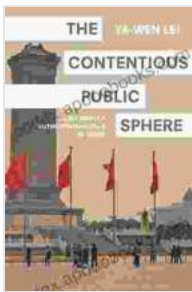


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Image depicting media being used as a mechanism of propaganda in China

The Internet and Social Control

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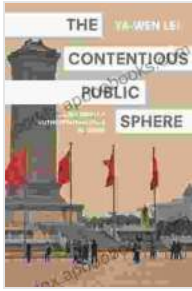
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Image depicting Chinese citizens resisting authoritarian rule

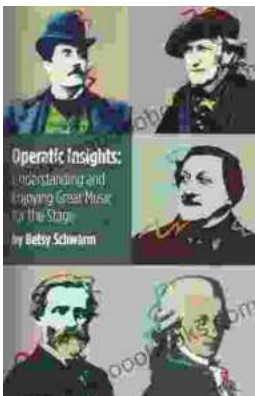
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