

# The Origins of Local Entrepreneurs

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# Entrepreneurs after state socialism



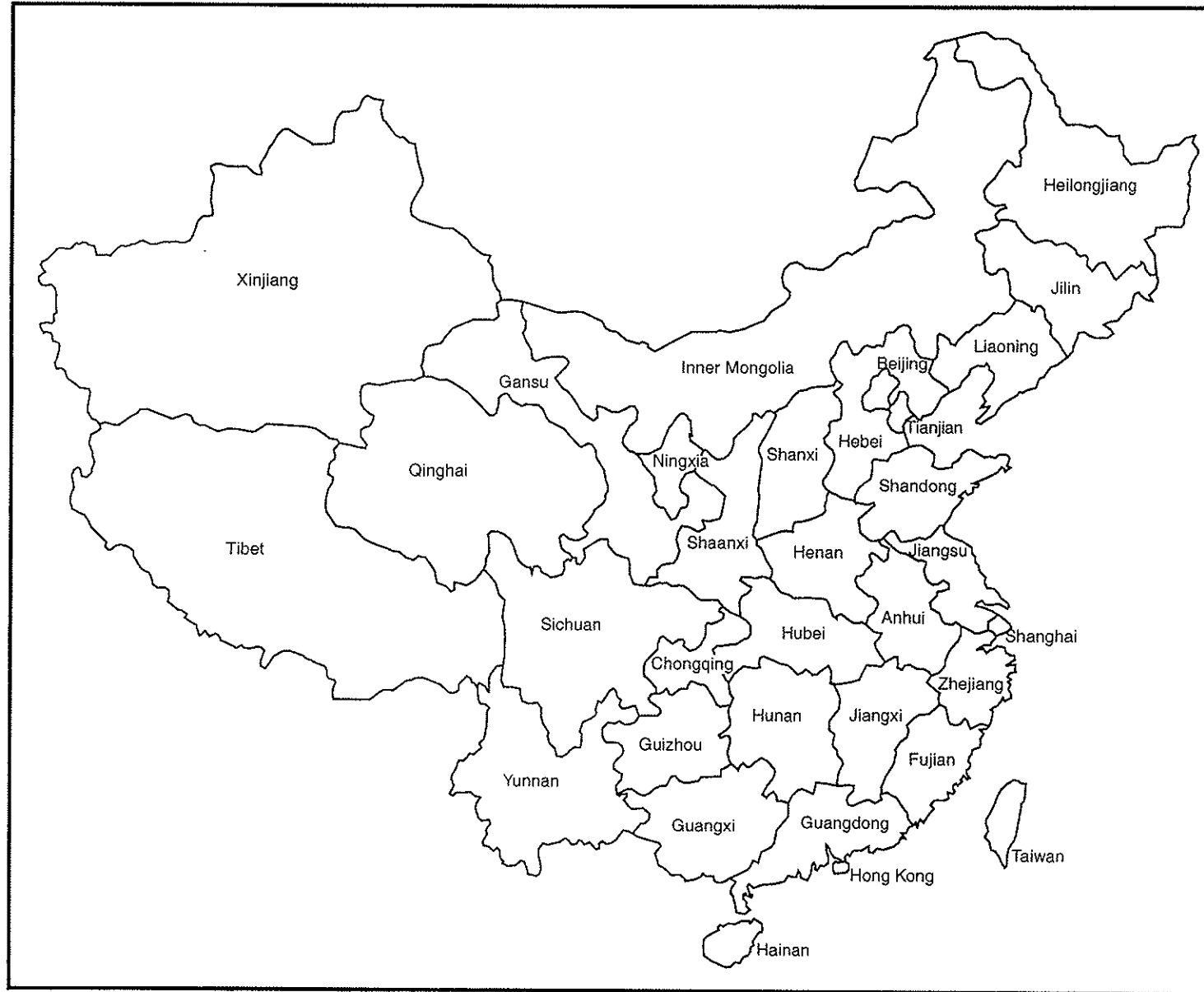
Hangzhou 1993

	All interviewees
<b>Number</b>	469
<b>% of known cases in each category</b>	
<b>Member CCP</b>	54
<b>Parent CCP</b>	79
<b>Grandparent CCP</b>	80
<b>Interviewee worked in Party-state</b>	64
<b>Parent worked in Party-state</b>	79
<b>Grandparent pre-1949 Local Elite</b>	81
<b>Interviewee member local representative body</b>	72
<b>4 year university graduate</b>	45
<b>Native of locality</b>	47
<b>Native of province</b>	75

# Entrepreneurs

Lanzhou, Nanjing, Qingdao, Taiyuan, Zhongshan  
2010-2012

	All Interviewees
<b>% of known cases in each category</b>	
<b>Class self-identification</b>	
<b>Upper class</b>	9
<b>Middle class</b>	52
<b>Worker, peasant, soldier, lower class</b>	39



# Party Membership and Political Position



Category	Percentage
CCP Member	54.0
Previous Party-state work	64.0
Local representative	71.5
Parent CCP 1979	79.3
Grandparent CCP 1949	80.1

# Family Background

	Percentage
1949 local elite (at least one grandparent)	81.3
1949 grandparents included both local elite and CCP	62.6
At least one individual grandparent in 1949 who was <b>both</b> CCP and local elite	23.0
Family history reported as known from before 1911	20.0



# Locality index: Place where they grew up

Place	Percentage
Locality	46.9
Elsewhere in same Province	28.5
Province total	75.4
Elsewhere in China	23.5
Overseas	1.1





	Lanzhou	Nanjing	Qingdao	Taiyuan	Zhongshan
<b>Number</b>	100	78	103	98	90
<b>% of known cases in each category</b>					
<b>Member CCP</b>	74	50	62	45	40
<b>Parent CCP</b>	87	86	78	92	64
<b>Grandparent CCP</b>	87	88	76	86	65
<b>Interviewee worked in Party-state</b>	63	58	69	70	48
<b>Parent work in Party-state</b>	87	86	82	82	58
<b>Grandparent pre-1949 Local Elite</b>	90	84	68	88	75
<b>Interviewee member local representative body</b>	65	72	68	75	69
<b>4 year university graduate</b>	45	48	62	32	35
<b>Native of locality</b>	41	25	57	42	60
<b>Native of province</b>	85	51	80	82	66
<b>Class self-identification</b>					
<b>Upper class</b>	3	9	15	9	10
<b>Middle class</b>	68	51	38	48	57
<b>Worker, peasant, soldier, lower class</b>	28	40	48	43	33



# Narratives of family and self

'I am a descendent of the 4<sup>th</sup> son of the Zhouwen Emperor of the Zhou Dynasty.'

'I am part of the elite: the golden-collar class. Father's father and father's mother, mother's father and mother's mother were all from the landlord class.'

'I am an egg laid under the Red Flag. Both my husband and I were unaffected in the past by the various movements led by the CCP. We were part of the privileged class. Before China's reforms, we were masters. Now it is hard to define ourselves. But we are still part of the upper class – we have never left.'

'One grandfather was a New 4<sup>th</sup> Army Hero. His father worked in the government and was a member of the CCP. The Family Tree goes back to the Spring-Autumn Era. We share ancestors with Mao Zedong. We still keep contact with that family and visit them.'

'I agree with the idea of the "elite class" leading society.' 'I don't attach importance to money, since I don't sense any crisis. I just want to do things.'

'Economically I am middle class but I have a great reputation in the community.' 'I had the chance to be village secretary for the CCP branch but was not interested.' Father a local CCP Leader. Paternal grandfather had a textile business, the other was from a former landlord family '

'Father was a policeman, mother a doctor. All four grandparents were long-term members of the CCP. Paternal grandfather was county road management head. Maternal grandfather from a landlord family, a CCP member, cadre in hydro-electric plant.'

'I never thought about my class description and am just a normal person. I am a professional manager and get on well with employees. I have been called elite in the software industry.' 'It is said that we are the offspring of Cai Wenji.'



# Men and Women Entrepreneurs

	Male entrepreneurs	Female entrepreneurs
<b>Number</b>	393	76
<b>% of known cases in each category</b>		
<b>Member CCP</b>	50	75
<b>Parent CCP</b>	75	100
<b>Grandparent CCP</b>	76	100
<b>Interviewee worked in Party-state</b>	70	33
<b>Parent worked in Party-state</b>	79	79
<b>Grandparent pre-1949 Local Elite</b>	78	100
<b>Interviewee member local representative body</b>	76	19

	Male entrepreneurs	Female entrepreneurs
<b>% of known cases in each category</b>		
<b>4 year university graduate</b>	42	61
<b>Native of locality</b>	51	25
<b>Native of province</b>	83	34



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