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# Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder: A Study of the Uyghur Transnational Networks

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The transnational activism of the Uyghur diaspora in promoting the rights of their kindred back in China has been attended by academia, journalists and practitioners. Chen's work presents the first attempt to visualize the connections among Uyghur diaspora organizations, their sympathizers, governments, and news organizations. Her findings confirm the widely perceived notion that the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) and the known Uyghur leader Rebiya Kadeer are central in mobilizing Uyghur communities around the world. A case study of Uyghur linkages in Australia further supports the WUC's influences over Uyghur activism in various corners of the globe.



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