



Twitter: Fake Accounts Amplify Chinese State Media for the 20th National Congress

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A social media influence campaign on Twitter is amplifying Chinese state-run media for the 20th National Congress to promote and disseminate pro-Chinese Communist Party (CCP) narratives targeting Chinese and English-language audiences.

Nisos researchers identified 1,463 inauthentic Twitter accounts amplifying 13 Chinese state-run media videos and articles over 5,000 times. The accounts posted between 12 to 14 October and again on 17 October 2022. The overall narrative of these articles portray China and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in a positive light, particularly regarding the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, which began on 16 October 2022 and continues through 22 October 2022.¹

Nisos researchers made the following findings:

- The network amplified 10 Chinese state-run news media videos and articles from 12 to 14 October 2022 in the leadup to the 20th National Congress and three Chinese state-run news media videos and articles on 17 October 2022 after the first day of the 20th National Congress.
- The campaign consisted of at least 1,463 unique Twitter accounts.
- The campaign conducted 5,383 quote Tweets using identical post language to amplify Chinese state-run media messages on Twitter.
- Several users within the coordinated inauthentic network labeled the posts numerically one through 10 for posts identified on 12 and 14 October 2022, indicating that the posts were scripted and written on a centralized list.
- Of the 1,463 unique Twitter accounts exhibiting coordinated inauthentic behavior, 944 accounts amplified posts between 12 to 14 October 2022 and on 17 October 2022. This indicates that the incidents were not isolated and ongoing activity is a coordinated effort by a single network or coordinated group of networks.

As of the writing of this report on 18 October 2022, amplifying posts of Chinese state-run media appear to be continuing on Twitter as the 20th National Congress progresses. Therefore, we assess coordinated inauthentic amplification of Chinese state-run media posts on Twitter will continue through at least the end of the 20th National Congress on 22 October 2022.

¹ [https://www.fmprc\[.\]gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202210/t20221016_10784402.html](https://www.fmprc[.]gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202210/t20221016_10784402.html)

BACKGROUND

On 16 October 2022, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) began its 20th National Congress of the CCP (commonly referred to as the Party Congress).² The National Congress is held every five years and features the selection of the Politburo Standing Committee and, particularly, the selection of the General Secretary of the CCP. The 20th National Congress is markedly different from previous sessions in that Xi Jinping is expected to break precedent and be chosen for a third five year term. Additionally, there is speculation that Xi Jinping may assume the title of Chairman of the CCP, a title which has not been held since Mao Zedong.³

In the leadup to the 20th National Congress, the CCP has imposed a substantial crackdown within Beijing and throughout China.⁴ In addition to internal crackdowns, Chinese state media has increased nationalistic rhetoric and pro-Beijing messaging to foreign audiences, the latter particularly on its English-language news media.⁵

As a result of the 20th National Congress, state-run media has featured numerous videos and articles on Twitter that have a disproportionate number of quote tweets, retweets, and replies when compared to other articles and videos. This report seeks to explain this anomaly of disproportionately high amplification of particular Chinese state-run media news articles and videos during the 20th National Congress through analysis of amplifying users. Additionally, this report seeks to explain how coordinated inauthentic accounts amplify Chinese state-media in the leadup to the 20th National Congress in order to boost pro-Beijing rhetoric.

NETWORK IDENTIFICATION

12 - 14 October 2022 Activity

10 Chinese state media original posts are amplified in both simplified Chinese and English by an extensive network of inauthentic accounts between 12 October 2022 and 14 October 2022. The network amplified posts related to the upcoming 20th National Congress on 16 October 2022 or “Xi Jinping Thought” by China Xinhua News, CCTV, CGTN, China Daily, Youth China Daily, Guangming Daily, Economic Daily, and Global Times. While all of the new articles, videos, and content being boosted by the network is English content, the majority of posts were made in simplified Chinese. The promotion of pro-CCP state media narratives had indications outlined below of centralized coordination through the use of numbered messages.

We identified what is assessed to be accidental numbering of amplification messages by several accounts within the inauthentic network. Multiple accounts within the network preceded their amplifying posts labeled with a number 1-10. This numbering convention was consistent across multiple accounts within the network, indicating that the accounts were likely copying and pasting the messages from a pre-written numbered list, and the inclusion of their numbered sequencing was

² <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/china-hold-20th-communist-party-congress-starting-oct-16-state-media-2022-08-30/>

³ <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/oct/9/chairman-xi-party-congress-set-hand-chinese-leader/>

⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/14/dissidents-in-china-detained-and-harassed-as-beijing-prepares-for-party-congress>

⁵ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/06/nationalist-fervour-ratcheted-up-in-lead-up-to-chinas-communist-party-congress>

unintentional. The inclusion of numbered messaging indicates that the messages were pre-scripted and given to users as a list to post, indicating centralized creation and coordination of the amplification campaign.



Graphics 1 - 3: Examples of coordinated inauthentic amplification posts including the number “1” preceding the post by multiple users.^{6 7 8 9} The posts all contain a China Xinhua News article and identical simplified Chinese messages. We identified 91 identical amplifying posts.

⁶ <https://twitter.com/dndn3434193/status/1580854700592988160>

⁷ <https://twitter.com/Twokk9/status/1580938311429783552>

⁸ <https://twitter.com/lizj49241779/status/1580931382876200960>

⁹ <https://twitter.com/chnxn88003079/status/1580837093877899264>

Additionally, numerous posts which utilized the numbering system for their posts appear to have accidentally posted subsequent sequential posts onto a single post. This resulted in posts with multiple links included for a single quoted original Tweet, with unrelated links included in the inauthentic user's post.



Graphic 4: Post by inauthentic Twitter user @chnxn88003079 using the numbering sequencing for inauthentic amplification. Note the inclusion of number “2” which contains content unrelated to the content shared in the post.¹⁰



Graphic 5: Post by inauthentic Twitter user @oXp0QMubohbDXXx using the numbering sequencing for inauthentic amplification. Note the inclusion of numbers “6” through “8” which contains content unrelated to the content shared in the post.¹¹

After identifying the use of numeric coordinated inauthentic posts, we used two unique inauthentic Twitter accounts to positively identify the ten separate narratives: @dndn34343193, which posted

¹⁰ <https://twitter.com/chnxn88003079/status/1580837093877899264>

¹¹ <https://twitter.com/oXp0QMubohbDXXx/status/1580828811410567169>

messages #1-5^{12 13 14 15 16} and @heliangping1, which posted messages #6-10.^{17 18 19 20 21} We cross-referenced these numbered messages with identical unnumbered messages posted by other accounts to positively identify the network.

We identified 10 Chinese state-run media posts between 12 and 14 October 2022, prior to the start of the 20th National Congress, being inauthentically amplified 3,864 times on Twitter by 1,270 unique accounts, as identified in the chart below.

#	Chinese Message	English Translation	Amplifying Posts	Original Content Shared
1	新华社悉尼科技大学澳中关系研究所所长詹姆斯·劳伦斯森说，即将召开的中国共产党第二十次全国代表大会的方向对整个国家都至关重要	James Lawrences on, director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney, Xinhua, said the direction of the upcoming 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China is crucial for the entire country.	Chinese - 66 English - 25	China Xinhua News (Chinese State Media)
2	总台央视网美国中国问题专家称赞中国在过去十年中的发展成就	CCTV network experts on China issues in the United States praised China's development achievements in the past decade	Chinese - 58 English - 0	CCTV (Chinese State Media)
3	中国共产党的二十大被认为是“在关键时刻具有关键意义的事件”，这是原因（视频）	Daily The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China is considered an "event of critical significance at a critical moment", here's why (video)	Chinese - 557 English - 38	China Daily (Chinese State Media)
4	中国日报 10套照片故事，讲述过去十年来中国发展的各个方面（视频）	China Daily 10 sets of photo stories on various aspects of China's development over the past decade (video)	Chinese - 649 English - 4	China Daily (Chinese State Media)
5	中国青年报中国共产党第二十次全国代表大会对中国意义重大：澳大利亚学者	China Youth Daily The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China is of great significance to China: Australian scholar	Chinese - 69 English - 36	Youth China Daily (Chinese State Media)
6	中国共产党如何与外国政党交朋友？	Short video: How does the Chinese Communist Party make friends with foreign political parties?	Chinese - 664 English - 67	CGTN (Chinese State Media)
7	罗伯特·库恩评论短视频：习近平的法治思想	Robert Kuhn reviews short video: Xi Jinping's thought on the rule of law	Chinese - 556 English - 2	CGTN (Chinese State Media)
8	光明日报 数据海报 中国	Guangming Daily Data Poster	Chinese - 62	Guangming Daily (Chinese State Media)

¹² <https://twitter.com/dndn34343193/status/1580854700592988160>

¹³ <https://twitter.com/dndn34343193/status/1580854777415892993>

¹⁴ <https://twitter.com/dndn34343193/status/1580854840561139717>

¹⁵ <https://twitter.com/dndn34343193/status/1580854890901155840>

¹⁶ <https://twitter.com/dndn34343193/status/1580854938435215360>

¹⁷ <https://twitter.com/heliangping1/status/1580520281390518276>

¹⁸ <https://twitter.com/heliangping1/status/1580520371714871298>

¹⁹ <https://twitter.com/heliangping1/status/1580520431995363328>

²⁰ <https://twitter.com/heliangping1/status/1580520488123568128>

²¹ <https://twitter.com/heliangping1/status/158052060577940480>

	这十年：农业发展成就	China's Decade: Achievements in Agricultural Development	English - 1	Media)
9	经济日报：“十年”系列图文：《十年间居民收入增长与经济增长基本同步》	Economic Daily: "Ten Years" series of pictures and texts: "In the past ten years, the growth of residents' income has been basically synchronized with the economic growth"	Chinese - 291 English - 2	Economic Daily (Chinese State Media)
10	环球时报 图文专访：前乌兹别克斯坦副总理：世界对中国共产党十年的成就感到惊讶	Global Times Graphic Interview: Former Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan: The world is surprised by the achievements of the Chinese Communist Party in the past decade	Chinese - 687 English - 30	Global Times (Chinese State Media)

17 October 2022 Activity

Nisos researchers identified three Chinese state media original posts being amplified in simplified Chinese by an extensive network of inauthentic accounts within an unusually short time period on 17 October 2022. The network amplified Chinese state-run media posts related to 20th National Congress with pro-CCP messages after the 20th National Congress had begun.



Graphic 6: An example of large disparity between posts by Chinese state-run media outlet CGTN. The first two posts have relatively little interaction from users while the third post regarding the 20th National Congress has 76 replies, 1,634 quote tweets, and 408 likes. Amplification of posts like these help spread pro-CCP messages during the 20th National Congress.²²

²² [https://twitter\[.\]com/CGTNOfficial](https://twitter[.]com/CGTNOfficial)



Graphics 7 - 9: Three Chinese state-run media posts identified by Nisos researchers that were amplified by a coordinated inauthentic network of accounts.^{23 24 25} Note the third video by Voice of the People only has 6,537 views but 1,724 quote tweets, which represents a highly disproportionate rate of views to quote tweets typically found.

²³ <https://twitter.com/CGTNOfficial/status/1581857535828426753>

²⁴ <https://twitter.com/XHNews/status/1581677726959706112>

²⁵ <https://twitter.com/VoiceofPD/status/1581832860574490624>

We identified three Chinese state-run media posts from 17 October 2022 being inauthentically amplified 1,519 times on Twitter by 1,270 unique accounts, as identified in the chart below. No English language amplification was identified from posts on 17 October 2022.

Chinese Message	English Translation	Amplifying Posts	Original Content Shared
党的二十大开幕 描绘社会主义现代化未来	The opening of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China depicts the future of socialist modernization	447	CGTN (Chinese State Media)
中国共产党公布未来五年及全面建设社会主义现代化中国的蓝图	The Communist Party of China announces the blueprint for building a socialist modern China in the next five years and in an all-round way	522	China Xinhua (Chinese State Media)
中共二十大开幕的主要内容	The main contents of the opening ceremony of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China	550	Voice of the People (Chinese State Media)

NARRATIVES

12 - 14 October 2022 Activity

Below are detailed outlines of each Chinese state-run media narrative and post amplified by the identified inauthentic network prior to the start of the 20th National Congress on 16 October 2022. Pictured examples are given for Narratives 1 and 3 while footnote links to examples are given for Narratives 2 and 4 - 10.

Narrative 1: China Xinhua News - 20th National Congress

Narrative 1 features a China Xinhua News, a Chinese state-run media outlet, video on James Laurenceson, director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney, outlining the importance of the upcoming 20th National Congress regarding the future direction of the CCP. The original post by China Xinhua news contains an English-language video using what appears to be a text-to-talk software voiceover and subtitles.²⁶

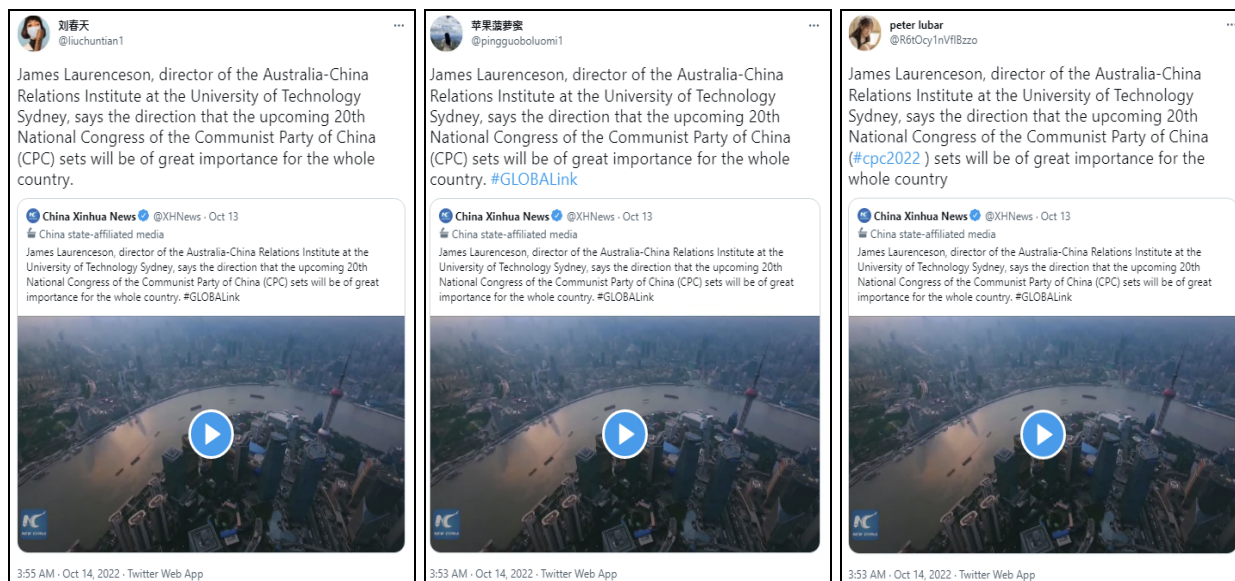
²⁶ [https://twitter\[.\]com/XHNews/status/1580510424901877760](https://twitter[.]com/XHNews/status/1580510424901877760)

Chinese Language Posts



Graphics 10 - 12: Screenshots of Narrative #1 in simplified Chinese.^{27 28 29}

English Language Posts



Graphics 13 - 15: Screenshots of Narrative #1 in English.^{30 31 32}

²⁷ <https://twitter.com/zuyong14/statuses/1580828125818077185>

²⁸ <https://twitter.com/eaghxEXqDlj6mQT/status/1580828109867487232>

²⁹ <https://twitter.com/L0sUsjbWCMoorqA/status/1580827887216648193>

³⁰ <https://twitter.com/liuchuntian1/status/1580829643929550848>

³¹ <https://twitter.com/pingguoboluomi1/statuses/1580829076948135936>

³² <https://twitter.com/R6tOcy1nVfIBzzo/statuses/1580829019699757059>

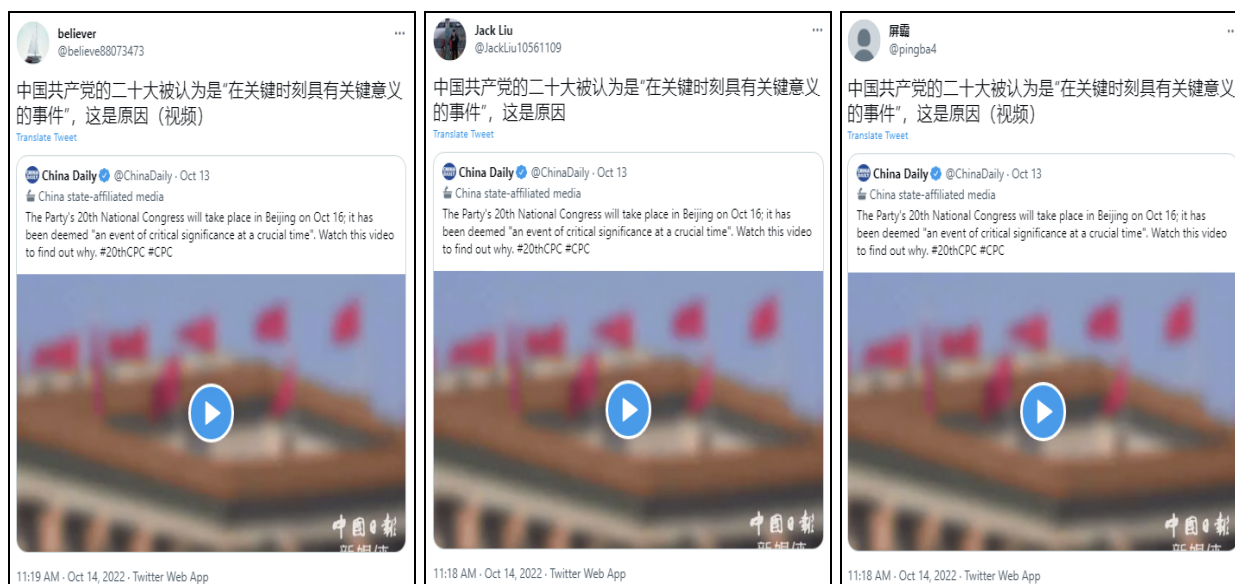
Narrative 2: CCTV - U.S. China Expert Praises China's Development

Narrative 2 consists of a link to a Chinese state-run media outlet CCTF video of Charlotte Christensen, a “China expert” and Vice President of the Oregon China Council, praising China’s development in the past decade. Additionally, Christensen criticizes the United States in the video when comparing the country to China and praises collectivism over individualism. The original content video is an English-language video featuring video from mainland China.³³

Narrative 3: China Daily - 20th Party National Congress “An Event of Critical Significance”

Narrative 3 features a link to a video by China Daily, a state-run media outlet, describing the 20th National Congress in English. The video provides background information on the purpose of the National Congress.³⁴

Chinese Language Posts



Graphics 16 - 18: Screenshots of Narrative #3 in simplified Chinese.^{35 36 37}

English Language Posts

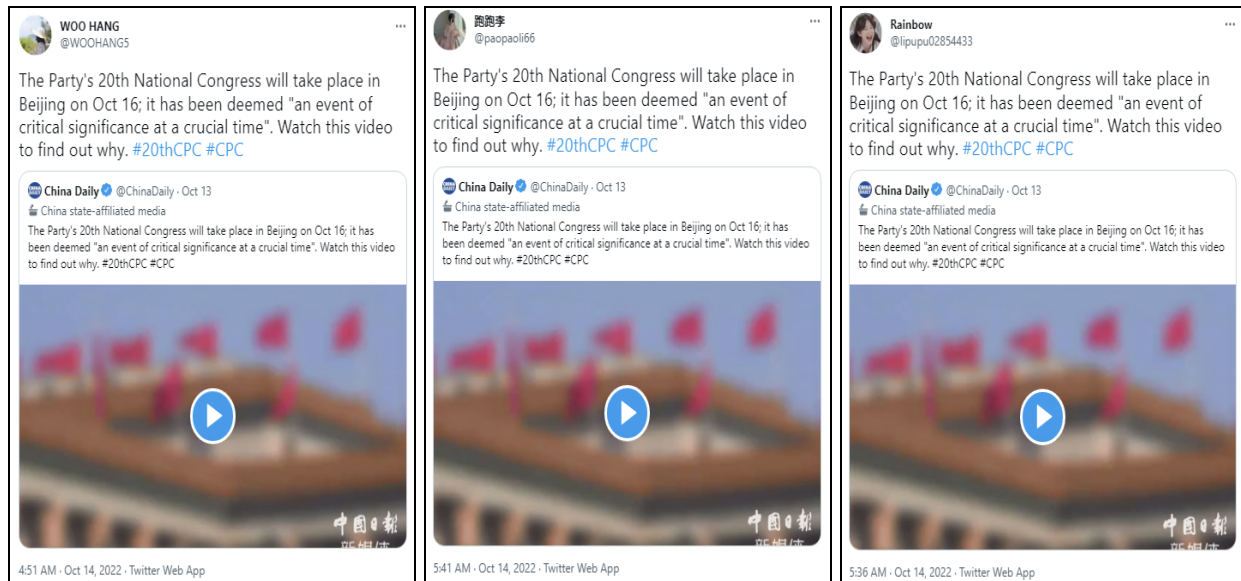
³³ [http://twitter\[.\]com/jinxin03554383/statuses/1580923774819794944](http://twitter[.]com/jinxin03554383/statuses/1580923774819794944)

³⁴ [https://twitter\[.\]com/ChinaDaily/status/1580543884454567938](https://twitter[.]com/ChinaDaily/status/1580543884454567938)

³⁵ [http://twitter\[.\]com/believe88073473/statuses/1580941358771994625](http://twitter[.]com/believe88073473/statuses/1580941358771994625)

³⁶ [http://twitter\[.\]com/JackLiu10561109/statuses/1580941126777049088](http://twitter[.]com/JackLiu10561109/statuses/1580941126777049088)

³⁷ [http://twitter\[.\]com/pingba4/statuses/1580941125946290176](http://twitter[.]com/pingba4/statuses/1580941125946290176)



Graphics 19 - 21: Screenshots of Narrative #3 in English.^{38 39 40}

Narrative 4: China Daily - China's Space Program

Narrative 4 consists of a Chinese and English subtitled video by China Daily, a state-run media outlet, featuring photographs of the Chinese space program to highlight the successes of the CCP in the leadup to the 20th National Congress. The video was created and produced by China Daily.⁴¹ Amplification of Narrative 4 occurred in both simplified Chinese and English on Twitter.^{42 43}

Narrative 5: Youth China - 20th National Congress: Australian Scholar

Narrative 5 features a video posted by Youth China, a state-run media outlet, featuring the same video from Narrative 1 of James Laurenceson stressing the importance of the 20th National Congress to the future of the CCP. Amplification of Narrative 5 was conducted in both simplified Chinese and English.^{44 45}

Narrative 6: CGTN - China's Friends and Foreign Partners

Narrative 6 consists of a CGTN English-language video of two news anchors explaining how the CCP makes and maintains friendships with different countries and political parties. The video denies that China imposes its political system on other countries and stresses China's successes such as commitment to combating climate change, its positive economic growth during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the benefits of the Belt and Road Initiative. The video concludes with the anchors

³⁸ <http://twitter.com/WOOHANG5/statuses/1580843716155412482>

³⁹ <http://twitter.com/paopaoli66/statuses/1580856295027924992>

⁴⁰ <http://twitter.com/lipupu02854433/statuses/1580855007527972864>

⁴¹ <https://twitter.com/ChinaDaily/status/1580476784801419266>

⁴² <http://twitter.com/REZZY97/statuses/1580873745237168130>

⁴³ http://twitter.com/tuo_zha/statuses/1580946442117840896

⁴⁴ <http://twitter.com/Allen39794403/statuses/1580939877012877312>

⁴⁵ <http://twitter.com/PFoodism/statuses/1580921636588748800>

stating that “China deserves to have a larger friend circle.”⁴⁶ Amplification of Narrative 6 was conducted in both simplified Chinese and English.^{47 48}

Narrative 7: CGTN - Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law

Narrative 7 features a CGTN English-language video of R.L. Kuhn on “Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law” and its importance to the rule of law in China. The video breaks down the components of “Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law” and highlights its successes in maintaining the Party’s leadership in China and securing peace and prosperity for China. Most importantly, the video highlights the important “Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law” has had on combating corruption within China under Xi’s rule, while not undermining the rule of the Party.⁴⁹ Amplification of Narrative 7 occurred in both simplified Chinese and English.^{50 51}

Narrative 8: Guangming Daily - Agricultural Improvement of China

Narrative 8 consists of a link to Guangming Daily, a state-run media outlet, regarding China’s agricultural economy and growth. The post featured six photographs of statistics, charts, and graphs highlighting the increase in China’s agricultural output, particularly since 2012 before Xi Jinping took office. The post highlights the efforts made since Xi came to power at the 18th National Congress, stating “Since the 18th CPC National Congress, the #CPC has focused primarily on issues related to #agriculture, rural areas, and villagers and has implemented the #ruralrevitalization strategy. China’s agriculture has maintained steady growth, with a sufficient supply of major agricultural products, improved #infrastructure, better rural dynamics, and an improved living #environment – agriculture has played the role of stabilizer for the healthy socio-economic development of the country.”⁵² Amplification of the post was conducted in both simplified Chinese and English.^{53 54}

Narrative 9: Economic Daily - Chinese Economic Growth

Narrative 9 features a link to Chinese state-run media outlet Economic Daily’s post regarding China’s economic growth in the past 10 years. The post features statistics regarding China’s per capita disposable income and nominal growth rates.⁵⁵ Amplification of the post was conducted in both simplified Chinese and English.^{56 57}

Narrative 10: Global Times - Uzbekistan Former PM on the Importance of 20th National Congress

Narrative 10 features a link to a Global Times article about former Uzbekistan deputy Prime Minister stating that decisions made at the 20th National Congress will “contribute to world peace and

⁴⁶ <https://twitter.com/CGTNOfficial/status/1580475931306692608>

⁴⁷ http://twitter.com/sxslh08_1/statuses/1580950980580896770

⁴⁸ https://twitter.com/kong_yide/statuses/1580831601969496064

⁴⁹ <https://twitter.com/CGTNOfficial/status/1580083343269380096>

⁵⁰ <https://twitter.com/guangmangwan216/statuses/1580921820630294528>

⁵¹ <http://twitter.com/TamekaMilton6/statuses/1580756944998236161>

⁵² <http://twitter.com/jasonye63820110/statuses/1580878555399229442>

⁵³ <http://twitter.com/anxin123123/statuses/1580744728500637698>

⁵⁴ <http://twitter.com/pd2fHly961KEwuG/statuses/1580830284790259712>

⁵⁵ <https://twitter.com/tina93356981/statuses/1580924060694761472>

⁵⁶ https://twitter.com/plain_wu/statuses/1580892933842038785

⁵⁷ <http://twitter.com/Rebecca24595082/statuses/1580757591881224192>

prosperity.” The article highlights the event’s importance to the world’s future and economic security.⁵⁸ Amplification of the post was conducted in both simplified Chinese and English.^{59 60}

17 October 2022 Activity

Below are detailed outlines of each Chinese state-run media narrative and post amplified by the campaign on 17 October 2022 after the start of the 20th National Congress on 16 October 2022. While numbers were not utilized by accounts posting, we have assigned the posts as Narratives 11 through 13 for identification purposes.

Narrative 11: CGTN - 20th National Congress and Future of Socialist Modernization



Graphics 22 - 24: Screenshots of coordinated inauthentic amplification of a CGTN post regarding the 20th National Congress in simplified Chinese.^{61 62 63} As of 17 October 2022, the video has 2,501 views with 1,311 quote tweets. Note all three identical posts were posted at 2:57 AM on 17 October 2022.

We identified 447 posts consisting of a quote tweet with the simplified Chinese text “党的二十大开幕 描绘社会主义现代化的未来,” which translates in English to “The opening of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China depicts the future of socialist modernization.” The post features a video with English subtitle text explaining the role and importance of the 20th National Congress, as well as highlights of President Xi Jinping’s speech touting the success of the CCP over the past ten years.

As of 10:00PM EDT 17 October 2022, the video has 2,501 views and 1,311 quote tweets, representing a disproportionate rate of quote tweets to views. This indicates coordinated amplification to boost the

⁵⁸ [https://www.globaltimes\[.\]cn/page/202210/1277013.shtml](https://www.globaltimes[.]cn/page/202210/1277013.shtml)

⁵⁹ [http://twitter\[.\]com/sxslh08_1/statuses/1580951460077969408](http://twitter[.]com/sxslh08_1/statuses/1580951460077969408)

⁶⁰ [http://twitter\[.\]com/tianzige4/statuses/1580693800929808385](http://twitter[.]com/tianzige4/statuses/1580693800929808385)

⁶¹ [https://twitter\[.\]com/JessieS29717219/status/1581902264310312961](https://twitter[.]com/JessieS29717219/status/1581902264310312961)

⁶² [https://twitter\[.\]com/BTV27776108/status/1581902236292349953](https://twitter[.]com/BTV27776108/status/1581902236292349953)

⁶³ [https://twitter\[.\]com/happyhayes6/status/1581902139387170817](https://twitter[.]com/happyhayes6/status/1581902139387170817)

original CGTN post in order to reach a wider audience. This post is in contrast to other CGTN tweets posted around the same time period on 17 October 2022, which did not yield more than 30 quote tweets.

Narrative 12: China Xinhua - Blueprint for Building a Socialist Modern China



Graphics 25 - 27: Screenshots of coordinated inauthentic amplification of a China Xinhua post regarding the 20th National Congress in simplified Chinese.^{64 65 66} Note all three identical posts were posted at 2:55 AM on 17 October 2022.

We found 522 posts consisting of a quote tweet with the simplified Chinese text “中国共产党公布未来五年及全面建设社会主义现代化中国的蓝图,” which translates in English to “The Communist Party of China announces the blueprint for building a socialist modern China in the next five years and in an all-round way.” The post features a link to an English language version of Xinhua news touting the importance and success of the 20th National Congress.

⁶⁴ <https://twitter.com/Alisa202227/status/1581901760154972160>

⁶⁵ <https://twitter.com/YelenaXue/status/1581901684636164103>

⁶⁶ <https://twitter.com/xiochnggsh2/status/1581901723500941313>

Narrative 13: Voice of the People - Opening Ceremony of the 20th National Congress



Graphics 28 - 30: Screenshots of coordinated inauthentic amplification of a China Xinhua post regarding the 20th National Congress in simplified Chinese.^{67 68 69}

We identified 550 posts of a Voice of the People video consisting of a quote tweet with the simplified Chinese text “中共二十大开幕的主要内容” which translates in English to “The main contents of the opening ceremony of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.” The post features a video in English audio and subtitle explaining the Great Hall of the People, the 20th National Congress and China’s success over the past 10 years.

⁶⁷ <https://twitter.com/Gongzu221/status/1581901616789487616>

⁶⁸ <https://twitter.com/Barran61946972/status/1581901596929114112>

⁶⁹ <https://twitter.com/gangguoguo3/status/1581901813884022785>