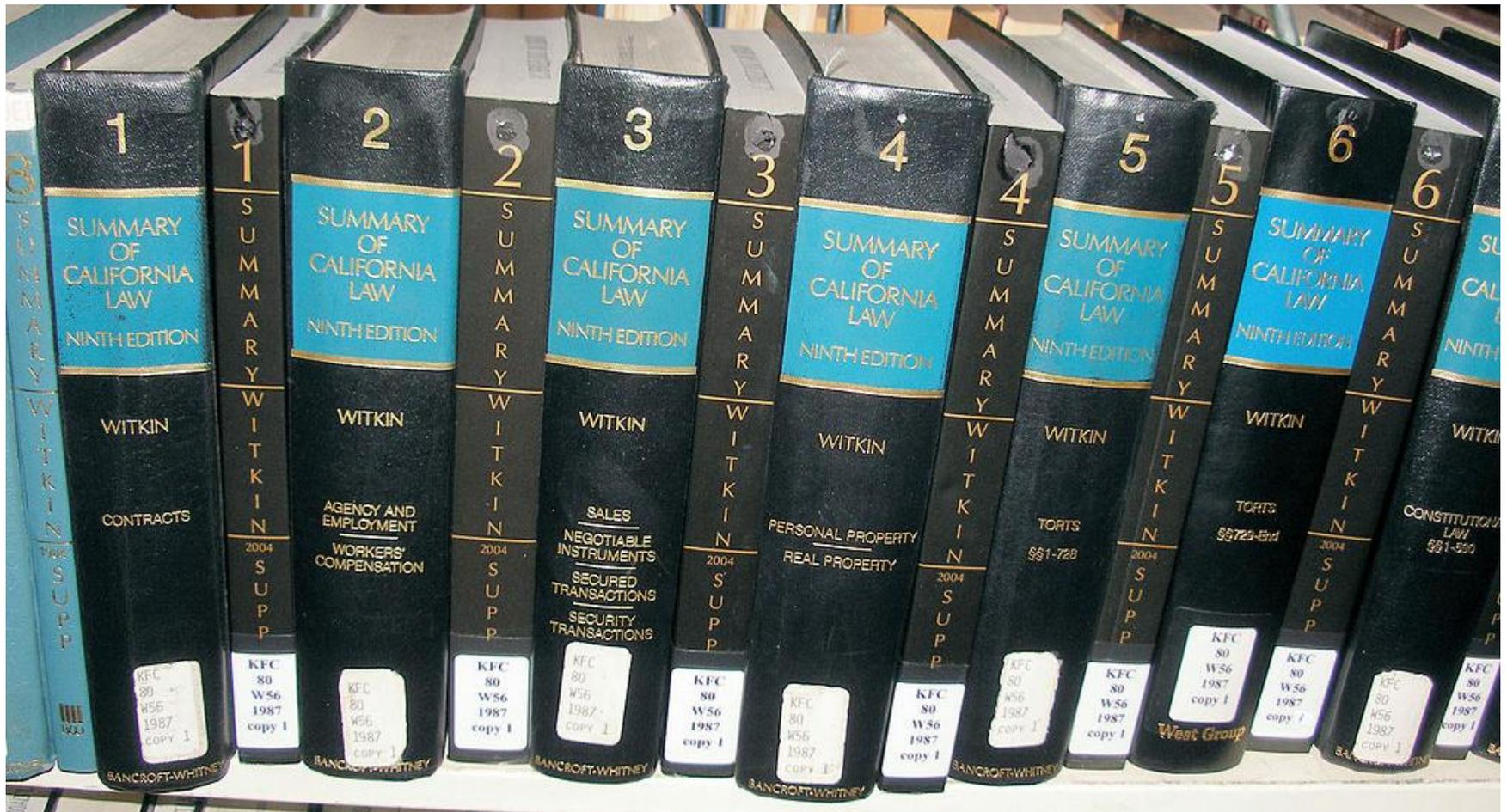


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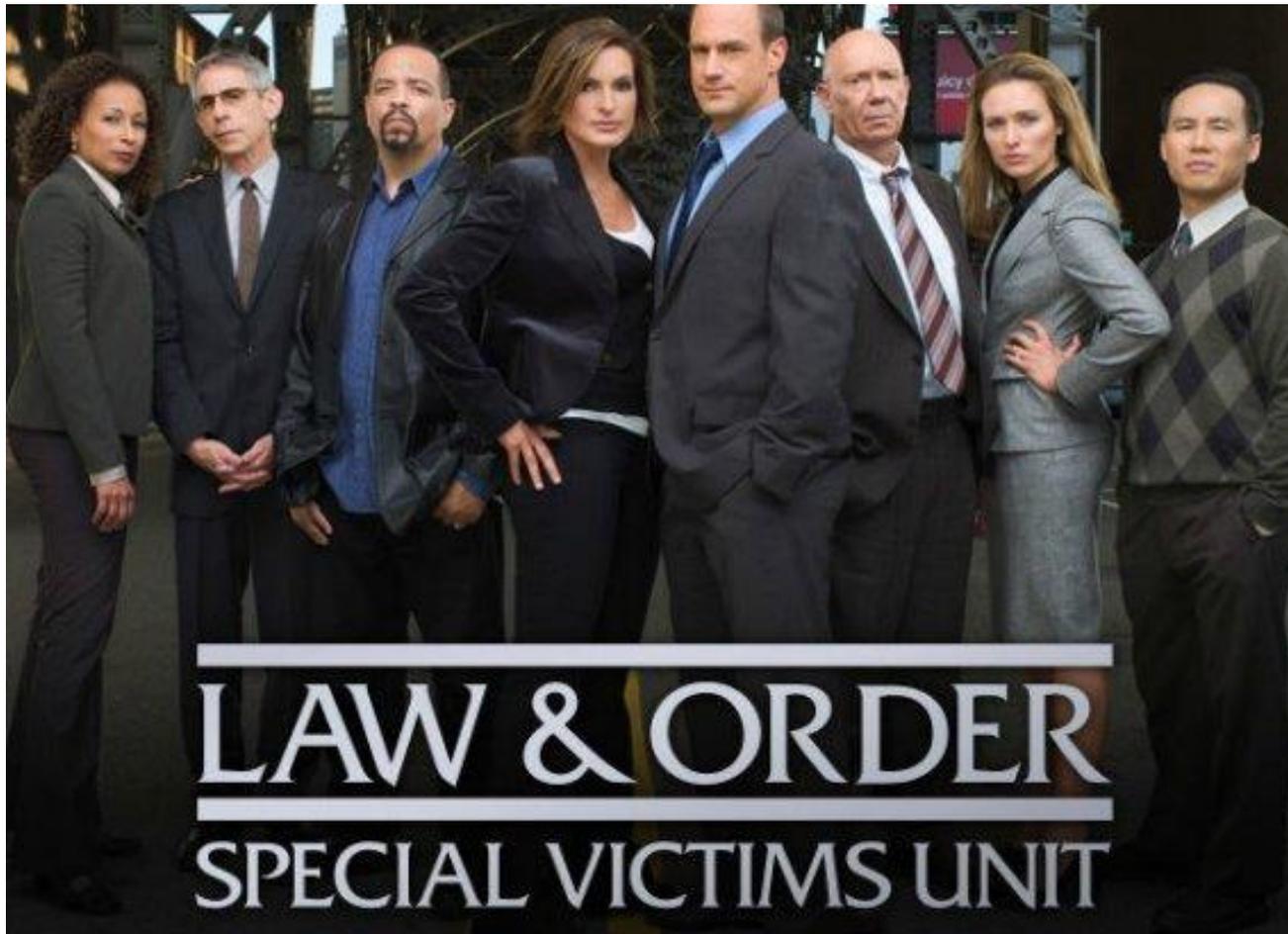
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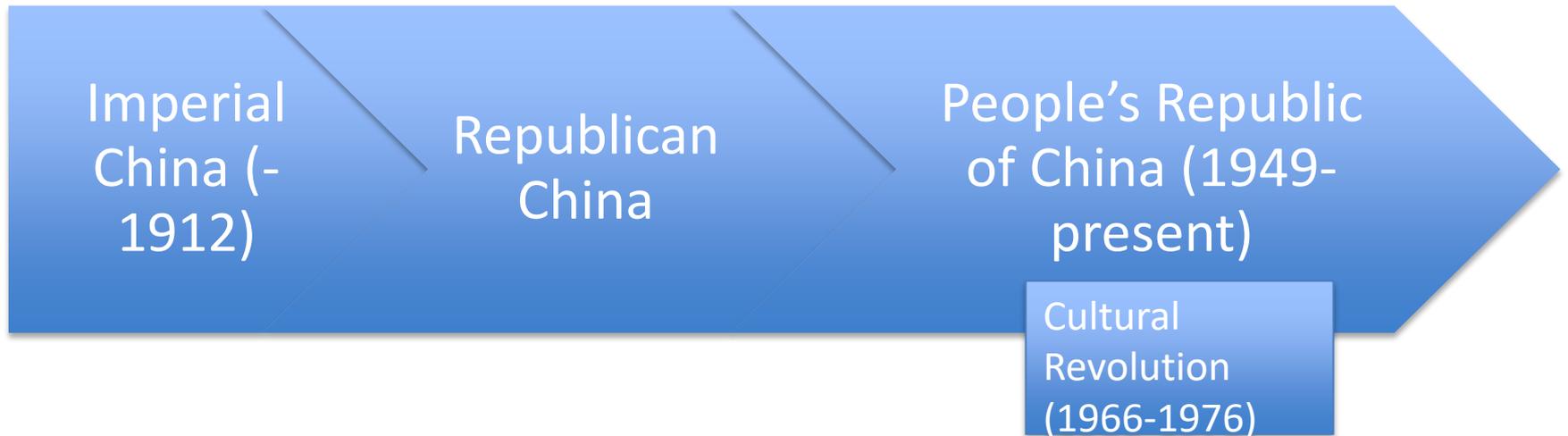
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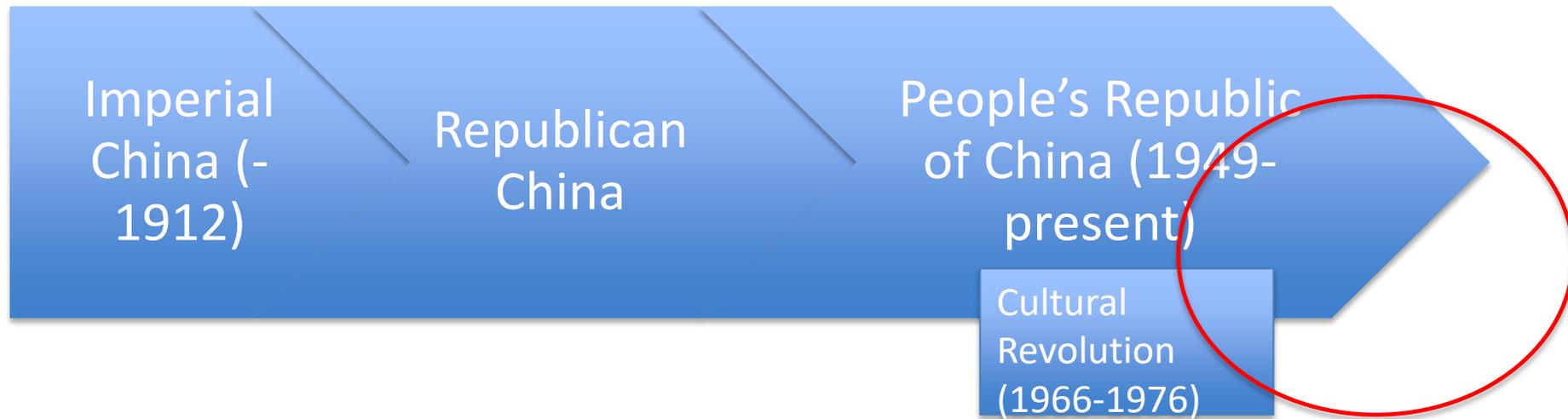
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A brief timeline of 20th century China



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My goals today

- Two different stories of law in China
 - Rapid convergence
 - Persistent difference
- How do we make sense of these two stories?
- How do we teach these two stories?

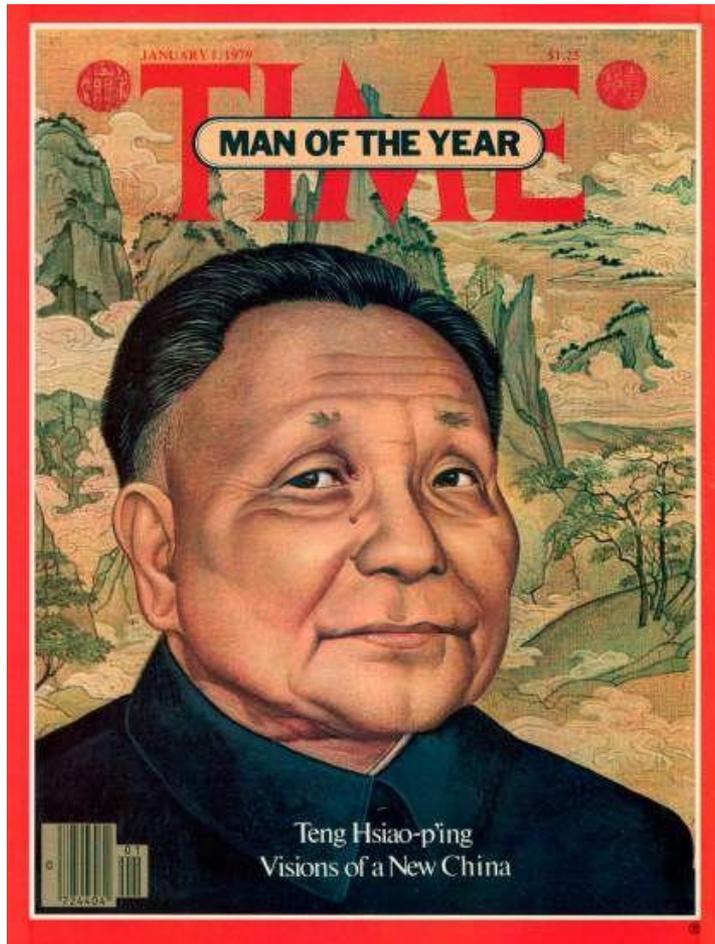
The first story: Rapid convergence



The Cultural Revolution



“bombard the capitalist headquarters”



Some numbers

- Constitution (1982)
- Courts \approx 3,000 lower courts
- Judges \approx 200,000
- Lawyers \approx 300,000
- Law Schools – 634 (2010)
- Legal Codes – 256 (2016)
- Annual Cases $>$ 8 million

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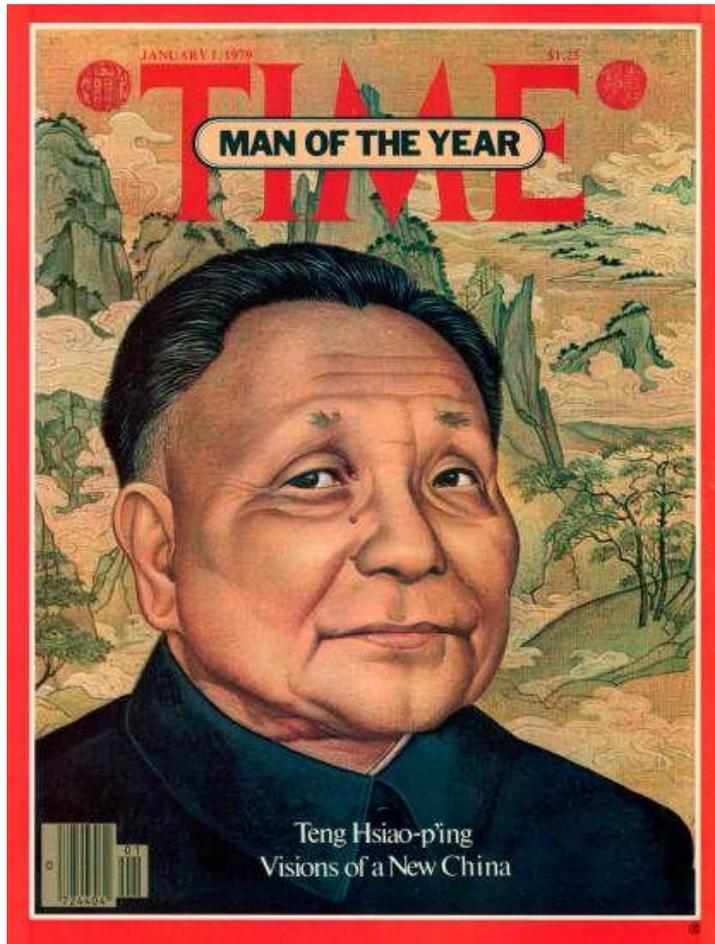
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The second story: Persistent divide





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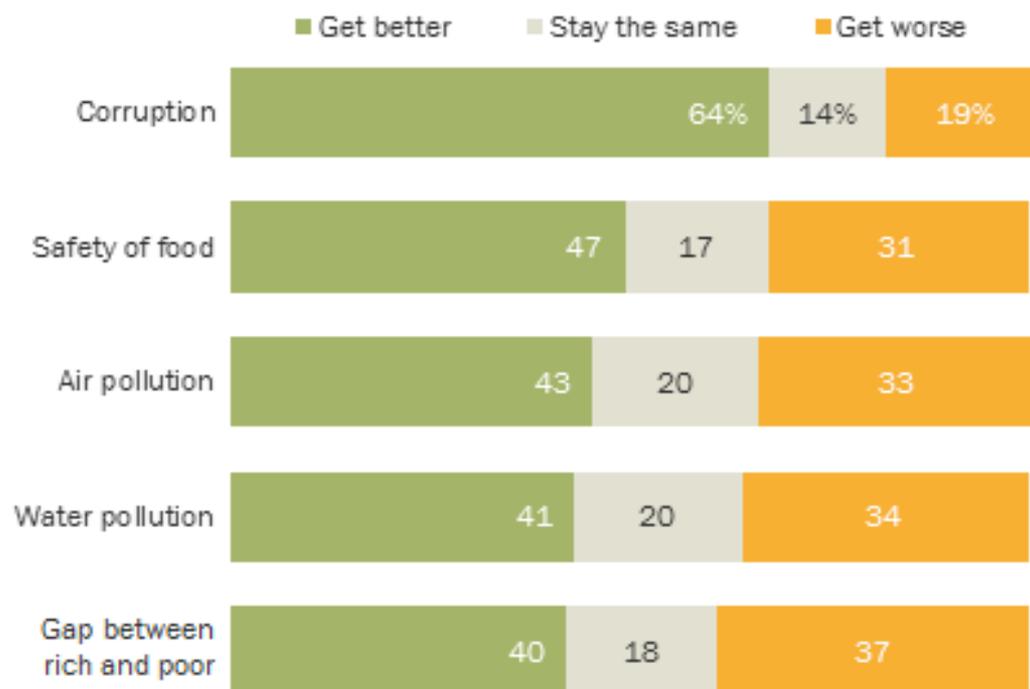
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A China Model of law?



“Rule by Law,” propaganda slogan at a public park, Beijing, 2017

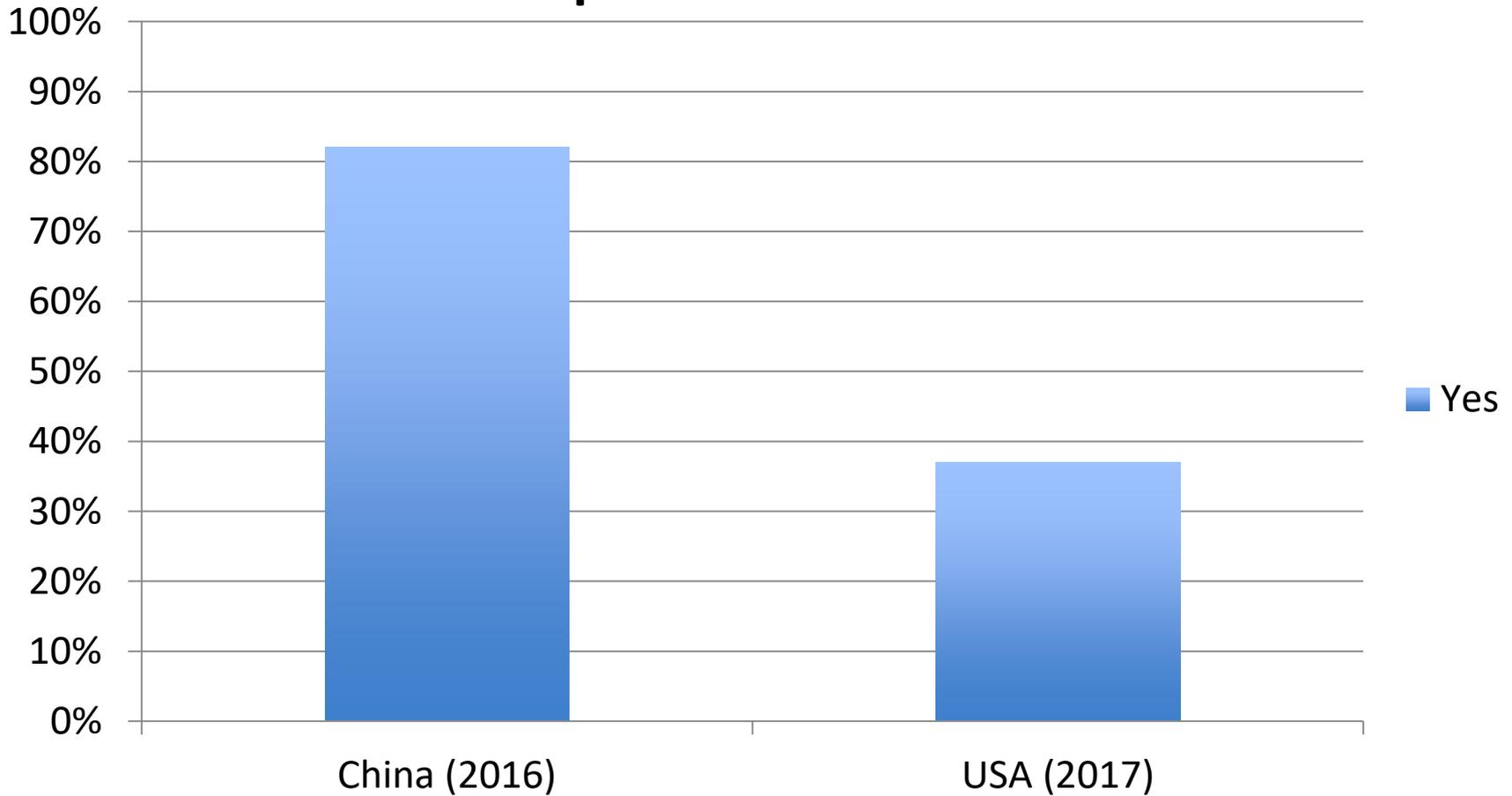
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“When children today grow up, will they be better off financially than their parents?”



Questions for your students

- Are rights culturally universal or culturally relative? (“The dueling reports”)
- What is a constitution? (Chinese constitution, US constitution)
- Is illegal dissent ever justified? Under what circumstances? (The Umbrella Movement, documentaries)