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cinematographer, and editor. The purpose of this film is to inform viewers about the current situation of Tibetan sky burials and the rising number of tourists who want to see one. Obviously, it is disrespectful to the Tibetan culture because tourists are turning it into an attraction and something they can pay to watch and take pictures of. In reality, if a Tibetan were to treat a Chinese burial like a tourist attraction and take pictures, it would go against the party guidelines and one could even be taken to court. This film was useful to me because it shows the hardship of keeping the Tibetan sky burial a cultural practice in a world of interested outsiders. It shows how sky burials are surviving in a time of tourists and technology.

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