

# What's Wrong With China? By Paul Midler

A Critical Look at China's Economic, Social, and Political Problems



China is a country with a long and storied history. It is the world's most populous country, with over 1.4 billion people. It is also one of the world's fastest-growing economies. However, China is also a country with a number of serious problems.

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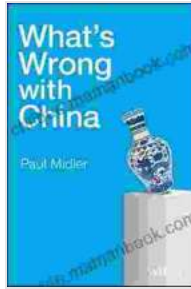
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One of the most pressing problems facing China is its economic inequality. The gap between the rich and the poor is growing wider, and this is leading to social unrest. In 2017, the Gini coefficient, a measure of income inequality, was 0.47 in China, which is higher than the global average of 0.40. This means that the richest 10% of the population in China earns more than 47% of the income, while the poorest 10% earns less than 2%.

Another major problem facing China is its environmental pollution. China is the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, and its air and water pollution are among the worst in the world. In 2016, the World Health Organization estimated that air pollution caused 1.1 million premature deaths in China.

In addition to its economic and environmental problems, China also faces a number of political challenges. The country is ruled by the Chinese Communist Party, which is a one-party state. The CCP has a monopoly on power, and it does not tolerate dissent. This has led to a number of human rights abuses, including the suppression of free speech, the detention of political prisoners, and the use of torture.

The problems facing China are complex and difficult to solve. However, it is important to be aware of these problems and to work towards finding solutions. China is a major player on the world stage, and its problems have a global impact.

## **What can be done to address the problems facing China?**

There is no easy answer to this question. However, there are a number of things that can be done to address the problems facing China.

1. **Reduce economic inequality.** The Chinese government can take steps to reduce economic inequality by increasing the minimum wage, providing tax breaks for low-income earners, and investing in education and healthcare.
2. **Reduce environmental pollution.** The Chinese government can take steps to reduce environmental pollution by investing in renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, and cracking down on polluters.
3. **Improve human rights.** The Chinese government can take steps to improve human rights by releasing political prisoners, allowing freedom of speech, and ending the use of torture.

These are just a few of the things that can be done to address the problems facing China. It is important to remember that these problems are complex and difficult to solve. However, it is important to work towards finding solutions, as China's problems have a global impact.

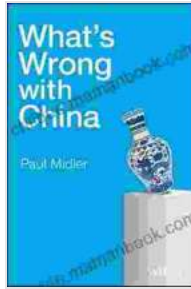
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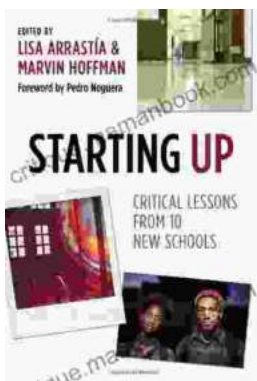


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