

# Avaaz Petition Betrays Sacrifice And Demands Of Tibetan Protests



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On October 15, 2011 the day of global action supporting the #OccupyWallStreet movement, near the town of Ngaba, East Tibet, **19 year old Tibetan Norbu Damdul** having doused himself in gasoline **raised slogans demanding ‘Complete Independence for Tibet’ and ‘Return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet’**”, His action was reported by the respected Tibetan news source *Phayul* <http://bit.ly/nkMDzZ> along with the *Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy* <http://bit.ly/qRWy3U>

The objective of Norbu's sacrifice was to **demand his nation's rightful independence** and to remind the world of the common aspirations of Tibetans inside occupied Tibet. **So why is it that the online petition organization, Avaaz, makes no reference to this central political aspiration of Tibet's struggle, on its petition site?** Instead they wrongly assert that Tibetans are taking such actions, *not out of a determined, singular and courageous sacrifice to demand Tibet's national freedom*, but as some crazed act of desperation, some hopeless appeal to the world community.

**“A rising number of Tibetans are taking their lives through self immolation in a desperate cry to the world to stop the escalating Chinese crackdown”** (Source: *Avaaz Petition On Tibet*)

**The recent incidence of Tibetans sacrificing their lives** have not had as an objective merely an end to a recent increase in China's repressive operations; which *implies that should such actions be moderated or ended then Tibetans would be content and cease protesting*, but have occurred as a **defiant assertion of Tibet's national freedom and the return of the Dalai Lama**. Like countless other Tibetans, Norbu Damdul seeks the independence of his country from Chinese occupation, he was prepared to take his life for that cause, it is therefore very disappointing that a petition claiming to support Tibet, should distort and censor such sacrifices.

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