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We extend Xiao-Song Lin's original definition of twisted Alexander polynomial, given in terms of regular Seifert surfaces, to a "pointed invariant" of a finitely presented group and conjugacy class of elements. We give an algebraic generalization of a knot fibering obstruction of J. Cha, and a bound on the degree of the twisted polynomial. (Received March 30, 2010)