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“In Their Hands”

By Hannah Beech, Time Magazine

**Directions:** Answer the following questions based on the article using complete sentences.

1. Describe Zhang Kuan’s lifestyle. How did he make his fortune?
2. How does Zhang’s father’s generation view luxury? How is this different from Zhang’s view?
3. How is Yin’s story different from Zhang’s?
4. Why should Yin be a success story? Why isn’t he?
5. Why can’t Yin simply return home?
6. Why is this generation so different from past generations?
7. Using context clues from the paragraph, define the word: nouveau.
8. What “unprecedented freedoms” does this generation share?
9. What, according to the article will “endanger social harmony”?
10. What constitutes the urban Chinese dream? Why is it out of reach for many young people? Provide two specific examples from the article.
11. Explain at least two ways young people in China show that their opinions matter.
12. Who are the *fuerdai* and *guanerdai* and why do they have greater access to the *guanxi?*
13. How do the Chinese youth view politics? Explain.
14. How have the parents of this generation indirectly influence how Chinese youth live their lives?
15. What is a “gap year”? Is this something that you would like to do? Explain.
16. Why are the Chinese youth far choosier about their careers?
17. How has the role of family changed from previous generations? Give at least three specific examples.
18. Why does this article end with the story about Xu Bo?
19. Name three ways the Chinese youth are similar to US youth.
20. Name two differences between Chinese youth and US youth.