

Survey on the Falun Gong Community in the United States

This is the English version survey. (Chinese version available via separate link.)

Survey Use and Informed Consent

The Falun Dafa Information Center is preparing a special report assessing the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) transnational repression on Falun Gong practitioners in the U.S. The information collected will be the basis for **an important report to inform the U.S. government and the American people.**

This short, anonymous survey is designed to gain a clearer and more comprehensive picture of the challenges and impacts affecting Falun Gong practitioners across the United States. The survey asks about your background, potential persecution experiences in China, sense of safety in the United States, and possible encounters with CCP agents, proxies, or influences, which aim to silence or malign Falun Gong practitioners on U.S. soil.

- The survey takes approximately **15–30 minutes** to complete depending on the extent of your encounters with CCP persecution.
- All responses are **anonymous and confidential**. Furthermore, all data is captured on a private server operated exclusively by the Falun Dafa Information Center.
- You may skip or select/type "**Prefer not to say**" for any questions you are not comfortable answering.
- If you are willing to include contact information for follow-up clarification, there is a question at the end to provide your information, but it is **not required**. If you are contacted, the Falun Dafa Information Center **will not cite** the survey respondents, and you will **remain anonymous** publicly.

Your voice matters. By sharing your experiences, you can help shed light on the realities faced by the Falun Gong community and inform policy makers.

By continuing, you acknowledge that you are **at least 18 years old** and have **read and agree to participate in this study voluntarily**. If you have any questions, please email contact@faluninfo.net.

Responses are connected to your account. An asterisk () indicates mandatory questions.*

Section 1: General Atmosphere and Sense of Safety *

1. What country do you currently live in?

- ☐ United States
- ☐ Other (If other, please discontinue the survey as we are currently seeking data only from US-based Falun Gong practitioners. Thank you.)

2. To what extent do you feel physically safe while engaging in Falun Gong related activities in the U.S.?

- ☐ Very safe
- ☐ Somewhat safe
- ☐ Neutral

- ☐ Somewhat unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe
- ☐ Prefer not to say

3. To what extent do you feel safe from the CCP's surveillance in the United States?

- ☐ Very safe
- ☐ Somewhat safe
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe
- ☐ Prefer not to say

4. To what extent do you feel your family in China is safe from potential harassment by Chinese security forces because of your activities/activism in the U.S.?

- ☐ Very safe
- ☐ Somewhat safe
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe
- ☐ I don't have family in China
- ☐ Prefer not to say

5. How often do you limit your human rights or Falun Gong-related activities in the U.S. due to fear of the CCP's retaliation?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Not often
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat often
- ☐ Very often
- ☐ Prefer not to say

6. To what extent do you feel comfortable telling others that you practice Falun Gong in professional or academic environments in the U.S.?

- ☐ Very comfortable
- ☐ Somewhat comfortable
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat uncomfortable
- ☐ Very uncomfortable
- ☐ Prefer not to say

7. To what extent do you feel confident that your religious freedom and other freedoms are protected in the U.S. against the CCP's long arms?

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat unconfident
- ☐ Very unconfident
- ☐ Prefer not to say

8. If you answered somewhat or very unsafe/uncomfortable/unconfident to any of the above questions (or somewhat often / very often for Question 5), please explain why you felt that way:

[Enter your answer]

9. Have you noticed increased negative media coverage, social media campaigns, or misinformation about Falun Gong since 2022?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Prefer not to say

10. Do you feel negatively impacted by such disinformation/misinformation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Prefer not to say

***If you answered "yes", how did the disinformation/misinformation impact you negatively?
(Select all that apply)***

- ☐ Verbal harassment in public or online
- ☐ Discrimination at work, school, or community
- ☐ Tension within family or social relationships
- ☐ Withdrawal from community or public events
- ☐ Emotional distress
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

If you answered "yes", please give examples of how disinformation or propaganda regarding Falun Gong in the United States has affected you or your community.

[Enter your answer]

11. In your own words, please describe the overall atmosphere that you feel as a Falun Gong practitioner while living in the U.S.

[Enter your answer]

Section 2: Transnational Repression *

Definition:

The U.S. Department of Justice [defines](#) transnational repression (TNR) as a "range of tactics that foreign governments employ to reach beyond their borders to **harm, intimidate, threaten, harass, or coerce individuals**," including those from persecuted religious and diaspora communities.

12. Based on the above definition, do you believe that you have experienced transnational repression from the CCP or Chinese government since you began living in the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

13. Based on the above definition, do you believe that you have experienced transnational repression from the CCP or Chinese government in the United States from 2022 to 2025?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

14. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced physical assault or destruction of property (such as destruction of booths and tire slashing) that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

15. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you been personally threatened by physical violence (such as death threats or inflicting bodily harm) that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

16. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced physical harassment (such as unwanted touching, blocking your booth or other activities with objects) or in-person verbal harassment (vulgar or insulting language) that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

17. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced any form of cyberbullying or other online harassment (such as vulgar or insulting comments on social media profiles) that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

18. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced cyberattack or hacking that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, or not that I am aware of
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to

China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

19. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced surveillance – physical (such as stalking) or digital (phone tapping) – that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, or not that I am aware of
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

20. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced censorship (such as limitations on participation in community events, fairs, parades or hosting of Shen Yun performance) that you believe was related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

21. In the past 5 years, were any of the following organizations or representatives involved in any attempt to interfere or restrict Falun Gong activities in your area? (Click all that apply).

- ☐ Chinese embassy
- ☐ Chinese consulate
- ☐ Confucius Institute
- ☐ Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)
- ☐ China Anti-Cult Association (CACA)
- ☐ Local Chinese associations
- ☐ Local Chinese businesses
- ☐ Local Chinese diaspora (e.g. lodging complaints with event venue/organizers)
- ☐ Local non-Chinese businesses and associations

- ☐ I'm not aware of any pressure or interference in my area
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

22. In the past 5 years, have any of your family members inside China been harassed, detained, or otherwise persecuted by Chinese security forces in an apparent attempt to discourage or retaliate against your family for your Falun Gong related activities in the U.S.?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't have family in China
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

23. In the past 5 years in the United States, have you experienced other forms of transnational repression not listed above (such as loss of employment, debanking, or frivolous lawsuits) that you believe were related to your involvement in Falun Gong related activities and likely linked to the CCP (directly or indirectly)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please describe the incident with the month and year it occurred, the city and state where it happened, a brief explanation of the incident, any known or potential ties the perpetrators had to China or the CCP, and whether law enforcement acted against them. If more than one incident occurred, please describe all relevant ones.

[Enter your answer]

Section 3: Persecution in China

24. Were you harassed or threatened by Chinese security forces in China for practicing Falun Gong?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (I've been to China, but have I did not experience this form of persecution)

- ☐ N/A (I haven't been to China after July 1999)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

25. Were you detained or imprisoned in China for practicing Falun Gong?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (I've been to China, but have I did not experience this form of persecution)
- ☐ N/A (I haven't been to China after July 1999)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

26. Have you experienced abuse or mistreatment while in custody in China (e.g., physical beatings, torture, forced labor, sleep deprivation, forced medication, or psychological torture)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (I've been to China, but have I did not experience this form of persecution)
- ☐ N/A (I haven't been to China after July 1999)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

27. Were you subjected to blood tests or suspicious medical examinations while in custody in China?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (I've been to China, but have I did not experience this form of persecution)
- ☐ N/A (I haven't been to China after July 1999)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

28. Were any of your family members imprisoned in China due to their Falun Gong-faith, activism, or your activities in the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't have family in China
- ☐ Prefer not to say

29. Currently, are any of your family members still imprisoned in China due to their Falun Gong-faith, activism, or your activities in the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't have family in China
- ☐ Prefer not to say

30. Have any of your family members died as a result of persecution against Falun Gong in China?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

- ☐ I don't have family in China
- ☐ Prefer not to say

31. If you answered yes to any of the questions 24-29, please provide a brief description of your detention and persecution in China or your relative's (which years detained, reason for detention, length of imprisonment, mistreatment encountered in custody, forced labor products, blood testing/medical examination, etc.) If you are comfortable doing so, you may include links to news articles or Minghui reports related to the relevant cases.

[Enter your answer]

Section 4: Demographic Information

32. What U.S. state do you currently live in?

[Pick an option from dropdown]

33. What is your age range?

- ☐ 18–24
- ☐ 25–34
- ☐ 35–44
- ☐ 45–54
- ☐ 55–64
- ☐ 65+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

34. What sector do you currently work in?

- ☐ Medical/Healthcare
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Marketing
- ☐ Government agency
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Non-profit
- ☐ Media
- ☐ Tech/IT
- ☐ Academia/Research
- ☐ Arts / Entertainment
- ☐ Service and Hospitality
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Full-time student
- ☐ Retired/Not currently working
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

35. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say

36. What is your ethnicity and national origin? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Ethnic Chinese (Mainland China)
- ☐ Ethnic Chinese (Born in the United States)
- ☐ Ethnic Chinese (Taiwan)
- ☐ Ethnic Chinese (Hong Kong)
- ☐ Non-ethnic Chinese (Caucasian)
- ☐ Non-ethnic Chinese (African American)
- ☐ Non-ethnic Chinese (Hispanic)
- ☐ Non-ethnic Chinese (Other Asian ethnicity)
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

37. Are you a U.S. citizen?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

(If yes) What year did you become a U.S. citizen?

[Enter your answer]

(If no) Are you currently a refugee or asylum seeker in the U.S.?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

38. How many years have you lived in the U.S.?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1–3 years
- ☐ 4–7 years
- ☐ 8–10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years
- ☐ Prefer not to say

39. What is your highest education level?

- ☐ No education
- ☐ Elementary

- Middle school
- High school
- Some college
- Bachelor or equivalent
- Master or equivalent
- PhD or equivalent
- Prefer not to say

40. Where did you learn Falun Gong?

- China
- United States
- Other: _____

41. What year did you start practicing Falun Gong?

[Enter your answer]

Optional: Follow up contact

42. Would you be willing to be contacted for a follow-up interview? If yes, please provide your contact info below. If no, please leave this blank. (Optional)

(You may provide a secure, anonymous email address or other preferred contacting method. If you are contacted, the Falun Dafa Information Center will not cite the survey respondents' identities, and you will remain anonymous publicly.)

[Enter your answer]

Final Comments

43. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience as a Falun Gong practitioner in the U.S. or your views on transnational repression?

[Enter your answer]