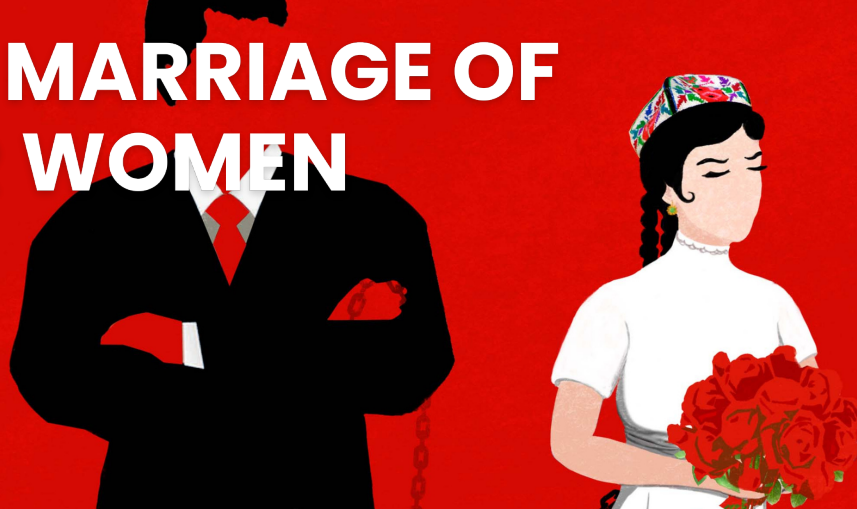


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examines the Party-State's role in promoting, incentivizing, and coercing interethnic marriage between Uyghur women and Han men in East Turkistan. We offer compelling evidence to show that the Chinese Party-State is actively involved in carrying out a campaign of forcefully assimilating Uyghurs into Han Chinese society by means of mixed marriages.

Key Takeaways

- Chinese state media videos, government sanctioned stories, and accounts from women in the diaspora offer evidence that government incentivized and forced interethnic marriages have been occurring in the Uyghur Region since 2014
- Evidence suggests it is highly likely the Chinese government is systematically imposing forced interethnic marriages on Uyghur women
- The Chinese state maintains that interethnic marriage promotes ethnic unity and social stability. However, evidence indicates that the government's program to incentivize and promote interethnic marriage is in fact a tactic intended to assimilate Uyghurs into Han society
- Forced and incentivized marriages in the Uyghur Region are forms of gender-based crimes that violate international human rights standards and further the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity being committed in East Turkistan

Recommendations

- Analysis of gender-based violence against Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples should include state-sponsored forced and incentivized marriage
- Civil society, governments, and multilateral bodies should raise state-sponsored forced marriages and sexual violence faced by Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples as a core element of ongoing atrocity crimes
- Women's rights advocacy campaigns should call for accountability and an end to forced and incentivized marriages suffered by Uyghur and other Turkic women
- The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women should thoroughly examine evidence of gender-based crimes in its 2023 country review of China, and call on the Chinese government to implement measures to effectively end and prevent state-sponsored forced marriages and sexual violence suffered by Uyghur and other Turkic women

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