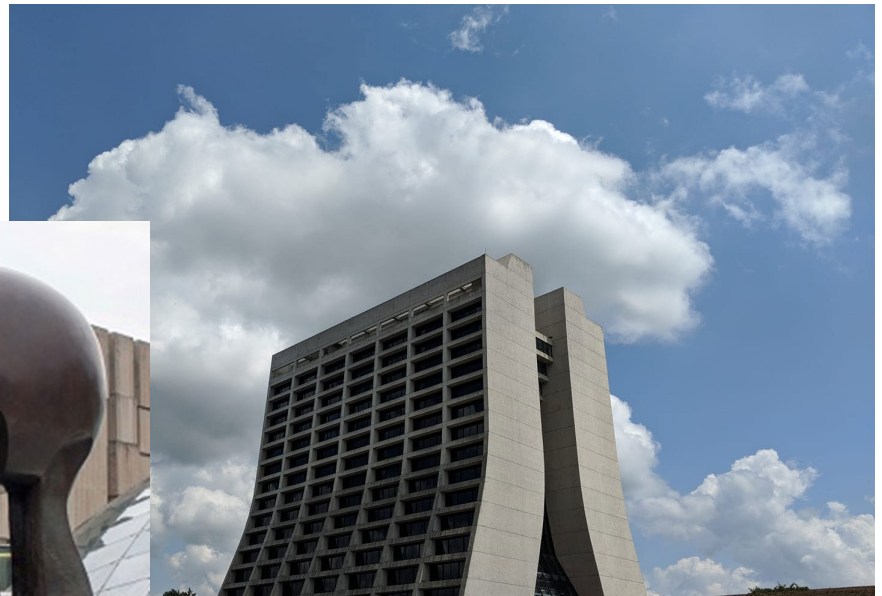


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# My Body and My Science

Yangyang Cheng  
Yale Law School  
06/14/2022

# A Rupture and a Return



# Imperial Twilight

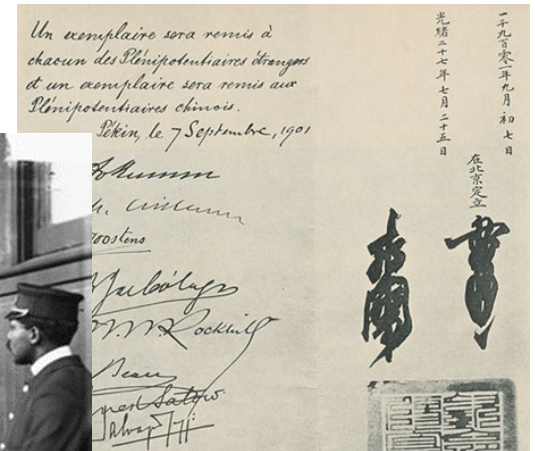
- Burlingame Treaty (1868): trade, immigration, educational exchange
  - Chinese Educational Mission (1872-1881), managed by Yung Wing (Yale'1854, 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese to graduate from a US university)
- Boxer Protocol (1901) → Tsinghua & Boxer Indemnity Scholarships



Philips Academy, 1881



Chicago (→ DC), 1903



# Alien Capital



Transcontinental railroad, 1869



U.S. vs Wong  
Kim Ark, 1898

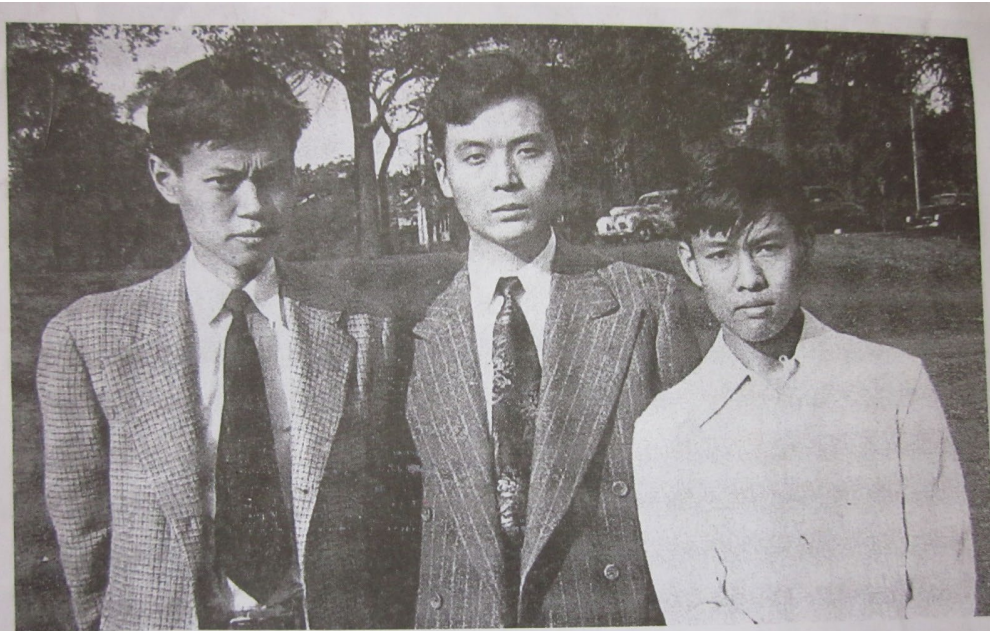
NY Tribune, 1912



"Yellow Peril", 1909

# Two Homes at War

In the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a small number of Chinese scientists were able to come to the US for study. Communist victory in China and the Cold War presented overseas Chinese scientists with a pressing dilemma: stay in the West, return to the PRC, or go to Taiwan? For the next several decades, geopolitical borders separated families, friends, & colleagues.



杨振宁兄弟（左、右）和邓稼先（中）1949年于芝加哥大学

Chen-Ning Yang, Deng Jiaxian, & Chen-Ping Yang

1900~1952年中國人得物理博士學位的人數統計表

(全部共計162人)<sup>[3]</sup> c/o Wu Ta-you memoir

時期	00~10	11~20	21~25	26~30	31~35	36~40	41~45	46~50	51~52
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# Against “Model Minority”

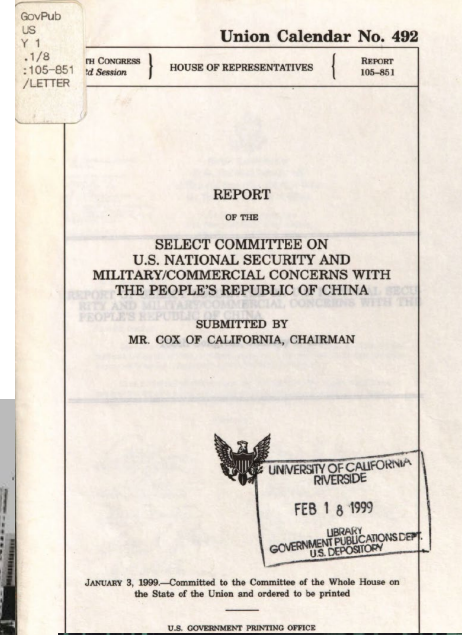
Student activists at UC Berkeley coined the term “Asian American” in 1968. The identity is rooted in a radical tradition, born out of struggle and in solidarity.



Yuri Kochiyama, c. 1968



Helen Zia, protesting the 1982 murder of Vincent Chin



Cox Report, 1999

Wen Ho Lee protests, 2000

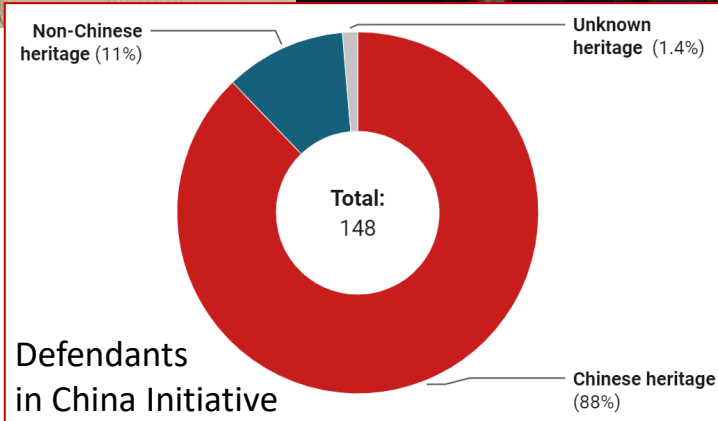
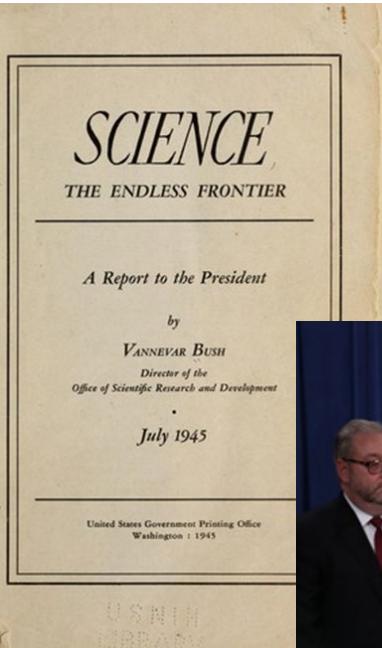


# “The Endless Frontier”

Treatment of Chinese scientists in the US has always been tainted by racism and is subject to geopolitics.

The “China Initiative,” which began in 2018 purportedly against economic espionage, disproportionately targeted ethnic Chinese scientists and was denounced by academia and civil rights groups as “racial profiling.”

DOJ has announced it’s retiring the “China Initiative” name for “a broader approach” to counter “nation-state threats.”



c/o MIT Technology Review





# The World Keeps Ending, and the World Goes On



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A new COVID variant is spreading across the US. Here's what you need to know about BA.2.



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(This image is from Tokyo.)

Yesterday during the rally against Asian hate, a powerful woman was onstage describing being attacked. A white dude protesting on behalf of Ukraine yelled over her, "Asian hate is bad...but use your voices to condemn China for aiding Russia!"

10:28 AM - 17 Mar 2022

BREAKING NEWS NEWS

Russian Tea Time restaurant in downtown Chicago was surrounded by Ukrainians. Now it faces misplaced backlash.

By ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
MAR 10, 2022 AT 1:25 PM



DC rally after Atlanta shooting, 2021  
(Shuran Huang for NYT)



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