

THE CHINESE AND THE AMERICAN LAW
(An Abstract)

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What kind of legal protection do the resident Chinese in the United States enjoy? In comparison with the past, have the legal rights been expanded or curtailed? This essay addresses these questions.

Citing major decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court which dealt with the legal status and rights of ethnic minorities in general, and the Chinese in particular, the essay presents an analysis of the thrust of these decisions and their implications.

The article next focuses on Titles VI, VII and VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended in 1972, and explains the protection these provisions have extended to the resident Chinese in the United States.

The essay concludes with remarks about the importance of understanding the American law to a comprehensive knowledge about the American society, and observations on the ways to study the American law.