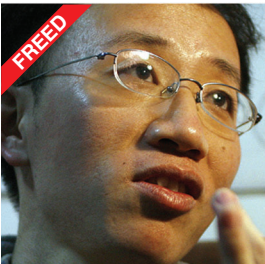


Most prominent Chinese dissidents



Hu Jia, 39

Environmentalist and Aids activist, released in 2011 after serving three-and-a-half-years in jail on subversion charges

Hu's wife Zeng Jinyan, herself an activist, remains under house arrest since 2008



Chen Guangcheng, 41

Known for exposing abuses under China's draconian family planning policy, sentenced in 2006 to four years for damaging property

Leaves U.S. embassy on May 2, a week after escaping house arrest



Liu Xiaobo, 56

Key leader of 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, received 11-year jail sentence in 2009 for "inciting subversion" after calling for sweeping political reforms

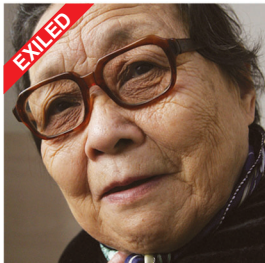
Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010



Gao Zhisheng, 46

Combative rights advocate convicted of subversion in 2006, says he was tortured during period of detention

Sent back to jail in 2011 for three years, for "violating probation rules"



Gao Yaojie, 85

Prominent critic of Chinese government's record fighting HIV/Aids, exposing 1990s blood transfusion scandal that infected thousands of people

Fled to U.S. in 2009 after fearing arrest



Ai Weiwei, 55

Conceptual artist and outspoken critic of Chinese authorities, detained for 81 days in 2011, after being accused of economic crimes

Banned from leaving Beijing