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I want to thank GOPNYC for posting about this important anniversary for China and for all of humanity. It'll get no mention from the Obama Administration, who are servile in their approach to China. This is a cross-post from my earlier comment.

Twenty years ago yesterday, a group of Chinese students and intellectuals peacefully protesting in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, People's Republic of China, were murdered en masse by the Chinese Communist military on order from the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party. The Communist Party estimated casualties at 200-300. Unofficial sources estimated 2,000-3,000.

The students were demanding freedom and democracy for mainland China. They were wielding the symbols of American democracy-- paper mache replicas of the Statue of Liberty, and the Declaration of Independence, universal symbols of basic principles of human rights.

More important, word of their protests had spread throughout the country. There were sympathy protests all over China. Peasants working in the fields had put down their tools by the millions, and had begun walking towards Beijing, presumably to join the protests. There was a real danger to the leadership of the Communist Party of a people's revolution unseating the communist dictatorship.

The leadership reacted violently, ordering the military to massacre the student protesters.

Here's the Google link:

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It is now illegal in China to speak of this event. You can be arrested for even mentioning it. It is a dark crime of the Communist Party against the Chinese people, one they wish to bury together with communism's many other crimes.

And of course, the Obama Administration remained silent on this important anniversary. We owe the Chinese lots of money, and it is important that the current American Administration not upset their Chinese masters with mentions of past Chinese Communist atrocities. They are slaves to the Communist Chinese indeed.