

# Campus Views

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## Do you think the Chinese students will succeed in bringing democracy to China?



Yes. Millions of people, including the students, are very determined to reach the goal of democracy. The top people (in China) have been ineffective in handling the events so far. Change is going to be inevitable. It is difficult for the Communist Party to stay strong when democracy is being widely spread, for instance, in the Soviet Union.

- Ronald Johns



Youth is the future, whether here or in China. They want to bring more freedom to the communist regime. They are not asking for a U.S. answer; their purpose is a Chinese answer. With the obvious support they are receiving from the rest of China the government will have to capitulate. Because the Chinese revere education the students will prevail. Their purpose is definite and they will win.

- Ginny Cowan



I think they are putting up a good fight. I also think they have a pretty good chance at achieving at least some of their demands. I believe their cause is just and their methods are reasonable, although a bit impractical. If they can continue to do as they have been they certainly have a chance.

- Me-Lissa Cartales



The whole problem in China is the fact that they are new ideas from a new generation, and the old are too stubborn to listen. I thought for a long time that the demonstrators had a good chance in getting some of their ideas across. But now that the Chinese government has closed off all media coverage it seems hard for anybody to really see what is going on. Personally, I think that without the help of the media the students in China don't stand a chance.

- Michael Nelson



In my opinion, I hope the Chinese students get the democracy that the country needs. It might take longer than this protest, because the Chinese government is very set in its ways. I hope that there is no bloodshed, but change will happen when the time is right.

- Stephen J. Rudometkin



I know that "martial law" has been determined and that their government is trying to influence this industrialized nation. I'm watching closely how Americans and our government involvement help them achieve democracy.

- Nick Lane



Yes, I do think democracy is in the workings for China. Whenever hunger strikes go on, reform usually is on its way.

- Stephen Henry



No, they will not. Not in the sense that they would rid themselves entirely of the Communist regime. I do think they will be successful in making some changes in some government processes.

- Aaron Lieberman



No, I do not believe the Chinese students will be successful in bringing about a democracy at this time. The Communist Party, I believe, is too powerful. In the distant future--a few decades from now--there may be a possibility.

- Deryl Hampton



Democracy is an ideal concept which supposes that each citizen will make a choice, and that the majority of choices will determine law. China has been and remains a multi-cultural, fragmented society where the citizens cannot agree even to vote, much less what to vote about. Nonetheless, China will remain the world's oldest and most complex society.

- Perry Lensen-Callas

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