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I'll bite, Mr. Gray. We can even play by your rather finicky rules.

Let's begin with some of the things you have said about Xinjiang, notably absent from your more recent media appearances, but still present in your blog about your 2014 biking trip.

> Prove it...
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> Without quoting Adrian Zenz who's never been there or exiles and criminals who seek asylum or cash for their stories or perhaps some satellite images of shopping centres and factories with fencelines.
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> You can't show any evidence that this is true https://t.co/wiozJIjusH
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> — Jerry's China (@Jerry_grey2002) December 30, 2020

The following is taken from an ongoing list I keep of people who have been to Xinjiang and written/spoken about their experiences. It is separate from the testimony of detainees and their relatives I also keep. Jerry is on this list. https://t.co/Ufu03lhOpD

Jerry, your article for CGTN, as well as your various Medium pieces, belabor themselves to emphasize the smoothness of your time in Xinjiang. Why did you leave out so many details from your log of your 2014 trip? They seem relevant. https://t.co/WsgPZ4xw3h

For example, would CGTN not let you speak about Shanshan, the town that evidently disturbed you so much?

Why, pray tell, after noting how kind and hospitable Xinjiang police were to you in 2019 for CGTN—and how you were never told where you could or could not go—would you omit these details?

Were the SWAT officers present on your more recent trip, or did you steer clear of them this time?

But I'll move on; I'd hate to further imply that a cop, of all people, would ever be dishonest. Let's move on to people who have been to Xinjiang, and in fact been there for more than a few weeks on a bike.

Dr. Sarah Tynen earned her Ph.D. based on research done over 24 months in total in Xinjiang. Her Ph.D. is over 300 pages, which is many, many more than your Medium posts. You can download it here, if you'd like. https://t.co/ZmEvQiKXsq

If you're short on time, though, you could just read her personal essay about what she saw when she was in Xinjiang in 2017. https://t.co/gVlR2pePLI

Moving on. Dr. Darren Byler similarly spent years in China, including Xinjiang, and also speaks Uyghur and Mandarin. He earned his Ph.D. a year before Dr. Tynen. It's also 300 pages or so, and is also available for free! https://t.co/S961QLtf0m

You're a very busy man, I'm sure, so for the sake of efficiency you can just read this, an extended essay with rigorous citations based on his Ph.D. research. https://t.co/r8IASsqwy9

Intermission: No, Jerry, I have read your Medium response to the Coda Piece, and as in the other examples I pointed out above, you are being deceptive. https://t.co/JM9aq3bbBC

> You'll also see, if you read, and you obviously have, that I've never denied Xinjiang security is a pain in the butt - I've mentioned it several times, including on my CGTN and my Isobel Cockerel interview, as well as in my writing - there's the reason it's a pain in the butt
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> — Jerry's China (@Jerry_grey2002) January 1, 2021

Anyways—back to people who have been to Xinjiang. Let's talk about Megha Rajagapolan, who has since been expelled from the country. I'm sure it's because she's a CIA agent or something. I'd strongly encourage you to go through her reporting, compiled on the link to my blog above.

But evil CIA Ph.D. students and journalists are not the only ones who can tell us about Xinjiang. Often, cadres dispatched to police Uyghur culture and religious expression by the Party can do so too. I've translated some of them for you! Some highlights: https://t.co/bKs9dYo3TZ

The post about the orphanage in a modestly sized town built exclusively for toddlers whose parents are both detained and for whom no other relatives are available. The post was charmingly titled "Asya's fairytale castle" after one such orphan, Asya. https://t.co/XoqacQOq5G

If you're looking for harder numbers, Jerry, here's a cadre accidentally letting slip the work report his unit filed on WeChat, because he's a very vigorous poster (relatable, am I right?). Key detail: 16.5% taken away. https://t.co/vuK58fYzL2

See also this post, from the verified WeChat account of a Public Security Bureau (people you're familiar with from your 2014 bike ride), which whines in the way only a cop can about how hard it is to detain hundreds of people a day :(:(https://t.co/8j7AtEOlGZ

Most importantly: testimony those who have been affected. I have a table going right now—only 20 or so people, tiny compared to the data at @shahitbiz—but I've helpfully listed everyone's occupations, etc., so u can decide if they're paid frauds on ur own! https://t.co/dFOGhwZVq3

Now, I cannot provide for you a detailed, incontrovertible evidence of 1,000,000+ detentions (though I do have en post on some of these figures coming soon). Only the Chinese government could do that for you at present. But as a man of the law, Officer Gray, surely you know—

—that the above at least represents perfectly reasonable grounds for suspicion. The question then becomes: is bickering over 300,000, 500,000, or a million an excellent use of your time? Or should you perhaps consider using your platform to elevate the voices of the marginalized?

I do not usually hold high hopes for cops to do such a thing, but maybe consider Akida, her daughter, going into her fourth year without her mother. Perhaps ask your CGTN friends: where is Rahile Dawut? https://t.co/SnzrPasVb0

> China's cruel treatment of my family made me become an activist, and I won\u2019t stop until I see my mother. People on Twitter, I need your help in sharing my story to rescue my mother and other Uyghurs. Please google Uyghur, listen to Uyghur\u2019s testimonies, and share our story. pic.twitter.com/cdlDQ78C39
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> — Akida Pulat (@akida_p) October 7, 2020

PS: absolutely fcking right, just how if I talk about abuses in the War on Terror I don't go out of my way to highlight how evil al Qaeda is. Irrelevant. Attempts to make it just about terrorism are racist, full stop. to quote Arun Kundnani's 2012 article: https://t.co/7WFz48OCtD

> The biggest giveaway of accounts like BCT is that they don\u2019t talk about East Turkestan, the ETIP, CIA funded Wahhabi militias.... they just focus on \u201chere is bad thing China doing something human writes, haha journalism points go brrrrrrrr\u201d ok good night
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> — Bad Leninism Takes \u262d \U0001f41f\u26cf\U0001f96d\U0001f354\U0001f336\U0001f42c (@BadLeninism) January 1, 2021

if you wanna call detainees all terrorists, @BadLeninism, feel free. plenty of people do this in my mentions. Just don't pretend you're being a woke leftist or something. You, Jerry the ex-cop, PRC regulations, and NYPD are decidedly unwoke; you're bootlickers. happy new year tho