

# Chinese New Year – cultural snapshots of society

Here are (what I like to call) “snapshots” of the Chinese New Year celebrations in February 2019. The Chinese use a lunar calendar, and the New Year started on 5FEB19, and started the week-long celebration.

This celebration is profoundly different than anything experienced in the West. It is a time of family and friends. It is a time of crazed dancing, and orgy of food, and prolonged heavy drinking. It is also a time when you will see friendships renew, relationships expand, and families strengthen.

The cultural aspects of this event are (in large part) unknown in the West, but I find them fascinating. Everything from the “spontaneous dancing upon arrival”, grain alcohol guzzling, monkey parades, and the barbecued octopus tentacles dipped in hot spicy pepper sauce becomes commonplace during this time.

Here we look at a series of scenes from China. All of the scenes are in the form of micro-videos. All videos were taken within the week of 3FEB19 through 8FEB19 and represent a cross-section of typical China as observed by typical Chinese using their cellphones. The application used to record these videos is the TikTok APP.

# Travel

While officially, the week vacation is a full week, many businesses and factories stay shut down for an entire month. They work reduced shifts leading up to, and after the official holiday. They also rely on reduced staffing during this period, as most Chinese travel great distances from their employer to go back home for the holidays.

Of course, the traffic is crazy and the crowds are massive. It is very difficult to get a plane seat, or a seat on the train as literally millions of people are moving here and there, to and from, leading up to the Chinese New Year holiday. As a result, many hop in their cars and drive for two or three days to make it back home.

Here's a video of what it is like. Of course, there are often instances of heavy traffic, and other frustrations of driving long distances...

To save on the expense, they often share the ride with other similar people traveling in the general direction. For instance, this year, one of my product engineers drove home and shared a ride with a fellow from Guangzhou. He lived in a nearby town, and was a friend of a friend.

# Impromptu and spontaneous dancing upon entry

Of course, it is always great to see loved ones. But, the Chinese do so with a new twist. many Chinese like to welcome each other with a dance. I kid you not, and when that happens, you are obligated to go ahead and dance with them.

Now, the reader should be aware that this is not a traditional thing to do. At least, I don't think it is traditional. It seems to have cropped up literally "out of the blue" this year, and is all over the social media. Yeah. I know, it's silly.

But then, on the other hand, it is certainly memorable...

I really do not know where this all got started from. It seems like everyone is able to take part in it. From little kids, to school boys and girls, to adults, to aunties to grandparents. It's the darnedest thing, I'll tell you what.

The rules are simple;

- The originator of the dance is the person in the house.
- They will play a song upon the arrival of friends or family.
- They will then start dancing impromptu as soon as the door opens.

- Those who enter and find the host dancing are obligated to dance with them as well.
- The guests are not expected to remove their shoes when dancing.
- If they are carrying something, they can put it down so that they can dance.

Yes, it is pretty crazy. Whether or not this fad will continue throughout the year, or will die this Chinese New Year is up to speculation. I guess that we will all just have to wait and see.

## Partying with Friends

Of course, the entire week is filled with meals and parties. The Chinese really do love to party.

They drink (that grain alcohol), and wine... not to sip... but to quaff down in entire glass-fills. This is not only reserved for friends, but for co-workers, classmates, cousins, immediate family, extended family, and even the entire village (if you come from a smaller settlement).

I have videos and videos and videos of this. I have thousands of videos taken during the KTV, or adventures in the bars. I have videos at the BBQ pits that are everywhere, to the impromptu get togethers that seem to reflect what China is today.

Friends get together with friends. Girls go out with girls. Guys go out with guys. Brothers go out with brothers. Sisters go out with sisters. This is a time when everyone goes out to party with each other

Here are some general videos that seem to represent most of what is going on during this period of time.

Just some gals having fun with their friends. They could be co-workers or just friends. But, what does it matter, really? Life is too short to play the corporate "game". Go out, go forth, and make friends. have a good time, and get drunk with your co-workers. Life is meant to be lived.

That's some chicks in a bar. What about the guys? What if you are in the midst of building your life, and aren't in a city bar? What can you do?

Heck you do what we used to do in Pennsylvania (and Florida, New York and California, and Michigan too). You get a keg of beer, and a bunch of food and have a BBQ outside, and crank the music up loud.

And yes, they have meals inside and outside. In fact, the Chinese love BBQ and many a great night can be spent drinking beer, chatting, dancing, and singing over BBQ...

Can you blame them?

You'll also note that the Chinese will cook other things with the BBQ. Truthfully, the BBQ is anything cooked over flame. So, the Chinese will often cook such things as chicken, beef, pork, and mutton. In addition, they will cook such things as onions, lettuce, pepper (actually very good), tofu, and bread. They will cook things like fish, wrapped in aluminum foil, and even make up a batch of noodles.

The noodles are kind of rare, but, heck, if you want some spaghetti, well... go for it. All food is glorious. Don't ya think?

Here's a video of some guys at a KTV. What? They aren't singing. Oh, I wonder why... Oh, look one of the guys just made a call and arranged for some pretty girls to join them for fun and frolic. Gosh, youse just got to love China!

## Fireworks

Of course, everyone knows about the fireworks. We have fireworks in the United States. Ah... yeah, but the Chinese do it differently.

To them, the noise and the lights scare away evil spirits that retard growth, prosperity and wealth. The louder the fireworks, the noisier the fireworks, and the louder... the better. So when you see the fireworks in China, it is absolutely amazing. It completely dwarfs anything seen in the USA by a factor of a thousand.

Check this out. Isn't it just amazing?

What is truly amazing is that these fireworks don't last for 45 minutes or so. They last all night. They last for 12, and even 24 hours! Just like this. I well remember seeing the scene from my house in TangXia when the morning sun lifted and I could survey the city around me, that the fireworks and smoke still continued in all its crazy glory. It looks like the hills are all on fire. Seriously.

And good luck trying to get some sleep. LOL.

This is all over the world. Here is a very impressive display from a tiny, tiny village in the middle of the mountains. Pretty impressive eh? make the firework display in NYC look like a child's toy.

To me, it all looks like a horrible weapons barrage that seems endless. What ever it might look like, I can tell you that any bad spirits would be too frightened by all the noise, the bright lights and explosions. For certain!

# Family Meals

Many families eat outside in the restaurants, however many families have these huge spreads in the homes. Just like the United States, there are familial get together's where all the kids get to play and the adults make the food, chat, play cards, and generally get shit-faced drunk.

Here is a typical middle-class family. Note that many families live in those large apartment buildings. The smaller homes are quite expensive and are worth many millions of dollars. The furniture is typical, as is the flooring and the walls. The Chinese do not like carpeting in the least. (It's dirty.) They prefer white, gold and red colors, and while this household might look opulent to us Americans, know that it is pretty much typical for the middle class Chinese.

This video could have been taken anywhere in China. It could have been taken at my in-laws, or my friends house. It could have been taken in Shenzhen, Shanghai or Beijing. It's very typical.

I actually pointed this out before to other Americans. They responded that that couldn't possibly be the case. They argued that if this was true that we would see examples of Chinese houses in the American media...

Sure. Sure. Sure.

Hum. I guess they still believe in the Easter Bunny. You don't argue with



people who have closed minds and who's reality was formed by the American media and their distortions, inaccuracies, and outright lies.

Here's another typical Chinese house made up for the 2019 Chinese New Year holiday...

## Parades

Of course, there are parades. Some have the famous dragon that can be seen in China-town in the States. But the Chinese parades tend to be quite different than the United States in ways difficult to describe...

Here we have a bunch of "monkey kings" dancing in the parade. This, in my mind, is pretty darn awesome, and you won't find anything even approaching it in the States.

Some things are unique to China, and cannot be found anywhere else. Guys... different is good. You don't want all the restaurants to look like McDonald's. You don't want all the coffee houses to look like Starbucks, and you don't want every nation to have democrats like Ocasio-Cortez reforming everything to make it "better".

Which is a great plus about China. They have declared war on SJW folk and take active steps to have them removed from society before they can tarnish

and destroy time-honored traditions. Thank God for China and realizing that SJW moments harm the nation in numerous ways.

Anyways...

And here is another “parade” in a small village.

I really don't have a word for what is going on here as this kind of thing is alien to the West. It certainly does not exist in America. It is where locals dress up like famous gods and heroes and go from house to house scar-ing away the bad spirits that might bring bad luck during the year.

## Prayers to the Gods

One of the things that the Chinese do is light these mini candles that float up into the sky with the wishes and prayers of the sender. It's actually a wonderful sight to behold, and many people take part in this ritual throughout the nation.

I read about this being tried in the United States. In fact, I read two stories about this, and the crazy reactions that resulted. The first story had the people doing this arrested for creating “UFO hoaxes”. The second story,

also had people arrested, only this time it was because they did not have a permit to launch anything like this, and that it might disrupt the ability to fly.

Gosh darn it! Can't Americans just be left alone?

## Other Celebrations

Of course, the smaller communities in the rural areas would do what rural communities always did. They would host parties filled with song and dance (and free alcoholic beverages) for the towns people to enjoy. This was true in Europe and the United States, prior to all the new "progressive government" ushered in around 1913 or so...

If you don't know what I am referring to, then I must humbly suggest that your knowledge of history is seriously in dire need of readjustment. I would suggest that you find some elderly people in your community and start talking with them. If you cannot, they find old issues of "The Good Old Days" magazine and read it.

All the progressive "improvements" such as banning alcohol, smoking, and making things "safer" did not exist until the 19th Amendment was passed. Those progressive assholes in the early 19th century really fucked everything up for the rest of us. They destroyed our Republic and gave us a Nanny-State. A land where everyone reports to "Big Momma".

Sorry about that. I get sidetracked so easily.

Here we have some folk having fun, drink and song in a small village. Don't they look like they are having fun? Don't they look like they are having fun? Don't they look like they are having a great time? Why can't we have this in the Untied States?

Sorry, Dude... It's because "of the children"...

## And... in Tibet

For most Americans, we believe that Tibet is an annexed land that is under repression by the evil satanic communists. It must be set free!

Yah, maybe fifty years ago. Today, Tibet is wholly integrated into China. You could no more remove Tibet from China, as you could remove California, and Texas, and Nevada from the United States. Don't believe me? Check out this map and see for yourself.



Here we can clearly see that the region of Tibet represents a significant portion of the landmass of China. It is bigger than both California and Texas combined together. yet, somehow, we Americans are told that we can “demand” China to offer autonomy to this region, in exchange for American “benefits”, what ever they might be.

Anyways, today, the population of Tibet is predominantly Han-Chinese. It’s pretty understandable, as the Chinese government gave incentives for the Chinese to relocate into Tibet. It’s sort of how the American democrats give free welfare to any illegal who enters the United States, as long as they will vote for democrats. Its the same thing.

Here we have a Chinese gal in Tibet celebrating the new year of the pig...

# Aftermath

You'll notice that many people talk with hoarse voices, as all the "white wine" pretty much tore holes in their throats. People gather their belongings, and start the trek back home. All the free drink, the free cigarettes, and all the food comes to an end. It's a quiet calmness...

## Conclusions

This was just a short and sweet posting of various videos taken in China during the CNY 2019 year of the pig. I know it's not covered by the American media. The best that you can ever expect is a small blurb mentioning that new Chinese new year.

*We interrupt our hate-fest against President Trump with some news from around the world. In China, they had a new year. Some fireworks were lit. Meanwhile Democrat XXXXXXXX proposes some taxes to support the banning of YYYYYYYY. It's for global warming, don't you know.*

For most Americans, it is an interesting bit of trivia. Like how many buttons the average coat has, or the average size of a chicken egg. This is unfortunate, as the CNY holiday is much, much more than simply a "holiday". It represents many things of significant value, and the fact that half the population of the world celebrates it should be reason for consideration.

I hope that I was able to present some new and interesting aspects of this holiday to the reader that is sorely lacking in the WELL (Super Well-Paid) “journalists” that work for the Washington Post, the New York Times, the LA Times and Salon... sigh. They are NOT doing their jobs.

Obviously one of two things must be true. Either [1] their job is no longer to inform, or [2] they are seriously incompetent, as are the complete editorial staff at the media headquarters.

## Links about China



### **How a Business KTV Works in China**

KTV's are all over China. They range from tiny booths, to family affairs to fancy palaces for friends. Here we discuss a kind of “seeder” side of the KTV phenomenon. We discuss the KTV used to discuss business and to reward high-performing employees; The Business KTV.

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### **The Dance Craze that is Sweeping China**

China is a big country, and as such it has passing fads and events that everyone seems to participate in. The latest is a dance craze that is based on a silly song involving Tarzan like yodeling. Everyone is doing it from kids, to policemen, doctors and entire school classrooms.

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### **The Tale of the End-of-the-Day Potato**

When you finish a good day's work, how do you like to be rewarded? How about a nice beer, and a nice well-cooked meal? How about your dogs or cats near by? How about a kiss on the cheek, a nice frosty alcoholic beverage in your hand? Or, as I have found, my end-of-the-day potato.



### **News as Every-Day Dog-Shit**

Has the news that you read every day benefitted you? Has it made your life better, happier, calmer or helped you to make more money? What benefit do you derive from reading it? Chances are that it provides no benefit at all; you are just a slave to habit for others to manipulate.

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### **Attack of the Dancing Grandmothers**

One of the things about China is that the old folk love to dance and exercise. They get up at the crack of dawn and dance to loud disco until every goes out to work. Then they rest. They return to dance at dinner time until night. Here is my take on this crazy and popular Chinese pastime.

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### **When the SJW Movement Took Over China**

Many people are unaware that the SJW movement is not regional to the United States. It is global. It reoccurs in a generational cycle. China has experienced three such cycles in my lifetime. This is the sad story of what happened when the SJW's were permitted to run amok in China.

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### **The Importance of a Family Meal Together**

One of the most important things that I have learned is that friends, family and close-ones should share meals together. Further, they should do so with some sense of formality and purpose. Here is my take on this issue, and how I prefer to structure my family meals.

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### **Freedom and Liberty in China**

As Americans we have been raised into believing that America is an oasis of freedom in a world of chaos. We have been taught that other nations are shit-holes and that communist nations are the worst. Well, the 1960's narrative doesn't play well in the 2020's reality.

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### **The Ben Ming Nian – The 12 Year Curse**

The Chinese believe that all life have both a physical reality and a non-physical reality. As such it goes through a twelve year cycle. Every twelve years it sort of resets itself. A new phase of life thus begins. Here we discuss this from the point of view of interactive quanta and patterns.

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### **Beware the Expat**

There are a handful of expats that have left America to explore a new life outside of America. We do so for many reasons. Some of us want a new quiet life, while others want excitement. Still others want to unleash their criminal skills on an unsuspecting public. Be aware.

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### **How to tell if Wine is Fake in China**

There are many fake things made in China. From fake designer purses, to fake mouse-traps. If someone can make some extra money by making something fake, they will try it. Here, we talk about one of the most dangerous of fake goods; fake red wine.

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### **How China Deals with Obesity**

In the modern world, obesity is a real problem. People all over the world are getting fatter and heavier. The American solution is to ban fattening things, and make laws to control behavior. Here we discuss the Chinese solution; to provide areas to dance and exercise.

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### **Great Wedding Ideas from Chinese Weddings**

The Chinese have over 5000 years of experience in formalized weddings, culture, food and relationships. Here we spend some time looking at the contemporaneous Chinese wedding. We look at the fun and playful side of it for ideas that we can use in American weddings. Enjoy.



### **How Christmas is Celebrated in Communist China**

Contrary to what most Americans believe, Christmas is celebrated all over the world. The progressive narrative of banning it, or turning it into a pale shadow of what it once was is a lie propagated by “diversity officers”. Here we talk about the celebration of Christmas in China.

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### **What Chinese Apartment Houses are Like**

After a thirty-year-long growth spurt, China has forged an enormous and growing middle class. This has, in turn, created a need for consumer appliances, automobiles, and apartments. Here we look at what Chinese apartment houses are like. They are quite different.

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### **Snapshots of Chinese Culture**

China is a land that changes every few months or so. The roads change, the buildings change. The society, culture and traditions seemingly move with the changes in all sorts of interesting ways. Here we talk about these changes in the form of micro-videos. It’s a fun post, most certainly.

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### **What Rural China is Like**

Unless you have lived in China, your impressions of what China is will have been colored by the news media. There would be mention of the new ultra-modern cities, and some discussion on the pollution in the industrial areas. No mention of anything else. Here we attempt to cover this omission.

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# China and America Comparisons



## **Democrat Busybodies and the Destruction of Freedom**

Wouldn't life be wonderful if you could just be left alone and live your life in peace? I think so. The founders of the United States thought so, however there is an army of busybodies who disagree. They have this vision of utopia where everyone listens to their commands.

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## **Comparison between American and Chinese Playgrounds**

The differences between American and Chinese playgrounds couldn't be more telling. It is a tale of how things are handled differently and the roles that parents take. In China the role of the parent is to equip the child for life. While in America it is to protect the child from life.

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## **What Authentic Chinese Food is Like**

The entire world feasts on "Chinese Food" served in "Chinese Restaurants". This could be a Chinese take-out in Memphis, to a "Dim Sum" restaurant in NYC. As delicious as these establishments are, what is it like to eat real, Chinese food, in China? Well we talk about it right here.

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## **The Last Straw – Why I Left America**

We all come to cross-roads in our lives. We experience life in all of it's glory and pain. This is the story why I left the USA and moved to China. It's not that I hate the USA, I love it dearly and miss it terribly. However, a series of events and changes pushed me out. This is my story.

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## **What happens when you try to implement Diversity Initiatives in China**

This is a very good story in what happens when a young millennial tries to implement diversity initiatives in China. There are many lessons here. From how pompous SJW's are to misconceptions about what China is.



## **What High School taught me about Democracy**

Yes, I know, the United states is supposed to be a Republic. However, running for president in school was set up as a Democracy with majority vote. I learned a lot about the follies of a Democracy and what eventually befalls it. I wish to share those experiences with you.

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## **Why an American man should leave America and Travel**

America is great. It is large and wonderful. However, we all need to set outside of it to really appreciate what we have, and to face what we do not have. Only then can we really understand where our problems originate from and how to resolve them

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## **Top Ten Misconceptions that Americans have about China**

There are many misconceptions about far-away places. China, due to it's size, and relative importance as a source of manufactured products is often the target of many a ill-defined comment. The disconnect between reality and perception is enormous. Here we discuss it.

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## **The Top Ten Misconceptions Chinese have about the USA**

When the Chinese come and visit the United States, they are often spellbound in shock and amazement. They find that they LOVE, absolutely L-O-V-E the United States. I have many friends who have told me this. Another thing that they have told me is that it was not what they expected.

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### **Comparisons Between American and Chinese Girls**

Here we compare the differences in beauty between Chinese and American women. Since beauty is in the eye of the beholder, we spend some time looking at what makes women attractive to the opposite sex and why. Then we look at attractive girls comparatively.

## Learning About China



### **Learning About China through Looking at Pretty Girls -1**

Here we discuss elevators, eating at work, subways, residential areas, apartment building hallways, riding on boats, family KTV's, getting out of cars, tennis courts, department stores and restrooms. It's pretty amazing what you can learn by looking at pretty girls.

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### **Learning About China through Looking at Pretty Girls -2**

Here we discuss suburbs and memorials. We discuss malls, Arabic culture, parking garages, bedrooms, living rooms, and living in Guangzhou. We discuss walking and talking. Finally a nice hypnotic dancing video for fun. It's pretty amazing what you can learn by looking at pretty girls.

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### **Learning About China through Looking at Pretty Girls -3**

Here we discuss more malls, farms and their kitchens, pools, apartment (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) parks and open areas, dance studios, military barracks, riding on a yacht, beaches, waterslides, and the garages outside a housing development. It's fun talking about China with all sorts of pretty girls.

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### **Learning About China through Looking at Pretty Girls -4**

Here we discuss public parks, gyms, work offices, apartments in Shanghai and the excellent views there, the Southern Chinese coast, Pizza Hut, speaking and singing in English (as a second language), sofas, safety at night, the ideal face, and buying gold in Hong Kong.



### **Learning About China through Looking at Pretty Girls -5**

Here we discuss Shanghai, highways, hotels, exercise, and elementary school students dance-exercising, after-school dance classes, public squares and dancing and carrying on in public. We talk about rural kitchens, doors in apartments, and Chinese apartments in general.

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