



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

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Under Chinese rule, Tibet has become the site of growing threats to global security.

The Dalai Lama and Tibetan people have a vision for how Tibetan culture can benefit world civilization. Tibet's strategic location makes it an important part of geopolitical considerations that impact global security.

Tibet was once a heavily isolated region and an important buffer between China and India. But when the Chinese Communist Party came to power in 1949, it quickly invaded Tibet, and the region has been increasingly militarized since then.

In recent years, China has built military installations and infrastructure in Tibet to prepare for a potential armed conflict with India, the world's largest democracy and the country that has given refuge to the [Dalai Lama](#) and Tibetan refugees.

China has exploited Tibet's rich natural resources to help fuel its economic development for several decades. *Xizang*, the Chinese word for Tibet, literally means "western treasure house."

Encouraged by the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan people have remained overwhelmingly peaceful in the face of Chinese oppression. But in the absence of the Dalai Lama, there is a great risk of rising tension and instability in Tibet.

The only way to prevent that is to help the Tibetan people succeed in their nonviolent struggle for justice and [human rights](#).

