

For the Pro side, which is our opposite side that represent to agree with the argument, I think their strongest argument is that they said Mao don't allow people to express themselves openly which is different from today's situation. To be honest, I think this one is the strongest because this is the only one that make sense. The other two they said are Mao is being autocratic and Deng allows others to stand out, and Jiang and the KMT are are the ones who lead to a completely unify of China. However, they made a good point compared current China with the time Mao was taking control of China's politic, dragging how China is currently standing in front of the world, being a part of the global, instead of working inside on self-sufficient. For our side, I think the strongest argument is that even though the translation of KMT is Chinese Nationalism Party, KMT was closer to western and closer to capitalism instead of being a real nationalism. It's interesting how people drag Mao and Deng very far apart, in the statement we wrote, we clarified that Maoism and Deng-ism are actually both very important part of China's politic, and they are all apart of Chinese socialism.

My group had came to a consensus saying that either Mao or Jiang won't be happy with today's situation, however, Mao will be more upset than Jiang. I do not agree with that. I think I'm actually being a little obstinate in this topic, due to the education I had before I came to the US and my growing environment, I think it's quite impossible for my classmate to convince me on this topic. Firstly, take the covid situation as an example, during covid, Xi is being very stubborn on doing his plan of cleaning all covid virus. And while citizens who are experiencing this were talking about this, people actually concern that Xi don't even know was happening down here. In China, the sense of "respecting leader" and "fear to the leader" are too strong, they only shows the leader what they want to see, and a lot of this time they ignore what people are actually experiencing and what people wants. That not only happened to Xi, but also Mao, also Deng. This is a cultural thing, a tradition that's left from thousands of years ago when there are still emperors. There are folk adage saying that "being beside the lord is the same as being beside the tiger", and this still can be use to describe today's situation. No matter Mao, or Xi, there is actually a great possibility that they don't even know what is really happening, and this situation is still going on. Secondly, I don't know why they said that Jiang is the one who's willing to unite China and bring the nation to a unify. Since they won't be able to see this writing, I think this statement is ridiculous. If Jiang really want to unify China, then he won't escape to Taiwan after his failure, won't establish his government there that separate Taiwan's politic from China mainland. Also, they are making a lot of comparison between Deng and Mao, as if Deng is going far from Mao's ideology and Deng is going towards KMT's philosophy. Mao and Deng are very different person with different ideology that is true, however,

they are all socialism, they are all working on the way to achieve China to communism, just that their strategy was different, that doesn't mean that Deng is against Mao. Deng won't be able to achieve a lot of his goal without the base Mao had built. Deng is the one who brought China in front of the world, who gave Chinese the ability to reach the world outside of their country. But when talking about cultural influences, talking about the society that's established for people, Mao is definitely playing a significant role, and no one will be able to replace his contribution.

I'm proud that I finalized the argument statement of our side, and I think I asked a lot of pretty good clarifying questions. I might look very mean when I was asking the questions, I feel like the way they looked at me was kind of confused. I didn't say anything in the free discussion, I don't know that to say. Things are too complicated, and what the other three people said are kind of surprising for me, it's interesting to hear about what people from other nations think about my country. I don't want to start a conflict with my classmates, my mom fight with her friends every time they talk about politics, and the friends are also Chinese. Also, I didn't thought that they will be going toward this direction, so I didn't prepare any related sources to talk about in this area. I don't want to seem like I'm losing control or being upset with them because of this small debate we had. Maybe next time I should think of a way to express myself smoother and to think in a way that involves more truth instead of subjective knowledge or impression.