

Anti-Racial Profiling Project Webpage

With the successful formal launch of the Anti-Racial Profiling Project by Asian American Advancing Justice | AAJC on October 6, 2020, APA Justice has created a [webpage](#) to inform the community and the public about the project. Its coverage includes:

- **How you can get help** through the legal referral service and access to Know Your Rights information
- **How you can help** through advocacy, information sharing, and donations
- **Stories from impacted persons** like Dr. Wen Ho Lee, Ms. Sherry Chen, Dr. Xiaoxing Xi, and Dr. Wei Su who were unjustly targeted by the government
- **Additional links and references**
- **Continuing developments**

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3iSVVdw>

"Were They Lost Students or Inept Spies for China?"

On September 28, 2020, Foreign Policy Magazine published [an article](#) about two roommates from the University of Michigan traveling in Florida found themselves caught in the teeth of espionage fears.

According to the report, the students went on a road trip toward the end of their winter break in January that included Disney World, museums, and national parks and pulled up to a guard station that was the entrance to a half-mile bridge leading to Dredgers Key, an island belonging to the Naval Air Station Key West.

Half an hour later, they were in police custody. Within hours, they were being interrogated by the FBI, and five months later, in the face of charges that could have yielded more than six years' imprisonment, they took a plea deal. They now sit in a Florida federal penitentiary, waiting to be deported back to China after their release.

After their arrest, media reports painted them as spies. To some, they embody a theory of Chinese espionage where multiple small bits of sensitive information are collected by everyone from students to tourists. But the men's lawyers argue they are the victims of an innocent misunderstanding of a type that's becoming more common as U.S. authorities' suspicion of Chinese nationals grows.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3cYsTYs>

Latest on Tao and Lieber Cases

On October 1, pre-trial hearing of the Tao case was held on the motion to dismiss. Wall Street Journal reported on "[U.S. Probes of Chinese Researchers Draw More Organized Opposition](#)" the next day.

On October 9, South China Morning Post [reported on Professor Charles Lieber filing suit](#) against Harvard University over its refusal to pay defence costs and "turning its back on a dedicated faculty member." The Lieber case is one of the high profile cases under the "China Initiative."

Media Reports

2020/10/09 Japan Today: [Japanese musician beaten up in New York for being 'Chinese'](#).

2020/10/08 World Magazine: [Mistaken Identity](#). Aiming to halt Chinese threats, the U.S. government sometimes labels innocent researchers as spies.

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