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Annotated Bibliography

1. Woese, Tsering. *Tibet on Fire: Self-Immolations Against Chinese Rule*, translated by Kevin Carrico. Verso, 2016. Primary Source.

"Tibet on Fire" is written by a woman placed under house arrest for her acts of resistance against the Chinese rule in Tibet. Woese writes about the ideals of those who resist, whether it be by self-immolation or those like herself who speak out against Chinese rule.

2. Free Tibet. "Introduction to Tibet". Accessed March 8, 2016. <http://freetibet.org/about>.

Secondary Source.

This website is designed to attract volunteers and make people aware of the serious issues in Tibet because of Chinese rule. The page shows facts about Tibet and what has happened to the country as a result of Chinese occupation.

3. Bodeen, Christopher. "First self-immolation of year reported in Tibetan region." *The Jakarta Post*, March 02, 2016. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2016/03/02/first-self-immolation-year-reported-tibetan-region.html> . Primary Source.

Having just recently been published, this online news article reports the most recent self-immolations in Tibet and India. Information is hard to obtain because of the harsh rule and the self-immolations are not to be spoken of. The Chinese government rejects the Dalai Lamas status and has rejected his choice for the next Panchen.

4. "Tibetan Monk Moved to Hospital Ahead of Release From Prison." Radio Free Asia. Washington DC, USA. DC: RFA, March 09, 2016. Primary Source.

A "high-profile" Tibetan prisoner was taken to a hospital just months before his release. The article suggests that the man was severely tortured for speaking against the Chinese government.

5. Goldstein, Melvyn C. 1997. *The Snow Lion and the Dragon: China, Tibet, and the Dalai Lama*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Secondary Source.

This part of the book I am focusing on discusses the history of Tibet and China. Goldstein sets a clear difference between the borders of "Tibet" and Chinese provinces.

6. Rezaie, Leeba, Hosseini, Seyed Ali, Rassafiani, Mehdi, Najafi, Farid, Shaken, Jalal, Khankeh, Hamid Reza. "Why self-immolation? A qualitative exploration of the motives for attempting suicide by self-immolation." *Burns* Volume 40, Issue 2 (2014): 319-327. Secondary Source.

This volume of the journal "Burns" talks about the means behind committing suicide, specifically in the form of self-immolation.

7. Shakya, Tsering. "Transforming the Language of Protest." *Cultural Anthropology*, April 8, 2012. <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/94-transforming-the-language-of-protest> . Primary Source.

This online article focuses on the symbolism of self-immolation. Self-immolation as a form of protest is made out to be an act performed under constraint, where the person performing the act feels that this is the only form of protest that will grab the attention of others. The article states that it is not necessarily a religious act by any means.

Evaluation

1. I chose this source because it is from the point of view of a woman in Tibet stuck under Chinese law. I haven't read the whole book yet, but from what I understand, she writes about the self-immolations in Tibet and those who choose to stand up against the government, like herself. I have similar sources to this one but they are more recent new articles.

2. This source is one that provides facts but also provides a choice to donate or help "Free Tibet". This indirectly relates to the self-immolations. If there are people helping the Tibetans than there is no reason for them to continue to burn themselves alive. This is the only source I have that can directly help the Tibetans.

3. This online news article shows the relevance of my topic. There are boys today, as young as 18 years old, self-immolating to protest Chinese law. Other sources list the amount of people who have self-immolated, along with some names.

4. This radio source is a United States funded broadcast radio station. The relevancy of a man taken to a hospital while imprisonment shows that the use of torture, by the Chinese government, is present.

5. This source is to help the reader understand the geography of Tibet and the early form of Chinese rule. This will help the reader better understand the dispute between China and Tibet, and ultimately help the reader understand why monks and nuns are self-immolating.

6. This journal is the scientific research behind suicide and self-immolation. It discusses the psychological issues and mental disorders that pair with suicide attempts. This can be a comparison to a meaning behind self-immolation as a form of protest.

7. This online article is the comparison for the scientific proposals stating that suicide is linked to disorders. This article shows the meanings behind self-immolation and how they are perceived as a form of protest.