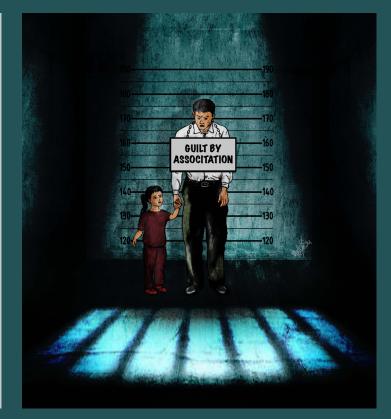
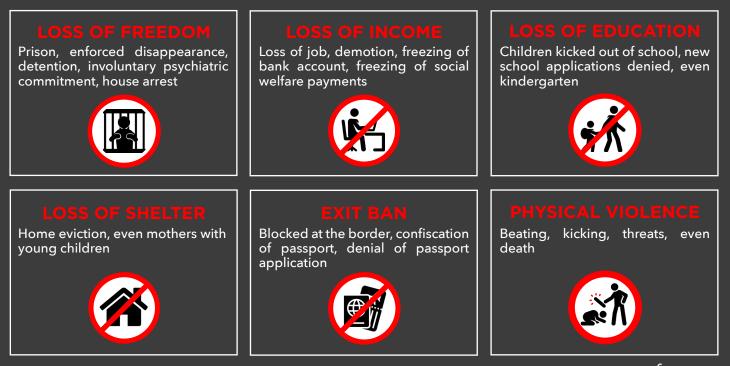
FAMILIES IN FEAR: COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT IN 21ST CENTURY CHINA

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is using collective punishment as a political tool to target human rights defenders and their families. This feudal practice is now being employed to **punish** loved ones from toddlers to pensioners. Anecdotal accounts indicate the CCP has been expanding this illegal practice under Xi Jinping in terms of victim numbers, frequency of use and type of punishment. Collective punishment is used to coerce confessions, frighten family members from advocacy and silence overseas critics. It is also increasingly adopted as a tool of transnational repression in persuade to return operations to coerce overseas targets, including telecom fraud suspects, to return to China.



Collective punishment / kəˈlek.tɪv ˈpʌn.ɪʃ.mənt / *noun* A state-sanctioned punishment or threat to punish an individual based entirely on their relationship (usually familial) to someone suspected of a crime, found guilty of a crime, or a political target. Collective punishment is an arbitrary punishment. Also known as family punishment, kin punishment, or guilt by association.

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