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China's Changing of the Guard

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China's Communist Party will unveil its once-in-a-decade leadership transition at the 18th Party Congress in November. Seven of the nine-member Politburo Standing Committee will be replaced, while *President Hu Jintao* and *Premier Wen Jiabao* will hand over power to a new guard

Xi Jinping, 59

Son of Communist guerrilla leader *Xi Zhongxun*. Expected to succeed *Hu Jintao* as party chief and head of state. **Market-friendly approach to economy. Conservative views concerning political reform**

Li Keqiang, 57

Protégé of *Hu Jintao* is in line to succeed *Wen Jiabao*. Holds bachelor's degree in law and doctorate in economics. **Policy agenda includes more jobs, affordable housing, basic health care, promoting innovation in clean energy technology**



Zhang Dejiang, 66

Vice-premier in charge of industry, transport and energy is leading candidate for promotion to Standing Committee. **Iron-fisted enforcer backs state-owned monopolies – wary of reform as well as foreign and private influence in China's economy**



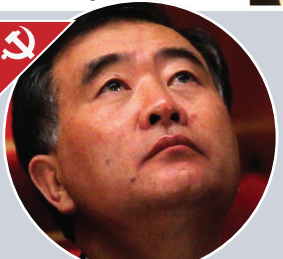
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Liu Yunshan, 65

Head of Communist Party's propaganda department is strong Standing Committee candidate. **Opposed to political and economic reform and pro-democracy movement. Backs strict media and internet censorship policies**



Wang Yang, 58

Communist Party secretary of Guangdong. **Record as reformer marred by recent crackdown on province's liberal media**



Li Yuanchao, 62

Controls all top government and state-owned enterprise appointments. **Among most modern and open-minded leaders of new guard**



Wang Qishan, 64

Currently top economic decision maker. **Likely to back foreign investment, liberalization of financial system, and tax reform**



Hu Chunhua, 49

Protégé of *Hu Jintao*. **Has championed poverty alleviation and allocation of more financial help to less-developed regions**



Yu Zhengsheng, 67

Shanghai party chief is strong Standing Committee candidate. **Backs private sector, urban development, and social reforms**



Liu Yandong, 66

Could become first woman on Standing Committee. **Liberal-minded councillor may call for greater political participation**



Meng Jianzhu, 65

Minister of public security is likely Standing Committee candidate. **Supports Shanghai's role as global financial centre**



Zhang Gaoli, 66

Outside candidate for Standing Committee. **Keeps low profile – believed to be pro-market, supports private sector expansion**

*Descendants of party revolutionaries – “the eight elders” – who established People's Republic of China in 1949
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