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“The Organization 乌有之乡 and the 新毛派”

Abstract

"The Lesson of the Rabbit, or Why is Utopia Still Permitted to Operate? Since its founding in 2003, the leadership of Utopia (乌有之乡) and its members have called for the sacking of a sitting Premier, attempted to organize an Occupy Wall Street movement in China, publicly stated that in trial of Bo Xilai "destroyed a ray of hope for the Chinese Communist Party," called for a second Cultural Revolution to reform Party cadres, advocated the "elimination" of race traitors (汉奸), including People's Bank of China head Zhou Xiaochuan, and even formed a political party that declared the then-imprisoned Bo Xilai chairman for life. And yet aside from the occasional shuttering of its website, there have been no serious repercussions by government. Indeed, Utopia in 2015 is stronger and more active than it is been since its founding more than one decade ago. In this presentation, I will discuss the origins and development of Utopia, and offer some potential answers to the question of how is group still permitted to operate, given its public opposition to the CCP."