Trends in Domestic Unrest and Analysis in China

Project Title	Trends in Domestic Unrest and Analysis in China
Project Summary	Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research seeks a student intern to assist with tracking domestic Chinese yearbooks for data that may point to trends in domestic unrest.
Country	United States

Project Description

Project description The Bureau of Intelligence and Research's East Asia and Pacific Office seeks a virtual intern with good Chinese language reading skills and good online search and data management skills to help our division develop a range of small datasets to support our research and analysis. These datasets could include both statistical (including time-series) and non-statistical information, primarily from Chinese online, yearbook, and other under-exploited "low hanging fruit" data that help our office plot and visualize trends on persistent, important analytical issues. Where possible, the intern could develop the sets in Excel or other software that would permit fast, easy analyst exploitation and transformation into visual presentation for current production (e.g. graphs, pie-charts, flowcharts, maps). The student will collect data and perform comparative analysis on changes over time. This particular project would focus on data that would be relevant to domestic unrest and domestic media messaging in China's propaganda system.
Desired Skills and Interests Chinese politics, Writing and analysis
Language requirements Mandarin Chinese: Advanced working level reading proficiency required
Additional Information:
? Language requirements – Fluent in reading and typing Mandarin Chinese and fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English
? This project will help virtual student foreign service interns develop writing and communications skills, analysis, and research skills, as well as gain an understanding of the nuances of reading Chinese language documents such as yearbooks and journals related to domestic unrest and policing.
? Indicators of China's social stability and welfare: support ongoing analysis of domestic trends by developing (or building on existing analyst holdings) province-by-province time series datasets on social stability/crime rates, poverty alleviation, medical resources, ethnic population, labor, and other indicators.
Indicators of Chinese domestic public messaging trends: Support ongoing analysis by developing chronological datasets of key domestic government statements regarding important trends (e.g. OBOR goals, COVID-19 trends, etc.). Interns could also be asked to develop focused historical messaging sets to give analysts a systematic comparison to other recent trends (e.g. chronology of statements re SARS for use in comparing to COVID-19).
? Compile weekly briefers (in written and/or graphic form) of major trends;
? Produce briefers, one page documents, or other research papers and analysis on topics related to the Bureau's topics of interest relevant to domestic unrest;
? Other duties as required.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Data analysis
Political Analysis
Research
Writing

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Chinese-Mandarin	Full professional proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Required