

# TOTAL TRUST

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## SYNOPSIS

China is in the process of establishing a dictatorship based on Big Data. The film accompanies people who are fighting against an all-controlling surveillance system and in danger of being crushed by it. Thanks to exclusive and intimate access, this long-term observation shows the lives of several activists fighting for human rights, who live under extreme surveillance and traumatised. At the same time, the film's scope broadens to include ordinary citizens whose daily behaviour is registered and evaluated by an experimental scoring system.

## FESTIVALS

2023

20 CPH:DOX, Denmark

movies that matter festival, The Netherlands

2023

38 DOK.fest Munich – nominated VFF Documentary Film Production Award

30 Hot Docs Toronto

28 IDFF It's All True | É Tudo Verdade

Special Mention Tim Hetherington Award – 30 Sheffield DocFest

Millennium DOCS AGAINST GRAVITY

22 DOKFEST Prizren, Kosovo

31 FFHH – Filmfest Hamburg

Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival

27 Ji.hlava IDFF

14 DOC NYC

2024

FIFDH Geneve

German Documentary Award – 8 SWR Doku Festival

2025

GRIMME PRIZE section Information & Culture

Germany 2023

97 min

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Current Affairs, Human Rights

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Chinese

PREMIERE

Germany (2023)

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