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Who Burned Down the Sculpture of Xi Jinping at a California Park?

Federal prosecutors say Weiming Chen's 'CCP Virus' was destroyed by men working for China.

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Weiming Chen poses in front one of his sculptures at Liberty Sculpture Park in Yermo, Calif, Aug. 29, 2020.

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Yermo, Calif.

The roadside attraction is an American invention, and none could be more quintessentially American than the one abutting the northbound lane of Interstate 15, smack dab in the middle of the Mojave Desert.

Liberty Statue Park is an open-air memorial to the human desire for freedom. Located on a 36-acre tract, it was founded in 2017 by Chinese-born dissident artist Weiming Chen. The first sculpture Mr. Chen, 66, made for the space was a 15-foot-high bust of the Native American warrior Crazy Horse. In 2018 Mr. Chen added a statue of Li Wangyang, a Chinese labor activist who died under mysterious circumstances in 2012.