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Is This the Beginning of the End for the CCP in China?

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China's new party secretary, Xi Jinping, has been in office less than a year. He has tried to set out a new vigorous agenda, trying to inspire people with the idea of a "China Dream" while launching the most vigorous campaign against corruption in years. Yet there is an air of *fin de siècle* about the Chinese government. Leftists are unhappy about the "abandonment" of socialist ideals and liberals have been harshly criticized for advocating "constitutional government." At the same time, economic growth has been slowing, which seems certain to exacerbate new debate about policy direction. There is some sense in Beijing that this is the "beginning of the end" for the Chinese Communist Party. But what does that mean? Can the party restore vigor? Can it find a way to a soft political landing? Where is China heading?

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