

China's leadership struggle

China's once-in-a-decade leadership contest will see seven of nine members of the ruling Politburo Standing Committee replaced, including President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao. The PSC wields power over a fifth of humanity

Politburo Standing Committee: China's highest authority. **PSC** meets weekly

◀ **Xi Jinping**
Vice-President and heir apparent to President **Hu Jintao**

Seven new members to be appointed following **National Party Congress** in November

▶ **Li Keqiang**

POPULIST

Vice-Premier likely to succeed **Wen Jiabao** as premier

9

members

25

204

2,270

80,269,000

Members of Communist Party of China
Less than 6% of total population



1,338,299,500

Population of China

Politburo: Decisions made by consensus, not majority vote. Politburo meets monthly

Central Committee: Highest authority within **Communist Party of China**. Elected at **National Party Congress** of **CPC** – held every five years

National Party Congress: Sets guidelines for next five years and revisions to constitution

Seven members to be replaced. Politburo high-flyer **Bo Xilai** recently expelled

Members appoint **Politburo** and **PSC**, **Central Military Commission**, and **Secretariat** to implement decisions of China's top leaders

CPC selects delegates from all 31 provinces, plus Hong Kong/Macao, Taiwan, and seven state bodies*

◀ **Likely PSC members**

▶ **Liu Yuanshan**

HARDLINE

Opposed to political and economic reforms, and pro-democracy movement

▶ **Yu Zhengsheng**

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Shanghai party chief

◀ **Meng Jianzhu**

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Public Security chief has cracked down hard against Uighur and Tibetan protests

▶ **Wang Qishan**

Possible future premier

◀ **Li Yuanchao**

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▶ **Zhang Gaoli**

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Tianjin party chief

▶ **Wang Yang**

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Guangdong party chief

◀ **Ling Jihua**

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▶ **Hu Chunhua**

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Inner Mongolia party chief, protégé of **Hu Jintao**

◀ **Zhang Dejiang**

Vice-Premier has replaced **Bo Xilai** as Chongqing party chief

▶ **Liu Yandong**

State Councillor is in strong position – following ousting of **Bo Xilai** – to become first woman member of Politburo Standing Committee

*China claims Taiwan as part of People's Republic of China. †Descendants of party revolutionaries – "the eight elders" – who established PRC in 1949

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