

# The Chinese Art of Dissent

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Dissent: The holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held.

Totalitarianism: A system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state.

# Scholar Officials and the Civil Service Exam



Elegant Gathering (of Scholar Officials) in the Apricot Garden  
Ming Dynasty c 1437 After Xie Huan

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# The Cost of Dissent



Bamboo Slips

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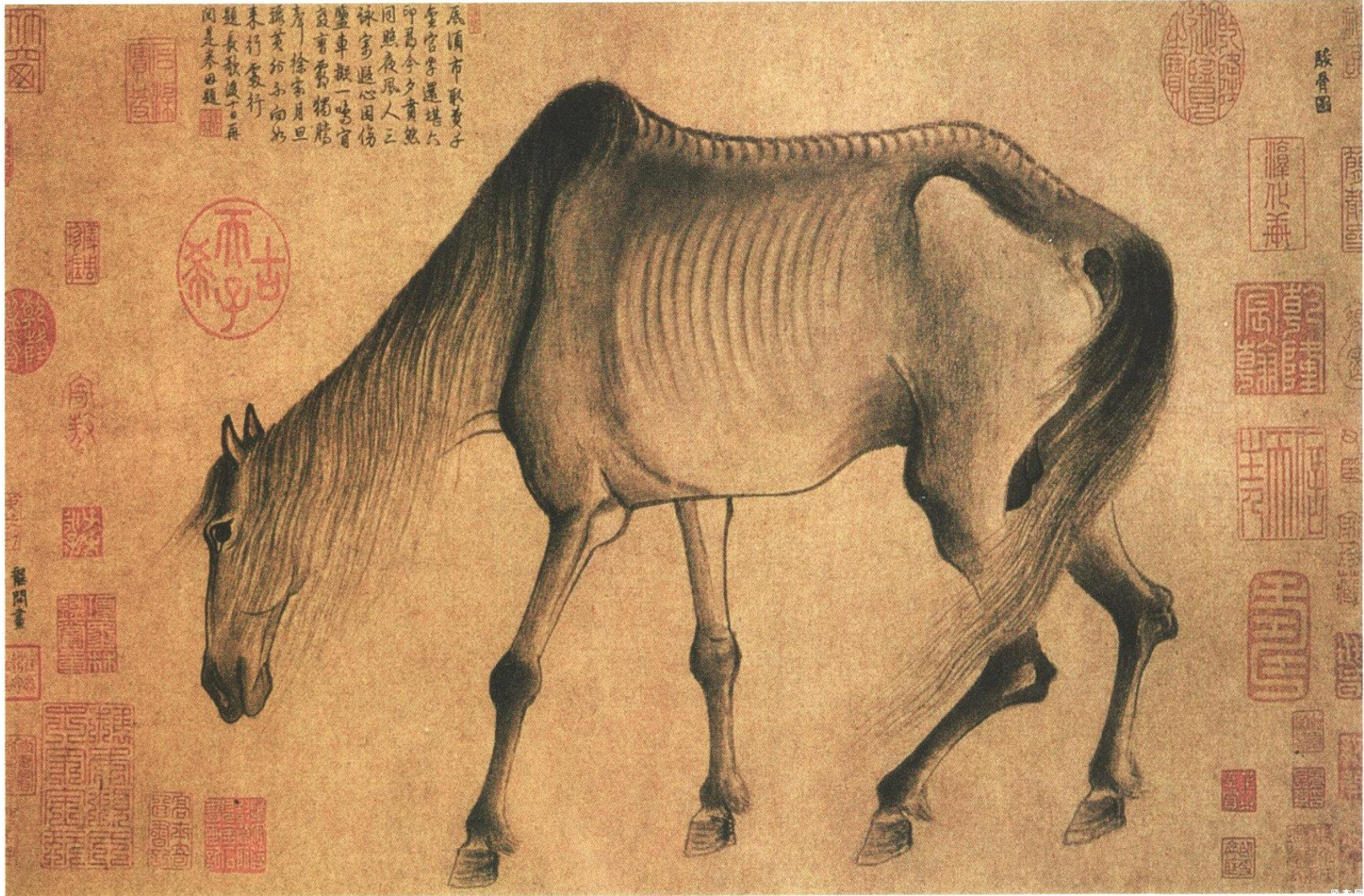


Sima Qian c 145 BCE – c 86 BCE

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## The horse as a metaphor



Gong Kai, 1222-1307, Emaciated Horse, Handscroll, ink on paper, 29.9 x 56.9 cm.

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# Thinking of Retirement

Wang Hui, 1632-1717

Landscape after Zhao Mengfu

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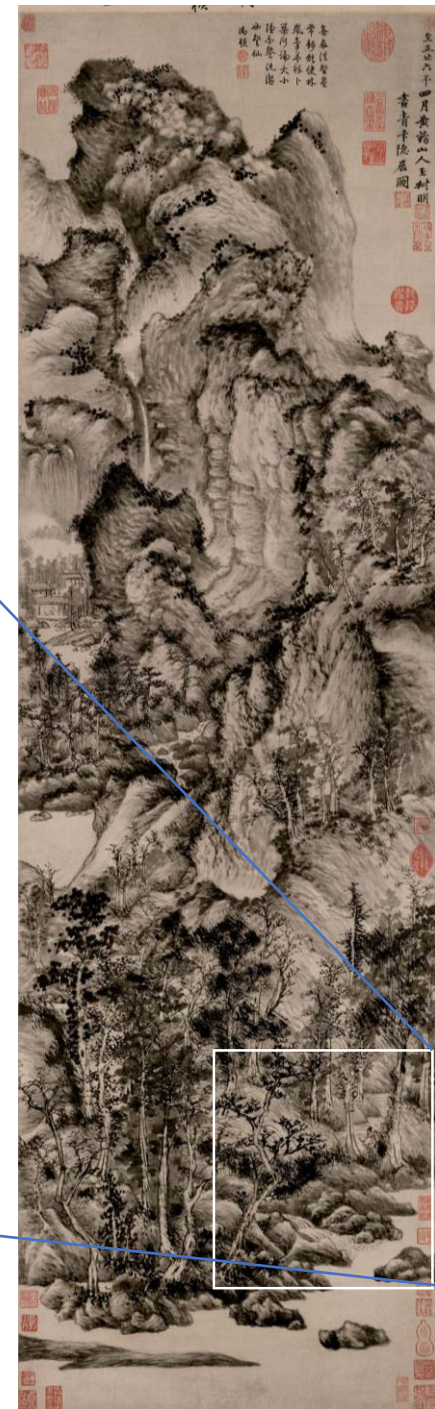


## Retirement hopes dashed



Wang Meng, 1308-85, Dwelling in the Qingbian Mountains, hanging scroll, ink on paper 1366, 141 x 42.2cm

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# Homophones

**hé xié    和谐    harmony**

**hé xiè    河蟹    river crab**