

# What's Up With The Yangtze River?

## Part 4



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**1.35 billion tons of sewage is dumped into the Yangtze each year. The dam slows down the flow of water which means pollutants float in the river instead of being flushed out to sea.**

**Is this the same polluted Yangtze River water?**

**Yangtze River  
Chinese Laundry**



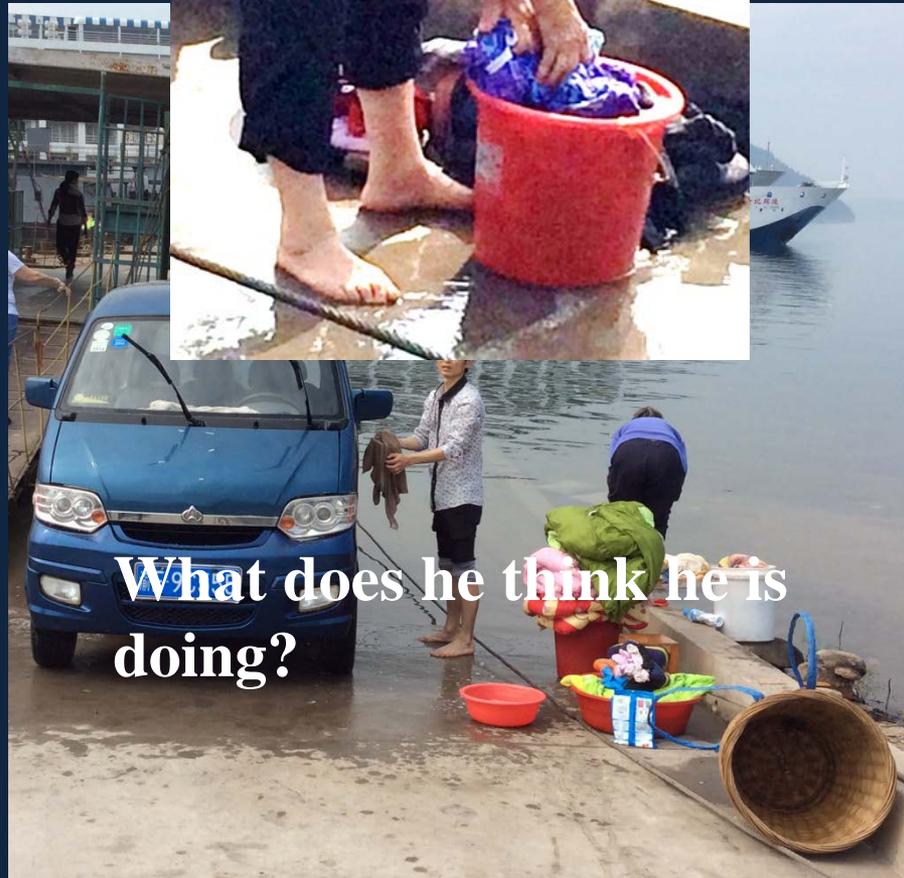
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**Look, he's washing his clothes & exercising at the same time!**



**Wash is done!  
Might as well wash his car!**



**What does he think he is doing?**



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**Damming the Yangtze River with the Three Gorges Dam has endangered the lives of several species of animals.**



**Yangtze  
Finless  
Porpoise**

<http://yangtzeфинlessporpoise.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/7/6/11762809/913010.jpg?541>



**Yangtze River Dolphin**

<http://content.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1651819,00.html>

**Many scientists fear that the Yangtze River Dolphin is functionally extinct. A recent survey resulted in no sightings.**

**Tourist cruises through the Three Gorges is an important source of revenue on the Yangtze .**





**Yangtze River  
Silk Market Stall**

**Photo by Glenda Sullivan**



**Big Star = People's Republic of China**  
**4 Smaller Stars = The People**  
**North, East, South, & West**

## Chongqing –City of Fogs



**Chongqing (Ch'ong-ch'ing) is the gateway to traveling on the Yangtze. It is the largest industrial and economic center in southwestern China.**

**The population of the urban area of Chongqing is 8,000,000.**

**Locals compare their city to San Francisco with the fog and hilly terrain. They say the fog gives the city an air of mystery as one travels up & down the steep hills.**

**Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese tradition practiced as a graceful, slow moving form of exercise to reduce stress and a variety of other health conditions.**



**When the villagers along the Yangtze were forced to give up their homes and the life they had always known, Tai Chi was one tradition they could keep and still enjoy today.**



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