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## Wind, flooded roads herald approach of Hurricane Florence in North Carolina

WILMINGTON/WASHINGTON, N.C. (Reuters) - The outer reaches of Hurricane Florence began lashing coastal North Carolina with heavy winds and flooded roads on Thursday ahead of an expected landfall that will bring walls of water and lingering downpours.

The center of Florence is expected to hit North Carolina's southern coast Friday, then drift southwest before moving inland on Saturday, enough time to drop as much as 40 inches (1 meter) of rain in places, according to the National Hurricane Center.

An estimated 10 million people live in the storm's path, according to the U.S. Weather Prediction Center, and coastal businesses and homes were boarded up in anticipation. More than 1 million people had been ordered to evacuate the coasts of the Carolinas and Virginia and thousands moved to emergency shelters, officials said.

Florence's maximum sustained winds were clocked on Thursday at 105 miles per hour (165 kph) after it was downgraded to a Category 2 on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale, according to the NHC. The winds had been as high as 140 mph earlier in the week.

Some people who had rejected calls to evacuate the targeted area took walks along the water as they tried to enjoy a few final hours of normalcy before Florence's fury arrived.

In Sea Breeze, Roslyn Fleming, 56, made a video of the inlet where her granddaughter was baptized because "I just don't think a lot of this is going to be here" after the storm.

Ten miles (16 km) away in Wilmington, wind gusts were stirring up frothy white caps into the Cape Fear River.



A store is covered at the waterfront docks before Hurricane Florence comes ashore in Washington, North Carolina

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# Editor's Choice



A person walks over unusable old books piled up outside the "Acqua Alta" bookstore in Venice



A "Vote Here" sign is displayed outside a polling site during the New York State Democratic primary in New York



A man points out to the surf before Hurricane Florence comes ashore on Carolina Beach



A woman attached to a respiratory machine is seen in a shelter run by Red Cross before Hurricane Florence comes ashore in Grantsboro, North Carolina



People are seen inside a shelter run by Red Cross before Hurricane Florence comes ashore in Grantsboro, North Carolina



Voting booths are seen at a polling site during the New York State Democratic primary in New York



"I Voted" stickers are seen at a polling site during the New York State Democratic primary in New York



Democratic candidate for governor, Cynthia Nixon speaks to reporters after voting in the New York State Democratic primary in New York

Houston, TX (September 2018)- A group of national and local Asian American organizations will hold an educational forum on Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Crowne Plaza Suites, 9090 Southwest Freeway @ Gessner. The forum is free and open to the public, but space is limited, and reservations are required at <http://bit.ly/2018ESPForum>.

This educational forum will provide the opportunity for the Asian American community to have a direct dialogue with FBI, attorneys and academic and community leaders. The important and potentially dangerous impacts of the economic espionage act and other related policies and how Asian Americans can protect themselves and their institutions will be discussed.

**WHY IS THIS ISSUE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY?**

In recent years, a number of innocent American citizens of Asian descent have been falsely accused of espionage. On August 26, 2018, CBS 60 Minutes broadcasted "Collateral Damage," about two American scientists, Sherry Chen and Xiaoxing Xi, whose lives were turned upside down by such accusations. Indeed, Sherry Chen was fired for untrustworthiness after she was exonerated.

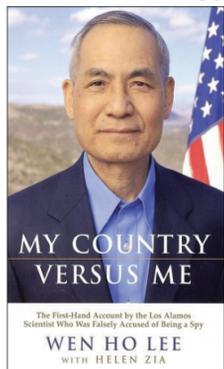


**Speakers For The Forum**

Disregarding the order by the Chief Administrative Judge of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board to reinstate Sherry Chen to her position on Apr. 23, 2018 and a letter signed by over 30 Members of Congress that was sent to the Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Department of Commerce still refused to return Sherry Chen to her previous position back since she was taken from her office on Oct. 20, 2014. Although Sherry Chen and Xiaoxing Xi may appear to be isolated incidents, a recent study published by the Committee of 100, suggests that as many as 1 in 5 people of Asian heritage accused of espionage may be innocent.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
*A Dialogue With The FBI, Attorneys And Academic And Community Leaders*  
**The Impact of Espionage Investigations On The Asian American Community**

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



**Wen Ho Lee, the most-prominent example of an Asian American arrested on suspicion of spying for China, after his exoneration and release in 2000.**

The forum will be divided into two panels with a complimentary lunch. The morning panel discussion will be comprised of a panel moderated by Hon. Gordon Quan, former Houston City Council member and immigration attorney. The panel is comprised of Attorney Andrew Kim who co-authored a white paper on "Prosecuting Chinese Spies: An Empirical Analysis of the Economic Espionage Act"; FBI Special Agent Michael Morgan, who worked on espionage and media leak investigations and was appointed the FBI Strategic Partnership Coordinator for the Houston Division; and Kent Schaffer, an experienced defense attorney who is familiar with federal court procedures. (Video or audio recording are NOT allowed during the morning panel.)

Nelson Dong, a member of the Committee of 100, will be the key note speaker at lunch. Mr. Dong is a partner in Dorsey's Corporate group, Chair of the National

Security Law practice, co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific practice and a leading expert in domestic and international technology and intellectual property. The afternoon panel discussion will be joined by leaders of Texas higher education, including Dr. Da Hsuan Feng, former

Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at Dallas who will moderate; Dr. Juan Sanchez, Temple Foundation Endowed Professor and former Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at Austin; George Wu, Partner at McAndrew's Held & Malloy LTD and Nelson Dong, who will serve as panelists.

**Related**

**Asians Most Likely To Be Charged For Espionage In U.S.: Report**

**Overview**

**"People continue to mistake us [Asian-Americans] for foreigners no matter how hard we assimilate and show our loyalty."**

Asians may be receiving unfair treatment when it comes to the U.S. government's spying cases, a study says.

A recently released report on economic espionage shows that the minority group is more likely to be charged with the crime than any other ethnic group. And they're also found innocent at a rate two times higher than individuals from any other race.

Though the findings, published by non-partisan Chinese-American organization Committee of 100, aren't conclusive, experts say they're important to acknowledge. The results further confirm that the minority group has yet to be seen as "American," the group's chairman Frank Wu explained to HuffPost in an email.



**Chinese-American hydrologist Sherry Chen and Chinese-American scientist Dr. Xiaoxing Xi, who were both accused of espionage and had their charges dropped abruptly.**(Photo/ XINHUA NEWS AGENCY VIA GETTY IMAGES)

"I have seen from case after case after case ... that people continue to mistake us [Asian-Americans] for foreigners no matter how hard we assimilate and show our loyalty," he said.

The research, conducted by scholar Andrew Kim of South Texas College of Law, examined a random sample of cases from 1997 to 2015 that were charged under the Economic Espionage Act. The legislation was passed to prevent foreign governments from stealing trade secrets.

Kim's data shows that 62 percent of defendants charged since 2009 have been of Asian descent, with the number of those with Chinese heritage tripling. Moreover, the intended beneficiaries of the alleged espionage were actually American entities in half the cases, while a third of the them involved Chinese entities.

Wu told HuffPost that while the report may be new, the results aren't surprising. Today, China is perceived as an economic threat and though Asian-Americans aren't representative of Asia, they are unfortunately seen as such and could be targeted because of these perceptions. Referencing the "perpetual foreigner stereotype," Wu added that even third generation Asian-Americans, are still mistaken as those from other countries.

"There is anxiety that China will overtake



America, whether in military, economic, political, or cultural terms," Wu said. "That affects Chinese Americans, inevitably. We're seen as representatives, potentially agents, of a rival power. So global politics affect domestic civil rights."

The report comes on the heels of Professor Xiaoxing Xi's lawsuit against the FBI agents who investigated him for espionage. Back in 2015, agents stormed Xi's home, rounded his family up at gunpoint, and arrested the professor, his daughter Joyce wrote in an op-ed. Charges were dropped abruptly against the wrongfully-prosecuted professor, but the incident had already affected his job. It also caused his family "trauma and paranoia from FBI surveillance," among other consequences, Joyce said.



**Chinese-born American physicist Xiaoxing Xi during a press conference in Washington, in September 2015.**

Though there has no doubt been defendants of Asian descent who have been guilty of stealing trade secrets, Xi is one of many innocent Asian-Americans who have been accused of spying for foreign governments. Wu says the study is further proof that there's more work to do to eliminate racial bias in these cases. And it starts with admitting that there is discrimination involved as well as mobilizing Asian-Americans to advocate for themselves.

"This is real evidence. It reflects attitudes. This isn't the result of random chance," he said of the study's significance. "The remedy won't come about automatically. We have to stand up and speak out." (Courtesy Huffington Post)

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# Trump Tells Apple To Make Products In U.S. To Avoid China Tariffs

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(Reuters) — U.S. President Trump tweeted last Saturday that Apple Inc <AAPL.O> should make products inside the United States if it wants to avoid tariffs on Chinese imports.

The company told trade officials in a letter on Friday that the proposed tariffs would affect prices for a “wide range” of Apple products, including its Watch, but it did not mention the iPhone.

Trump, speaking on Friday aboard Air Force One, said the administration had tariffs planned for an additional \$267 billion worth of Chinese goods.

Trump tweeted that “Apple prices may increase because of the massive Tariffs we may be imposing on China — but there is an easy solution where there would be ZERO tax, and indeed a tax incentive. Make your products in the United States instead of China. Start building new plants now.”

Apple declined to comment.

The technology sector is among the biggest potential losers as tariffs would make imported computer parts more expensive. Apple’s AirPods headphones, some of its Beats headphones and its new HomePod smart speaker would also face levies.

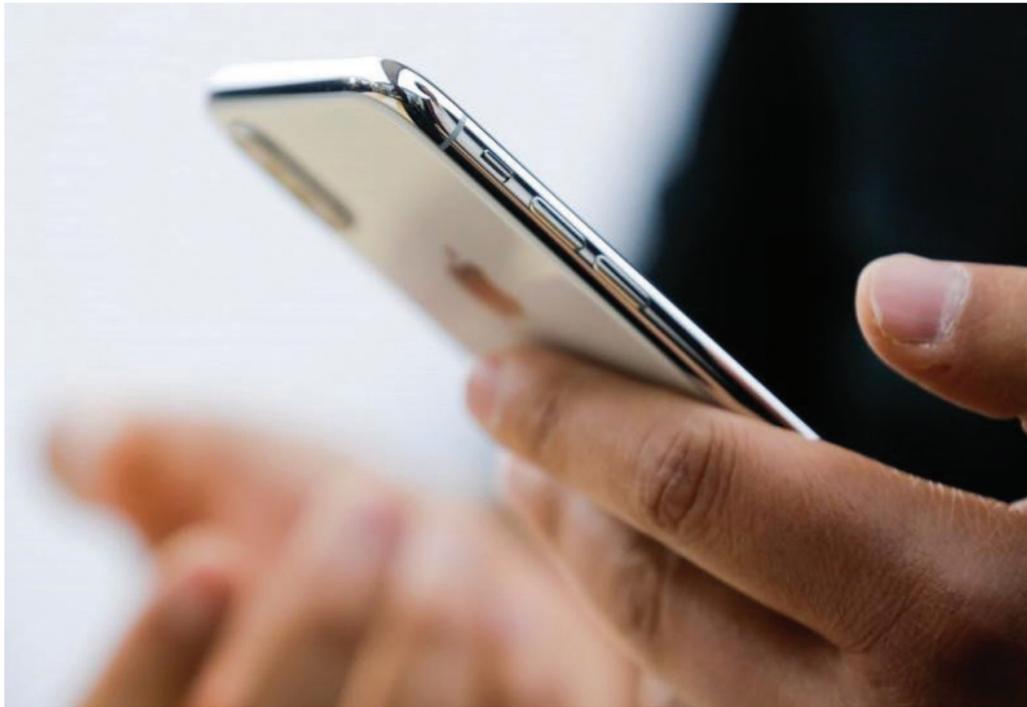
“The burden of the proposed tariffs will fall much more heavily on the United States than on China,” Apple said in its letter.

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**Apple Will Not Build Three New Factories In The U.S.**

Despite Donald Trump’s claims to The Wall Street Journal, Apple won’t be building three factories in the United States anytime soon. Why? Well, for starters, Apple doesn’t build factories anymore. In the entire world, Apple now owns exactly one manufacturing plant: its plant where it assembles iMacs in County Cork, Ireland.

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, Trump claimed that Tim Cook had promised that Apple would be



A new iPhone X in use during a presentation for the media in Beijing, China, October 31, 2017. REUTERS/Thomas Peter/File Photo



Tim Cook and Donald Trump at the White House's American Technology Council in June 2017.

building three manufacturing plants here in the U.S. “I spoke to [Mr. Cook], he’s promised me three big plants — big, big, big,” said Trump. “I said, you know, Tim, unless you start building your plants in this country, I won’t consider my administration an economic success. He called me, and he said they are going forward.”

While it’s touching to think that Tim Cook

would worry whether Trump considers his presidency an economic success, Apple, again, doesn’t build manufacturing plants. (In fact, before he was CEO of Apple, Cook was in charge of winding down Apple’s factories and warehouses in the U.S., closing Apple’s last American factory, based out of Elk Grove, California, in 2004.)

Apple manufactures its high-end Mac Pros, a tiny slice of its overall business, here in the U.S., but the work is done through a partnership with Taiwanese firm Flextronics — and that factory has struggled to keep up even with the tiny demand for Mac Pro towers, causing Apple to consider shifting production over to Asia. Apple has pledged to invest \$1 billion in

American manufacturing, but that money will filter to American companies like Corning, which produces the glass used in many Apple displays. It also uses many U.S.-based suppliers — including 3M, Caterpillar, and Lapmaster — to build various parts of its hardware, in the same way it uses many other suppliers not based in the U.S., most famously Foxconn.



So why would Trump brag about three new plants from Apple in the U.S.? It’s possible Trump is simply fabricating the story out of whole cloth. More generously, it’s possible that Cook talked to Trump about Apple’s reported efforts to get its Asian suppliers to manufacture some iPhones in the U.S. Indeed, Foxconn seems poised to open factories in the States, and Foxconn produces nearly a half million iPhones a day when in full swing. Apple’s rumored expanded lineup of iPhones could see that number go even higher in coming years.

The most likely scenario probably falls somewhere in between that. Realistically, it wouldn’t cost Apple a tremendous amount to bring a few jobs back to the U.S., mainly because foreign labor costs are starting to rise. The MIT Technology Review analyzed Apple’s supply chain in 2015 and determined that the retail price of an iPhone made entirely in the U.S. would be about \$100 higher than it is now — a price jump, but not a catastrophic one.

We may see more jobs and new plants in the U.S. as Apple’s suppliers, from Foxconn to Samsung, continue to expand their manufacturing footprint here. But it won’t be Apple that will be building them, regardless of what Donald Trump claims Tim Cook told him. (Courtesy <http://nymag.com>)

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