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**Is the “truth” we learned true?**

Recently, “CNN”, a main current media of the USA has entered into Chinese network’s catchwords. “CNN” people has referred to the people who confound right and wrong with ulterior motives and trample the truth willfully. This is the first time for a foreign media whose name became one of the most well-known words in China. And at the same time a website named “anti-CNN” ([www.anti-CNN.com](http://www.anti-CNN.com)) was founded by unofficial Chinese people and rapidly got a great amount of 1200000 hits in the first three days. However, what’s on earth?

For the current China, there are 2 things very important expressly. One is the Olympic Games in Beijing this summer, the other is the problem of Tibet. These two things put China to the heartland of the world again and coursed great controversies.

After the violence of Tibet on 14<sup>th</sup>, marth °as a Chinese student abroad, I was shocked by the continuously fierce negative news storming which made by the foreign media.

What you can read are almost like this: On 14<sup>th</sup>, March, Tibet ,Chinese army and government suppressed the Peaceful demonstrations cruelly. You can get it on the internet, on TV and in multifarious kinds of English newspaper. It seems like a truth that Chinese government is overriding the human-rights and the freedom of faith by conquest the Tibet independence elements.

But is the “truth” you learned really true?

Some overseas media violate the principle of fair and equitable and totally devastated the truth of the matter.

On 17<sup>th</sup>,March,CNN published a picture about the the violent event of Tibet. In the picture, there was a Chinese military trucks on the road and beside it there was a burning car. It seemed like that Chinese government set army came to Tibet and there would be a cruel crackdown. But it is only half of the original picture. In this transparent century, nobody can hide the truth. Quickly, Chinese people found the intact picture and the truth is that many thugs was attacking the military trucks by stones. CNN covered up the fact! (Because of the huge stress of Chinese people, CNN has changed the picture and gave an understatement apologize.)

At the same day, BBC published a news picture named There is a heavy military presence in Lhasa (Monday,17 March 2008,14:59 “Tibetans

describe continuing unrest”) on its news site. But it is clearly that it is a picture of Chinese policemen helped the doctors and nurses to take the injured into the ambulance.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, March, RTL of Germany published a picture called Chinese policemen was suppressing the Tibetan’s protestor, but in fact it is a picture of Nepal Police dispelled the demonstrator in Nepal’s capital Katmandu. **(RTL has admitted their mistake and apologized for Chinese people )**

And the similar error had happened N-TV of Germany and Fox News of the USA which used a picture of India Police handcuffed the demonstrator and called it China's armed forces copy of the Tibetan demonstrators into trucks.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, March, Germany's "Star Weekly" reported that the Dalai Lama, "Chinese police dressed as monks inciting riots" rumors. And distribution of a so-called "basis" of the picture. In fact this picture is Chinese film Tianmaichuanai’s stills.

It is natural for Chinese people to get indignation. Not only for the western media insulted our homeland, but also for the pursuing of the truth. Quote the website anti-CNN’s statement: We are not against the western media, but against the lies and fabricated stories in the media. We are not

against the western people, but against the prejudice from the western society.(www.anti-cnn.com)

Western media also noticed the phenomenon that their behavior has aroused strong indignation of the Chinese people and aroused their strong love for their homeland. As The New York Times said, As is clear to anyone who lives here, most young ethnic Chinese strongly support their government's suppression of the recent Tibetan uprising. ( China's Loyal Youth ,By MATTHEW FORNEY,Published: April 13, 2008) The TIME of Germany also said that they encountered a new opponent, that is, Chinese nationals. For most participants, this fight has nothing to do political and economic, but unjust resistance. Chinese people with self-confidence, a rational system of creative ways to pursue justice. Western media by the Chinese people's strong dissatisfaction with and protest shocked, and still have not found a suitable response. (6<sup>th</sup>, April, Western should be very pleased to see this)

But **why** did the western media, who always advertised free and fair, distort the truth advisedly? It is clearly that when the media reports, they often consider the present politics or write things according to their self-opinionated values.

For western media's metter, it is more appropriate to say that stems from the ideology with China and the differences as well as the Chinese

ignorance and deep prejudice.

First, as their values and lack of understanding of China lead to a potential consensus, the Chinese government is a government oppression of human rights, Chinese media which follow the government is not credible, and of course the Chinese people are all ignorant and fooled. According to a survey conducted by a United States that many Americans still remain impressed by China in the last century 1970s and 1980s, or even think that China is now the era of Mao Zedong's rule. All the things are taken for granted in accordance with their inherent ideas, and not hesitate to distort the facts in order to obtain the same political argument as they have always advocated.

Second, because of Chinese big power on the rise. In recent decades, Chinese economy has tremendous development. In recent years, GDP growth rate is double-digit every year. This makes the Western media panic. On the one hand, they hope Chinese development, and on the other hand they are afraid of Chinese development which may be a threat to them. So they started to advocate China threat theory, for example, stop selling military weapons from Europe to China to contain Chinese development.

This caused a tragedy, the Western people by the media and politicians to demonize Chinese guide, increasingly annoying China. At the same time,

the Chinese people because of the strong patriotic feeling, conduct of their demonstrations and carried out on the Louis Vuitton's LV, Carrefour brands resistance. Contradictions became more intensified.

Do the western people know these truth?

Do they know who is in Lhasa, Tibet independence riots manufacturing cruel killing of over 20 innocent people? Do they know that the Chinese police to the extent possible peaceful solution to the problem, and tolerance are not the final shot, and killed by the mob cruel? Do they know that Tibet independence elements crazy snatch the Olympic flame, torch relay attacks, is trampling on the spirit of the Olympic Games peace? They know nothing. They even do not know that their kindness and virtue are imposed by their media and politicians.

As a Chinese person, except our anger, we also think about what we can do for our country and the fact. Besides studying hard to enhance the national strength, we should start from ourselves to establish a good image of the motherland. At the same time, let the world know China, know the truth are also very important which is the main reason I write the essay.