

Xi Jinping- Secretary for Five Years More

October 23, 2022: The First Plenum of the Central Committee of CCP

22nd October 2022: **The 20th Central Committee** of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) was elected by the 20th National Congress. The Central Committee will sit until the next National Congress is convened in 2027. It formally succeeded the 19th Central Committee. The 2,300 delegates at the congress voted unanimously to endorse Xi's "core" leadership position.

Li Keqiang, 67, stepped down as premier after two terms. Li has a PhD in economics. Li's focus on economic growth and job creation appeared to clash with Xi's insistence on the zero-Covid policy. Li was among four of the seven members of the party's all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee who were missing from its **new 205-member Central Committee**, which was formally elected at the closing session. The three others who were dropped were Shanghai party chief Han Zheng, party advisory body head Wang Yang, and Li Zhanshu, a longtime Xi ally and the head of the largely ceremonial legislature.

At the 20th National congress, several amendments to the CCP Constitution were made. These included a call for establishing **the status of Xi Jinping as the core of the CCP** and establishing **the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought**. The amendments included adding opposition to Taiwan independence.

A Note about the 20th National Congress of 22nd Oct 2022: Former Chinese President Hu Jintao (March 15, 2003 to- March 14, 2013) was unexpectedly led out of Saturday's closing ceremony of the Communist Party congress, a little more than two hours into the 3.5-hour meeting without explanation, in a dramatic moment that disrupted the highly choreographed event.

"Whether it was deliberate, or he was unwell, the effect is the same. Complete humiliation for the last generation of pre-Xi leadership," **tweeted** analyst Alex White.

"Power politics on full display," Ian Bremmer, president of the Eurasia Group consultancy, said on Twitter with a video (available at @ianbremmer of 7:28 AM Oct 22, 2022) showing Hu's departure.

23rd October 2022: At the **first plenum** of the **Central Committee** of the CCP, held on Sunday, **Xi Jinping was elected as the General Secretary of CCP for a third term**, for another five years. This will make it possible for him to be elected as the President of China in March 2023, at the annual parliamentary session of China.



Since taking over from Hu a decade ago, Xi has become China's most authoritarian leader since Mao Zedong. Xi has crushed opposition to his rule inside the party, with many of his rivals jailed on corruption charges, and he has shown no tolerance for any form of public dissent.

The new Politburo Standing Committee of the Chinese Communist Party:

- Xi Jinping.
- Li Qiang.
- Zhao Leji.
- Wang Huning.
- Cai Qi.
- Ding Xuexiang.
- Li Xi.
