

CHINESE AND AMERICAN PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT

“当局者迷，旁观者清”

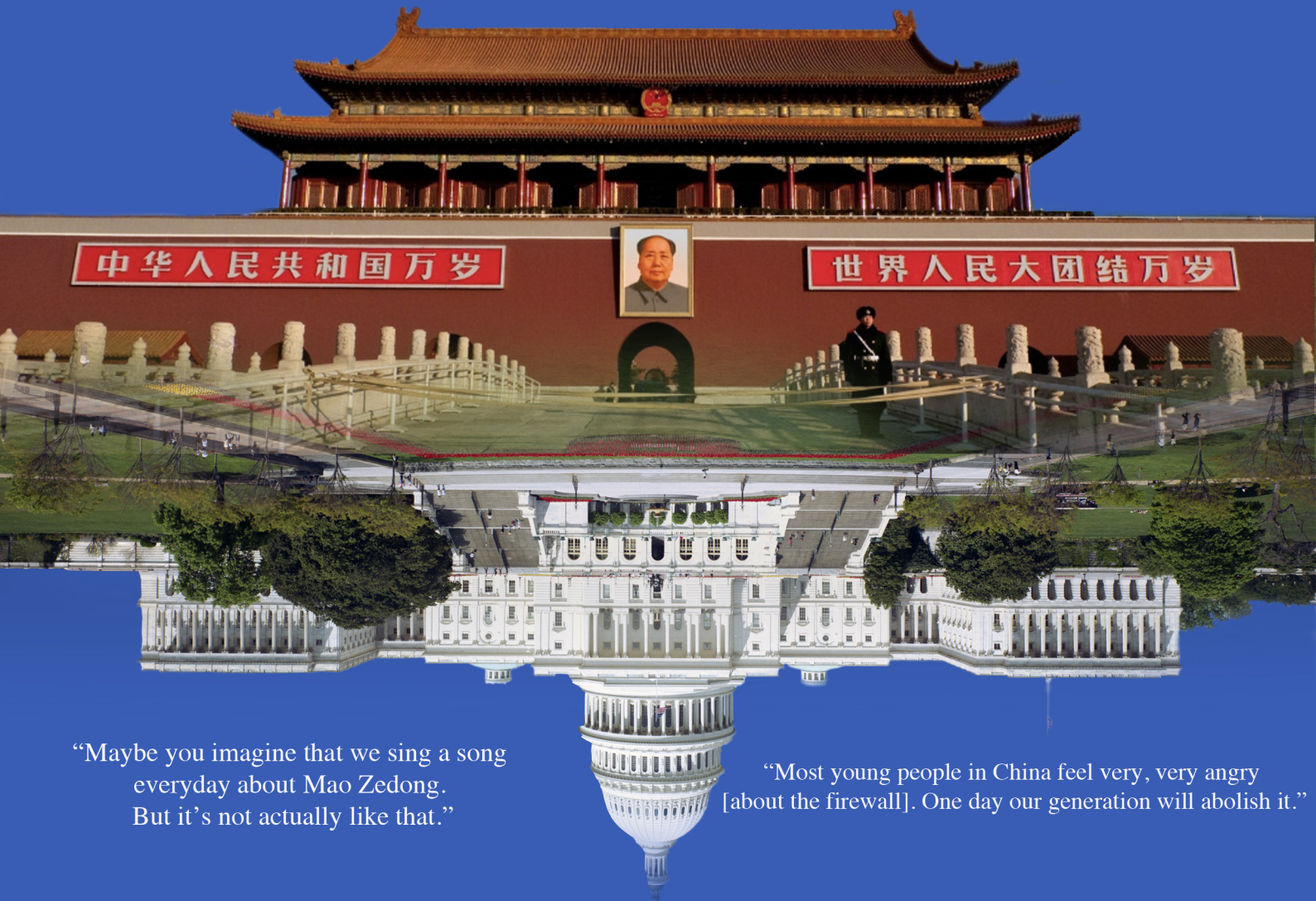
It's easier to see the truth from the outside looking in

“People can choose what sets of laws they want to govern their lives. It's a symbol of freedom. The federalist system is good in America but not practical in China”

“The UN can become involved in a nation's affairs, but an individual country cannot. The US doesn't have the right to go into another country, it's that country's own business.”

“When you face [economic] problems you don't think it's a problem, you think it's natural. You spend money that you don't have.”

“America will be back to Asia. I think that's pretty tough for China”



“Maybe you imagine that we sing a song everyday about Mao Zedong. But it's not actually like that.”

“Most young people in China feel very, very angry [about the firewall]. One day our generation will abolish it.”

“Politics in China seems vague to us.”

“When we were young we wanted to get into politics, influence the nation, do something good for the benefit of the people. But when we hear about government we don't see hope in it. All the governors are doing things for their own benefit. Students want to get in and change it but once you get in, you will be changed. There is no way to get away from it.”