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- When a football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and Minnesota Vikings was canceled in late December due to heavy snow in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell was *not* pleased. Calling the United States “a nation of wusses,” Rendell [went on to say](#)

The Chinese are kicking our butt in everything. If this was in China do you think the Chinese would have called off the game? People would have been marching down to the stadium, they would have walked and they would have been doing calculus on the way down.

At [The China Track](#), Indiana University political science professor Scott Kennedy responds to Rendell’s comments, noting that “It is amazing how profound there has been a shift in the American consciousness about how powerful China has become.”

- At the [Times Literary Supplement](#), [China Beat](#) consulting editor Kate Merkel-Hess reviews Yunte Huang’s [Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History](#).

- And at [Dissent](#) magazine, consulting editor Jeff Wasserstrom and editor Maura Cunningham have a co-written article on [“Interpreting Protest in Modern China”](#)(subscription required):

When Americans on the Left—and in the Center and on the Right, for that matter—turn their attention to the issue of protest in contemporary China, they most often think back to the traumatic upheavals of 1989, which began with inspiring student-led demonstrations in April and May and ended with the June massacres. What they sometimes forget, though, is that many of the Chinese who contributed to the struggle and who suffered most in that year of miracles and tragedies were not students.

- We’ve previously featured an [interview](#) with Pallavi Aiyar about her new book, *Chinese Whiskers* — now read an [excerpt](#) from it at Danwei.

- When Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg traveled to China last month, speculation abounded that he was negotiating the site’s entry into China. At his [Forbes blog](#), Gady Epstein looks at the arguments for and against “Facebook.cn” and writes that in many ways, the decision has already been made:

Zuckerberg has already answered the question of whether Facebook will go to China with a question of his own: “How can you connect the whole world if you leave out 1.6 billion people?” That powerful notion — connecting the whole world — is what will trump arguments against a Facebook entry into China even in the eyes of many Western users.

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