

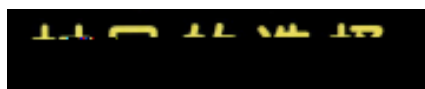
The Villagers' Choice

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Elections in China?

It is the late 1990s, almost the end of a millenium. China already has a history that has seen more than one pass - and yet what is happening now is something very new and unique.



Unique, but not without problems, personality clash and power plays. The vote takes place in central China's Hubei province. How are elections happening when no one knows the rules and there is no history of it in the current voters' lives?



Poorly explained election rules lead to chaos, villager discontent and a surprisingly open expression of dissatisfaction.

"We do not even know how to vote and they have not told us the procedures"

This is a remarkably candid look at the process - at times not flattering to the Chinese government who has allowed it nonetheless to be made. It is yet another sign of just how quickly things are changing in the world's largest country.



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