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Yoshio Watanabe President of the International Federation for Victory over Communism, giving a speech on June 7, 2025 in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture



Anti-communism leader warns of threat from Chinese communist party (CCP) as Japan has no spy laws and follows communist plan to destroy the Family Federation

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Speech by President Watanabe of the Federation for Victory over Communism

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Yoshio Watanabe (渡邊芳雄), President of the International Federation for Victory over Communism - an affiliated organization of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)) - gave a speech in Yokohama City on 7th June, calling for the prompt enactment of an anti-espionage law "to protect Japan". He emphasized that Japan is one of the few countries in the world that has yet to enact such a law, and stressed the importance of cracking down before incidents

occur.

Regarding the April statement by the China Anti-Cult Association (中国反邪教协会) - a private organization closely tied to the Chinese Communist Party - that praised the order to dissolve the [Family Federation](#), Watanabe explained,



A Chinese policewoman indoctrinating children about the "evil of cults". These activities are usually carried out with the China Anti-Xie Jiao (anti-cult) Association. According to [Bitter Winter](#), the China Anti-Xie Jiao Association legitimately claims to be the largest anti-cult association in the world. It has branches in all large cities and most small towns and villages. The large Association is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) through the United Front Central Work Department

"The [religious organization](#) promotes the North-South unification of the Korean Peninsula based on a Christian-like ideology. Therefore, the Chinese Communist Party is wary that the estimated 100 million Christians within China might rise in rebellion [should Korea be unified]." [See editor's note below]

On the recent increase in U.S.-China tensions, Watanabe commented,

"Because surpassing the United States is part of China's dream, a clash between the U.S. and China is ultimately inevitable."

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Communist China exploiting assassination of Shinzo Abe to persecute Family Federation in Japan



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Michael Pillsbury, author and leading authority on China, told an international conference in South Korea on 17th December 2022 that we clearly can see China exploiting assassination of Shinzo Abe. Chinese President Xi Jinping and the Japanese Communist Party both believe they can use the assassination – and the alleged grievances the assassin has against the [Unification Church](#) – to tarnish the church's reputation, tarnish the legacy of Abe and undermine religious freedom in Japan and other countries. Since 2014, Pillsbury has been the director of the

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adviser to almost every American president since Richard Nixon.

Pillsbury said:

“Let me say a few words about Chinese strategy. Xi Jinping wants to exploit Abe’s tragic assassination on July 8th and demonize all his allies, including the [Unification Church](#) and the Liberal Democratic Party Abe faction.

Speaker Newt Gingrich has pointed out in a Washington Times op-ed that the chairman of the Japanese Communist Party has revealed their plan in an interview. Communist Party chairman Shii said openly that the starting point in the history of this, was an anti-communist organization that was united with the [Unification Church](#). They called this half a century of historical collusion between the two organizations.



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It’s obvious to me why China also wants to undermine the memory of Abe. Abe was the most anti-Chinese Communist Party Prime Minister in Japanese history. The Japanese Communist Party not only attacks the Abe wing of the LDP, but also the work of the [Unification Church](#) in Japan and around the world. China attacks the [Unification Church](#). At the same time, it attacks everything Abe worked for.”

Via a pre-recorded message, Pillsbury made the statements at the “Second Conference for Hope for Universal Human Rights and Religious Freedom” organized by the Washington Times Foundation and the Universal Peace Federation in Gapyeong, South Korea. The first conference took place on 12th November. Pillsbury elaborated on how it is in Communist China’s interest to persecute the [Unification Church](#) / [Family Federation](#):

“Now I want to address these four questions. Why does China oppose Korean unification? Why does China oppose the [Unification Church](#)? Why does China oppose Prime Minister Abe’s anti-communist supporters? And why does China persecute Chinese Christians?

No one would have imagined the successful Trump meetings way back 30 years ago. In 1991, [Reverend Moon](#) first met with Kim Il-sung, then the North Korean president, to discuss ways to achieve a peace on the Korean Peninsula, as well as on international relations and tourism. In 1992, Kim Il-sung gave his first and only interview with the Western news media to The Washington Times reporter Josette Sheeran.



Sun Myung Moon and Kim Il-sung 6th Dec. 1991

In 2012, [Moon](#) was posthumously awarded North Korea’s National Reunification prize. On the 1st anniversary of [Reverend Moon](#)’s death, North Korean chairman Kim Jong-un expressed condolences to his family, saying Kim Jong-un prayed for the repose of [Moon](#), who worked hard for national concord, prosperity and reunification and world peace. Last August, Kim Jong-un again sent condolences via the North Korean Peace Advisory Committee. On the 10th anniversary of [Moon](#)’s passing, Kim again provided condolences and respect to [Madame Han](#).



China has opposed and fears Korean


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reunification. China's own approach has been to persecute anything foreign about Christianity and to oppose the [Unification Church](#), even calling it an evil cult.

The Chinese have a five-year plan to change the Chinese style Christianity. They're rewriting the Bible according to this five-year plan. One example is an egregious affront to the Bible the Christians hold sacred. They've revealed they have a crusade to sinify, or Chinesify, Christianity. It's in a regulation of religious affairs that was released in 2018. It's part of China's national strategy to replace America as the world leader.

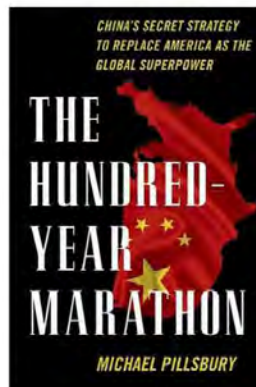
According to recent reports, the Chinese authorities have altered Chinese textbooks. The famous biblical verse, in which Jesus forgives a woman who commits adultery, has been rewritten so that Jesus himself stones her to death. Chinese school children are taught that religion is a superstition. They remove party members for participating in religious activities. Christianity is not exempt from the long arm of the Chinese authorities. Churches that operate outside government approval, termed house churches, have been closed and even defaced. The CCP is determined to prevent external influence, foreign influence, from escaping any government control.

Of the five poisons China says are dangerous to national unity, three are religious groups. Some estimate that there's been a dramatic growth of the Christian population in China to nearly 100 million in spite of this repression. Foreign influence, they are afraid, is going to lead to the overthrow of the Communist Party from within. A Christian unified Korea adds to this nightmare for the Chinese Communist Party."

In his presentation, Pillsbury mentioned his book "The Hundred-Year Marathon", which was a bestseller in the US, Japan and South Korea. In the book, he shows through internal Chinese documents how China plans to dethrone the United States as the world's leading superpower.

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