

Chinese Student Restriction

They are so *cute*! But they are required by law to *spy*! *Cute spy*.

There has been **substantial discussion in the United States about restricting or reducing Chinese student enrollment**, and some policies have already moved beyond discussion.

- In **May 2025**, Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that the U.S. would begin **revoking visas of some Chinese students**, particularly students with alleged connections to the Chinese Communist Party or students studying in “critical fields.” The administration framed this as a national-security and research-security issue.
- There have also been proposals and political discussions about **limiting the number of Chinese students admitted to U.S. universities**, rather than banning all Chinese students. A 2025 Pew survey found that **50% of U.S. adults supported limiting the number of Chinese students**.
- **Purdue University** became the subject of controversy in 2026 after reports that it had effectively stopped admitting some students from China and other countries considered U.S. “adversary nations.”
- There have also been federal restrictions affecting **international students generally**, rather than Chinese students specifically. For example, the administration attempted to restrict foreign-student visas at Harvard, and DHS adopted a rule concerning the duration of F-1/J-1 status that was subsequently blocked nationwide by a federal court in September 2026.