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China is modernizing the world’s oldest civilization. Inclusiveness and harmony are deeply-rooted values in China’s history. They are ancient values that contribute a positive energy to global efforts to resolve modern problems like climate change. How much do people around the world know about China and what do they feel about Chinese culture?

To gauge U.S. public opinion, CGTN America took to the streets in eight North American cities – including Washington, D.C., New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Chicago, Vancouver and Mexico City.

The result is “China Views” – a lively roundup of perspectives on Chinese inventions … on the coolest things about China and where people learn more about the world’s second-largest economy.

As for Chinese inventions, a man in Mexico said, “Printing. A lot of inventions from China we [still] are using now.” A woman from San Francisco mentioned the abacus. One woman in Chicago could even name all four great inventions of ancient China: the compass, gun powder, paper and printing.

When asked, “What is the coolest thing about China?” one woman from Vancouver said: “I admire their loyalty. I admire their deep-rooted history and tradition. I admire their strong sense of family.”

Asked where people can learn about China, people said libraries, Chinese friends, and schools.

For perspectives on China, a women from Chicago said she preferred online media. “I still get The New York Times. A lot of them, I’m going to say, quite honestly, we are putting sort of political situation that I don’t feel personally comfortable with, because I don’t feel that way about China. So, that’s why online media is so great. You have the diversity of a lot of sources — much more so than with your paper and your television.”


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