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HONG KONG
UMBRELLA MOVEMENT &
YOUTH POLITICAL
PARTICIPATION



PART 1 INTRODUCTION

PART 2 YOUTH POLITICAL
PARTICIPATION

PART 3 REVIEW

UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

INTRODUCTION

- Background of myself
- Background of Scholarsism
- Experience from 2012-2015
 - Anti-brainwashing Education Movement
 - Umbrella Movement



YOUTH POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

- Challenge: Family, School, Education system, defame
- Advantage: Social Network Mobilization, Liberal Studies
- Key factor:
 - Persistence
 - Self-realization



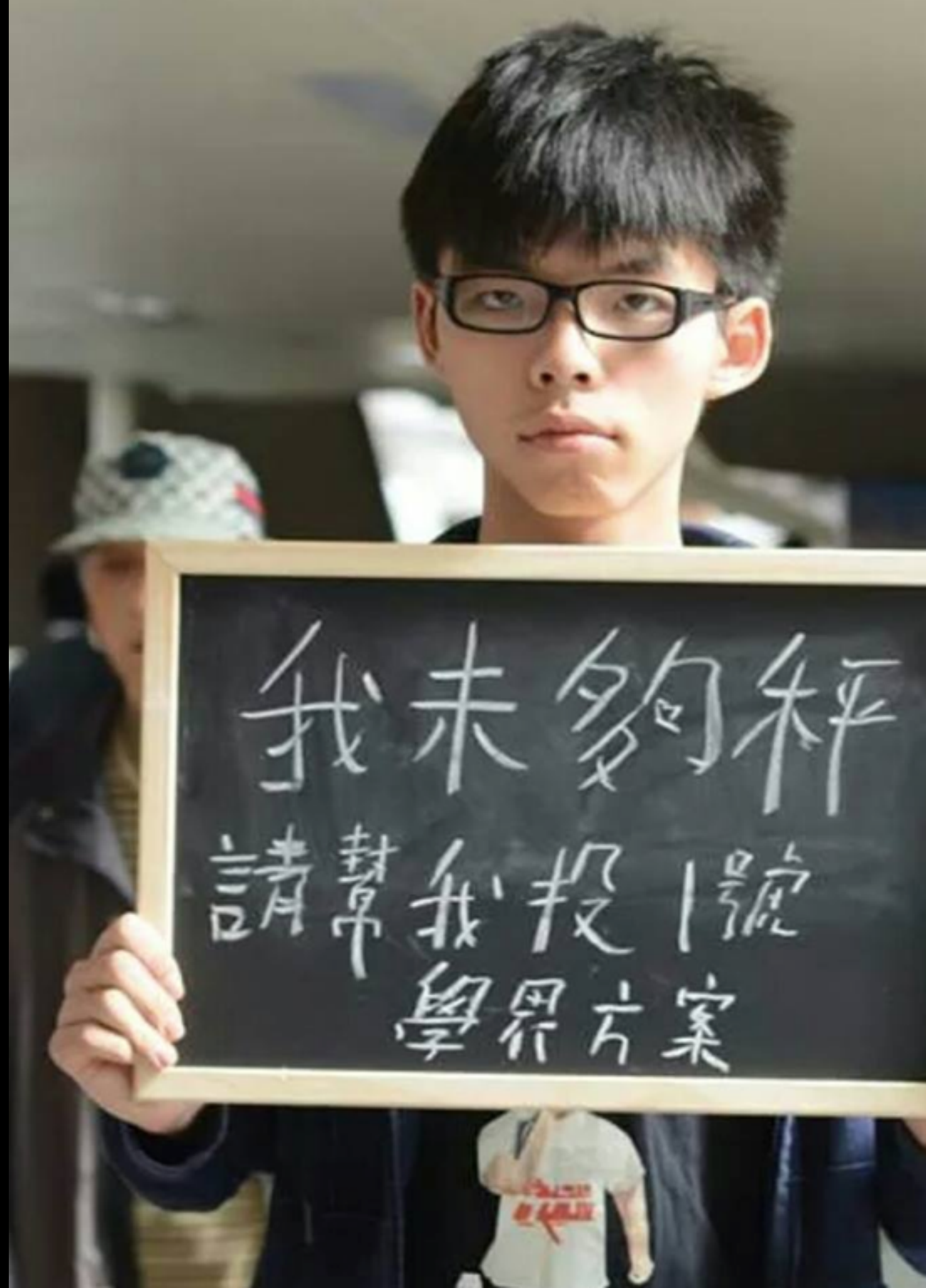
REVIEW UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

- Decision group (strategies, method and value)
- Regain the Civic square
- Massive action: tear gas
- Economic, welfare and labour demands
- China government



JOSHUA WONG(1)

- 18 Years old
- Study in Open University of Hong Kong
- Major in Politics and Public Administration
- Participate social movement for 4 years



JOSHUA WONG(2)



- Successful student:
 - Band 1 secondary school
 - Highest ranking university (HKU)
 - Study in BBA/GLOBAL BUSINESS/ECONOMICS
- Contribute to the society?
 - Enter multinational cooperation
 - Donate to help the poor
 - Government Officials
 - work inside the institution

JOSHUA WONG (3)



- Collective Action
 - Everyone is qualify to join into the movement on street

- Demonstration, Protest, Assembly
 - Change the institution rather than following the mainstream

BACKGROUND OF SCHOLARSHIP(1)

- start from 10 members and gradually increase to 300 members
- Only students can join
- 13 years old to 20 years old
- core value 「學民」
 - student could also own their civil right even they are under 18 years old



BACKGROUND OF SCHOLARISM(2)

MOBILIZATION REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS

	BIGGEST PAN- DEMOCRATS PARTY	SCHOLARISM
TOTAL MEMBERS	700	300
MEMBERS JOIN PROTEST	30	100
FACEBOOK LIKES	~ 10000	~ 310000

ANTI-BRAINWASHING EDUCATION MOVEMENT (1)

- Government proposed “national education subject” from primary 1 to secondary 6
- Official teaching material : Chinese Communist Party is progressive, selfless and united
- Anti-brainwashing & Patriotism violate independent of mind



ANTI-BRAINWASHING EDUCATION MOVEMENT (2)



- First time for secondary school student join into hunger strike in HK
- 120000 citizens occupy citizen square for 10 days

ANTI-BRAINWASHING EDUCATION MOVEMENT (2)



- Result: Government put a side the subject

UMBRELLA MOVEMENT (1)

- Fight for direct election
- Government definition on "universal suffrage": every one can vote but only pro-government politician could be candidate
- If authorized assembly is not useful for 20 years, civic disobedience is the only method



UMBRELLA MOVEMENT (2)

- occupy mainly 2 districts for 80 days
 - Admiralty: outside government headquarters
 - Mong Kok: shopping and entertainment district
- Tension between activist and police with tear gas
- Estimation: 120 million people go to the occupy district to support the movement



CHALLENGE: FAMILY, SCHOOL, EDUCATION



- Statistics:
 - Under 30 years old: 80% support
 - Above 50 years old: 30% support
- Generations dispute: Conflict between teacher and parents with the youth
- Yellow ribbon in school?
- Meet friend interest in politics?

CHALLENGE: FAMILY, SCHOOL, EDUCATION SYSTEM, DEFAME (2)



- 18% students can enter university
- Time management
- Public examination tutorial class (8 hours per week)
- 20 years exam paper practice

CHALLENGE: FAMILY, SCHOOL, EDUCATION SYSTEM, DEFAME (3)

- Most of the members and volunteers of scholars could not enter Mainland China
- Pro-government news paper A1 headline: Joshua Wong receive USMC Fighting Training
- Disclose my home address, me and my mum mobile number

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黃之鋒「美國背景」大起底

外部勢力3年前看中 多管齊下捧成「政治新星」



黃之鋒獲美國國防部撥款，成立「公民黨」，成為中大學生「政治領袖」。

【本報記者 譚家明報導】黃之鋒，這名被譽為「香港之良心」的年輕人，其背景被揭開。據悉，黃之鋒在美國期間，曾受美國國防部、國務院及多個政府機構的資助，被捧成「政治新星」。

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ADVANTAGE: SOCIAL NETWORK MOBILIZATION, LIBERAL STUDIES (1)



- “Liberal Studies” Public examination compulsory curriculum: (Youth political participation 、 Civil disobedience 、 Rule of Law)

- Social Network: Political Communications (Visual element)

KEY FACTOR:
PERSISTENCE
SELF-REALIZATION

- Give up? Turn back to be a normal teens?
- Tension between school and family
- You could be recognized during the movement
- Change the mainstream
- Valuable



DECISION GROUP (STRATEGIES, METHOD AND VALUE)

- **Scholarism**

- Joshua Wong

- **Federation of Student**

- Alex Chau (Comparative literature, HKU)
- Lester Shum (Government and Public Administration, CUHK)

- **Occupy Central with Love and Peace (OCLP)**

- Benny Tai (Professor in HKU Law)
- Chan Kin Man (Professor in CUHK Sociology)

- **Party leaders in Pan-democrats**

- Alan Leong
- Lee Cheuk Yan

DECISION GROUP (STRATEGIES, METHOD AND VALUE)

- Comment on OCLP
 - Academic research ?
 - 7 procedure to form occupy action
 - Announce your plan to the enemy?
 - Neutral & Deliberation
 - direct election? = universal suffrage? = ICCPR? = No screening?
- Comment on Pan-democrats
 - Too conservative to worry about the result in the election
 - raise awareness is enough
 - Follow the circumstances rather than create the follow the circumstances
 - Stand on the footpaths

REGAIN THE CIVIC SQUARE(1)

- Starting point of umbrella movement
- Original idea:
 - 10000 people occupy for a day with lying down on street (Political burden?)
- Upgrade action
 - Civic square (assembly of anti-national education)



REGAIN THE CIVIC SQUARE(2)

- 6:30pm Scholarism & FS divide meeting
- 8:00pm joint meeting
- 9:30pm decide the action
- 10:00pm notice other NGOs / volunteers
- 10:30pm action!

MASSIVE ACTION

- Right-wing / Conservative society
- “Parents protect children”
 - Occupy the road to against tear gas
- “Release Joshua Wong”
 - Unreasonable to arrest for 46 hours
 - High court announce Habeas Corpus



CONCLUSION

- Some people say that given the government's firm stance against genuine universal suffrage, our demands are impossible to achieve. But I believe activism is about making the impossible possible. Hong Kong's ruling class will eventually lose the hearts and minds of the people, and even the ability to govern, because they have lost a generation of youth. In the future I may be arrested again and even sent to jail for my role in this movement. But I am prepared to pay that price if it will make Hong Kong a better and fairer place.
- I would like to remind every member of the ruling class in Hong Kong: Today you are depriving us of our future, but the day will come when we decide your future. No matter what happens to the protest movement, we will reclaim the democracy that belongs to us, because time is on our side.