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### **China opposes Congressional award to Dalai Lama. What's new?**

The Dalai Lama said: "Tolerance can be learned only from an enemy; it cannot be learned from your guru." (Image from the public domain). China has been vigorously lobbying against the Dalai Lama's receipt on October 17 of a Congressional Gold Medal in Washington, D.C. Fortunately, Congress is going full speed ahead with the award. What does the Chinese government fear here? An amplified and living image of its own atrocities? Instead of spending so much time and resources trying to whitewash and revise its shameful history and present with Tibet and Tibetans, the Chinese government should focus on respecting and protecting human rights throughout Tibet and China. Jon Katz.

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