

# Twitter Thread by STEALTH JEFF



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Here is Editor-in-Chief of the @EpochTimes, @JasperFakkert's response to the slanted hit piece that @Buzzfeed's @HayesBrown put up 2 days ago:

Brown's article at BuzzFeed starts off pretending it's some kind of really off-the-wall notion that Hillary Clinton paid for the creation of the Steele Dossier that was then used to justify the FBI's spying on the Trump campaign & transition team.

In one tour de force infographic, published last week, the paper laid out in excruciating and sweeping detail the claim that "Spygate" — the claim that the real heart of the Russia investigation is illegal *American* spying on Trump's campaign — is "the biggest political scandal in modern history."



The Epoch Times  
@EpochTimes



After that awful start, he swerves to making accusations that the Epoch Times is connected to the 'cult' Falon Gong.

You can read the article here:

<https://t.co/jDb7ZZzo5S>

Brown insinuates with no real evidence whatsoever that the Epoch Times is 'Falon Gong-linked'.

The 'evidence' he supplies in his article to 'prove' @EpochTimes is 'Falon Gong-linked' is this:

- 1) the Epoch Times' extensive \*news coverage\* of China's attempts to wipe out Falon Gong with intense persecution directed at the group since 1999.
- 2) a reporter \*shouting a question in 2006\* at then-President George W. Bush about China's persecution of Falon Gong members.
- 3) a credentialed Epoch Times photojournalist was caught red handed \*handing President Trump an envelope\* at a White House event in September.

Here's that 'crime' captured for posterity:



President Donald Trump is handed a folder by Epoch Times photojournalist Samira Bouaou on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

*Susan Walsh / AP*

4) the nefarious Falun Gong actually attempts to WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE outside of China. Brown's article includes this quote from a Chinese flunky in NY sandwiched between the facts of Epoch Times reporters being jailed in China & the Chinese govt refusing comment.

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Fakkert, in his open letter, noted that soon after the paper's founder, John Tang, launched the Epoch Times, several of its reporters inside China were jailed. "We have been committed from the beginning to getting the truth out under difficult circumstances, and this is and will forever be part of our DNA," Fakkert wrote.

"We see the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, and the remarkable and heroic ways in which they have responded to that persecution, as one of the most underreported stories of the last 20 years," Fakkert continued.

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The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Note that it's very important to bring up this nefarious Falun Gong activity of trying to make the US govt their friend that Brown repeats Ming Xia's point twice.

Either that or he needs a better editor.

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Instead of writing overlong screeds attempting to make sensational accusations based on his own prejudices, Brown would be better served to educate himself on why this Chinese guy at CUNY is defending the Chinese gov't's trying to eradicate Falun Gong & other 'subversives'.

He could, for instance, read this detailed and extensively researched article by @JoshJPhilipp on China's use of media propaganda to make their oppresio of their own citizens look just peachy keen in the West.

<https://t.co/9LcWx3MAVt>

He could focus on the section in that article entitled "Influence of US Universities & Education" and actually learn something.

Go ahead and compare what Philipp wrote with the thinly sourced slanted 'news' article Brown put together.

This isn't really a contest.

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