

## 《美国酝酿对中国官员及子女收紧签证》

The US government may make it more difficult for China ' s ruling elite and their families to receive American visas following a series of diplomatic snubs by the Chinese government, according to US officials.

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Beijing cancelled several bilateral academic and cultural programmes hosted by the US after Jon Huntsman, the ambassador, was photographed in February in the capital near where anonymous internet users had called for a demonstration to support a "jasmine revolution" in China.

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While the calls for an uprising along the lines of the Arab spring largely went unheeded, Beijing launched what human rights groups have called the most severe crackdown on dissidents in more than a decade.

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Several people familiar with the matter said the ruling Communist party had also ordered provincial bosses to cancel meetings with Mr Huntsman over the past two months.

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The snubs have prompted the US to consider counter measures, including a review of the system for granting expedited visas to senior Chinese officials and their families.

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"Given the current climate of cancelled meetings and cancelled US-funded programmes in China, we are reviewing our procedures for approving visas for Chinese officials and their families," said one US official.

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The Chinese crackdown has affected negotiations to set the agenda for the two countries' twice yearly strategic dialogue in early May in Washington.

