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## **Brief Comments on Jiang Zemin's "Attention to Politics"**

Jiang Zemin is incapable of writing anything embodying his ideas or his caliber except that he was able to recite several ancient Chinese poems so commonplace that anyone can repeat them by heart. He's only able to shout some three-word slogans and regard them as "theories" which he forces his subordinates to "learn." A good case in point is his "attention to politics."

The so-called "attention to politics" is nothing but an updated version of the terms used in the Cultural Revolution, such as "Politics assumes leadership," or "Class struggle should be paid attention to yearly, monthly, and daily." In Jiang's eyes, paying "attention to politics" means that everything becomes politics. A foreign friend's widow visits an unfortunate Chinese mother, and it becomes politics. A prestigious, apolitical award-granting organization confers the Nobel Literary Prize to a French Chinese, and it also becomes politics. More unimaginably, a group of common people, consisting mainly of senior citizens and women, becomes "reactionary political forces" simply because its members insist on the most fundamental rights to keep themselves healthy and to become better people.

There are numerous labels in Jiang's system of "attention to politics," among which two are most frequently used: "subverting the government" and "forces against China." It seems that as long as the label of "subverting the government" is employed, the powers that be can justify their brutal attacks. However, if the government could be subverted by a group of honest common people, people who gather together to build up their physical fitness, this government is obviously too weak to withstand a puff of breath. As far as "forces against China" is concerned, it is little different from Hitler's persecution of non-Germans. In this case, Jiang is persecuting the most benevolent people in his own nation.

The Chinese people have undergone plenty of political campaigns. Each time, in the name of the government and the people, certain individuals pose as awe-inspiring, righteous men and then subject innocent people to political persecution. This practice is happening again-- which is really a shame for the Chinese people. In fact, those who launched the political persecution are those who are genuinely "subverting the government" and are the real "forces against China".

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