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Here in California, we woke up early this morning to the news that Liu Xiaobo had indeed been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. There's been an outpouring of coverage in the hours since Liu's win was announced, which will surely continue in the days to come; at the moment, "Liu Xiaobo" and "Nobel Peace Prize" are also in Twitter's top-ten trending topics worldwide. We've been combing through news stories and tweets and put together this quick list of readings:

- Gady Epstein of *Forbes*, writing at his Beijing Dispatch blog on "[What Liu Xiaobo and the Nobel Peace Prize Stand For.](#)"
- At [Jottings from the Granite Studio](#), Jeremiah Jenne has reposted a piece from 2009 suggesting that, based on the lessons of twentieth-century Chinese history, we shouldn't dismiss the potential long-term importance of Charter 08.
- Evan Osnos of the *New Yorker* now has two new posts at his blog, [the first](#) recounting a meeting he had with Liu in 2007 and the second asking "[What Do Chinese Leaders Really Think About the Nobel Prize?](#)"
- James Fallows [congratulates Liu](#) at his *Atlantic* blog.
- Shanghaiist's [post](#) about the prize pointed us to [this collection of quotes](#) from world leaders and activists about Liu's win (Reuters).
- The *Wall Street Journal's* China Real Time Report, on censorship in the wake of "[China's Silent Peace Prize.](#)"
- At ZaiChina, [seven interesting points](#) about the decision to honor Liu (in Spanish).
- Peter Ford of the *Christian Science Monitor*, writing about "[Why Liu Xiaobo Nobel Peace Prize could harm Chinese rights activists.](#)"
- At [Global Voices Online](#), translations of Chinese tweets and reports of police action against netizens in China attempting to discuss the prize.
- Elizabeth Economy at the Council for Foreign Relations website, "[Lessons for China in Peace Prize.](#)"
- Kwame Anthony Appiah on "[China's Burden of Shame](#)" at *Foreign Policy*, which also reprints Appiah's letter to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee explaining "[Why I Nominated Liu Xiaobo.](#)"
- Tom Lasseter of [McClatchey Newspapers](#) spoke with Liu Xiaobo's wife, Liu Xia, after news of her husband's win.

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