

The USA and China are now entangled in the Thucydides Trap; this is the entire story.

Trump's anti-China rhetoric and actions, including crossing out the prefix "Corona" and replacing it with "China," are part of a continuation of US empire building that began long before Trump seized power in the Electoral College coup of 2016.

-Counterpunch

My feeds are all clogged up with the hate-China narrative out of Washington DC. Ugh! It's pretty sick and disgusting. Hate, hate, hate! What a messed up way to start the day!

Additionally, the narrative that the Chinese accidentally released it from a weapons lab in Wuhan is an insult to my intelligence. I guess people don't know the difference between a automobile factory and a local garage that does tune-ups.

Hint;

Factories and R&D centers have loading bays, electrical substations, and internal water treatment centers. You can see these structures outside the buildings. They have fences, and security guards. They are huge!

Vaccine centers, diagnostic centers, and testing centers are much smaller. They typically consist of a number of offices, and perhaps a small wing devoted to the lab work. They also usually have a parking lot. They tend not to have a fence or security guards.

Now, boys and girls, repeat after me:

*Bio-Weapons Research Labs have fences and security guards.
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They are not open to the public. They are not on a main public thoroughfare. They are military installations, protected by soldiers, fences, and set far back away from public scrutiny.

So please, stop parroting the Mike Pompeo / Alex Jones "talking points" that the COVID-19 was an "escaped" bio-weapons from a Chinese weapons lab. Jeeze!



The Chinese narrative that the COVID-19 virus came from American military soldiers. The American narrative is that it was released from a vaccine clinic. Which is more likely to have infected the Wuhan "wet" market? Especially since there are videos of American servicemen in that exact market at that exact time. Not to mention the strange things they were doing there. I mean, they ate in restaurants. They did not need to buy groceries to cook in their hotel room, and what's this putting their hands and touching things so profusely?

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But that's how propaganda works, don't you know. You keep hammering down the same lies over and over again until you start reacting to it instinctively.

You hear it over and over. People talk about it, and make opinions about it. you start believing what you hear without thinking.

Ugh!

Just like billions of dollars had to flow to the software companies to "prevent" Y2K. Remember that? There was a nine month intense narrative that the world was going to collapse unless we immediately "fixed" the Y2K issue!

The Year 2000 problem, also known as the Y2K problem, the Millennium bug, Y2K bug, the Y2K glitch, or Y2K, refers to events related to the formatting and storage of calendar data for dates beginning in the year 2000. Problems were anticipated, and arose, because many programs represented four-digit years with only the final two digits – making the year 2000 indistinguishable from 1900. The assumption of a twentieth-century date in such programs could cause various errors, such as the incorrect display of dates and the inaccurate ordering of automated dated records or real-time events.

-Wikipedia

Same thing.

Say the lies over and over and over, until people instinctively react to them as truths. When in reality, it's all just lies, manipulations and "smoke screens". But all that doesn't matter. Because right here we are going to tell you all what is going on. That is, what's REALLY going on, and how all these things all fit together.

And it isn't pretty.

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The Thucydides Trap

"There is no such thing as a Thucydides Trap. It is just an excuse by the democrat-controlled media to attack Trump and make him look bad."

-Anonymous

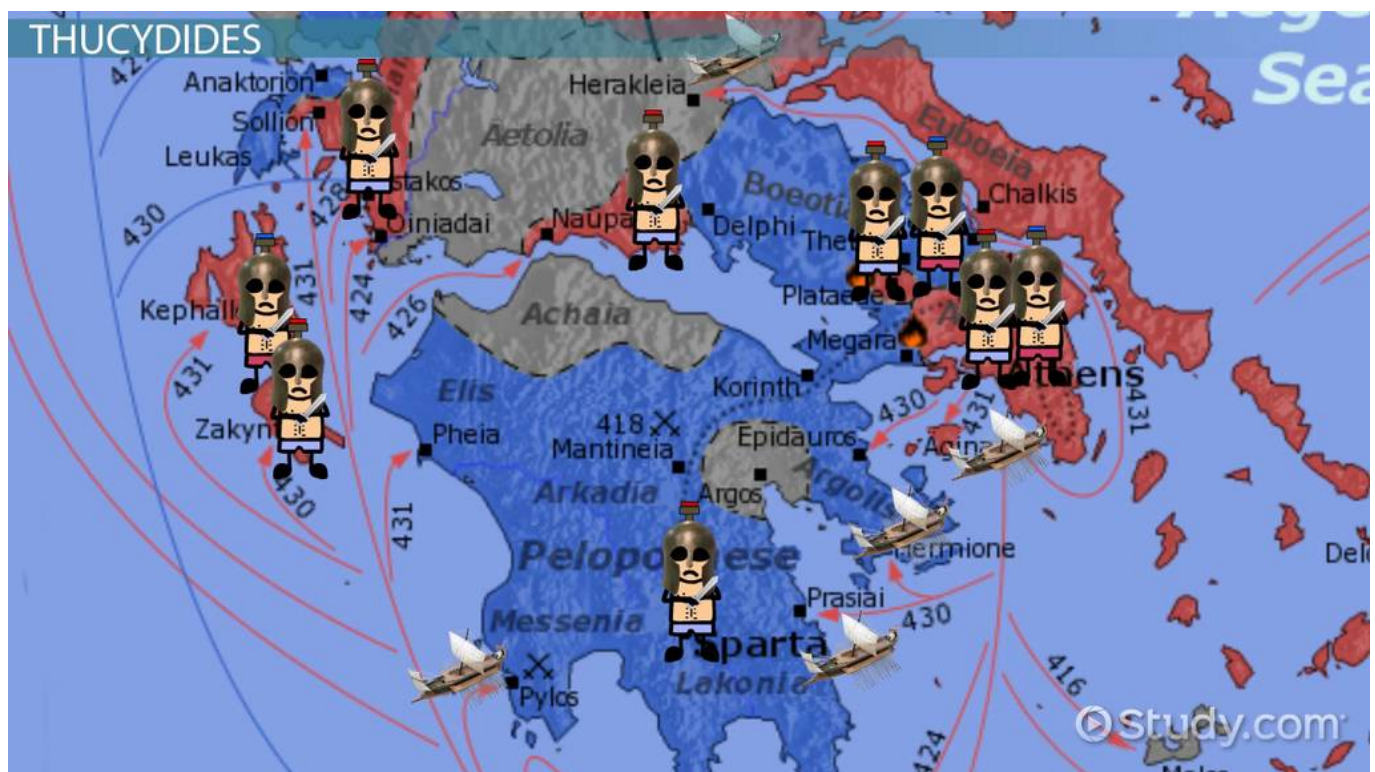
To understand what is going on today between the United States and China, we should take a look at history. For history clearly describes the dynamics between an established nation, and a growing emerging nation. This dynamic is well documented, well understood, and quite predictable.

- America is the "established" nation.

- China is the growing nation.

More than 2,400 years ago, the Athenian historian Thucydides offered a powerful insight into the causes of the awful Peloponnesian War; a war that pitted military Sparta against democratic Athens...

"It was the rise of Athens, and the fear that this inspired in Sparta, that made war inevitable."



The Peloponnesian War; a war that pitted military Sparta against democratic Athens.

Other writers identified an array of contributing causes of the Peloponnesian War. But it was Thucydides that nailed down the true causes and the heart of the matter.

Thucydides, instead of looking at the minute details, focused instead on the inexorable, structural stress caused by a rapid shift in the balance of power between the two rivals.

- Sparta was, for over a hundred years, the dominant city-nation.
- Athens was growing, expanding, and eclipsing Sparta on every front.

Thucydides identified two key drivers of this dynamic:

- The rising power's growing entitlement, sense of its importance, and demand for greater say and sway.
- And the entrenched, well established nation that possessed the fear, insecurity, and determination to defend the status quo this engenders in the established power base.

In the case about which he wrote in the fifth century B.C., Athens had emerged over a half century as a steeple of civilization. There, there were advances in philosophy, understanding of history, pleasures of drama, new types of architecture, political governance based upon democracy, and naval prowess.

This shocked Sparta. For more than a century had been the leading land power on the Peloponnese peninsula.

As Thucydides saw it, Athens's position was understandable.

As its clout grew, so too did its self-confidence, its consciousness of

past injustices, its sensitivity to instances of disrespect, and its insistence that previous arrangements be revised to reflect new realities of power.

It was also natural, Thucydides explained, that Sparta interpreted the Athenian posture as unreasonable, ungrateful, and threatening to the system it had established—and within which Athens had flourished.

Thucydides chronicled the objective changes in relative power between the two. However, he also focused on the perceptions of change among the leaders of both nations. These perceptions, in both Athens and Sparta, led each to strengthen alliances with other nation-states in the hopes of counterbalancing the other.

But entanglement runs both ways. When conflict broke out between the second-tier city-states of Corinth and Corcyra (now Corfu), Sparta felt it necessary to come to Corinth's defense, which left Athens little choice but to back its ally. The Peloponnesian War followed. When it ended 30 years later, Sparta was the nominal victor. But both states lay in ruin, leaving Greece vulnerable to the Persians.

And the eventual destruction of the Greeks at the hands of the Persians.

Germany and Britain

Let's consider more modern times. Where people drive cars, have electrici-

ty, fly in the air in planes and have “manners”. Let’s look at the world right before World War I. Let’s consider a rising Germany to a content and powerful England.

As Germany’s economy surpassed Britain’s, Germany would not only develop the strongest army on the continent. It would soon also “build as powerful a navy as she can afford.” In other words, Kissinger writes...

“once Germany achieved naval supremacy ... this in itself—regardless of German intentions—would be an objective threat to Britain, and incompatible with the existence of the British Empire.”

Three years after reading that memo, Edward VII died.

Attendees at his funeral included two “chief mourners”—Edward’s successor, George V, and Germany’s Kaiser Wilhelm—along with Theodore Roosevelt representing the United States.

At one point, Roosevelt (an avid student of naval power and leading champion of the buildup of the U.S. Navy) asked Wilhelm whether he would consider a moratorium in the German-British naval arms race. The kaiser replied that Germany was unalterably committed to having a powerful navy.

But as he went on to explain, war between Germany and Britain was simply unthinkable, because...

“I was brought up in England, very largely; I feel myself partly an

Englishman. Next to Germany I care more for England than for any other country.”

And then with emphasis: “I ADORE ENGLAND!”

However unimaginable conflict seems, however catastrophic the potential consequences for all actors, however deep the cultural empathy among leaders, even blood relatives, and however economically interdependent states may be—none of these factors is sufficient to prevent war, in 1914 or today.

It doesn't matter.

China and America

The warning lights and the alarm bells have been going off for some time now. It is well established that there would be some conflict or a deterioration of relationships between the two powers. Around 2009 it was unmistakable and this prompted some firm policy adjustments in America; in Washington DC.

President Obama believed that this kind of global realignment was a natural historical progression. He argued that while America might “sunset” in various areas, China could be “managed” in such a way as to derive a kind of “partnership” where both the United States and China would win and profit in a kind of “give and take” international relationship.

For a while, it appeared that the Thucydides Trap was avoided.

But then...

Donald Trump ran for President. His policy platform was MAGA, which means "Make America Great Again".

Donald Trump campaigned on a long list of extravagant promises:

End all foreign wars and reveal "who really did 9/11," bring the troops home, pull out of the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA), ban all Muslims from entering the US, wall off the entire southern border at Mexico's expense, end NAFTA, CAFTA, TPP and all trade treaties, bring manufacturing back to America, end NATO and all alliances (unless the vassals vastly increase their tribute payments, which they won't), rebuild America's infrastructure, demand and get vastly better trade terms from China, resurrect 1950s-style family values, and restore Americans' pride in their history.

These are, in essence, the specifics behind Trump's promise to "make America great again."

-Does the Presidential Election Matter?

Trump's chief rival target was China and he pledged to [1] bring back American jobs (from China), [2] stop the dependence on imported products (from China), to [3] rebuild and increase the size of the military, and [4] re-work and realign relationships with other nations for *American* self-interest.

Sound familiar?

Once Hitler came to power he wanted to make Germany great again. His chief villains were the Jews. And his actions were all about eradicating the Jewish treat to Germany.

It's not that I am equating Trump with Hitler. That meme is so 2015. It's just that all nationalistic movements require an enemy to galvanize the people against. In the 1930's it was the "Jews against Germany".

Today it is China against America.

So Trump is in office, and he's realigning all sorts of issues into his vision for the "perfect" world order.

Neocon Administration

Americans, tired of the social and economic onslaught and minimizing behavior of their leadership for the last three decades flocked to Donald Trump. They attended rallies where he would proclaim that he would [1] make America great again, [2] put Hillary Clinton behind bars, [3] build a wall around the United States, and [4] bring jobs back to America.

He won the election.

Once taking over the reins of power, he staffed his administration with "neocons", individuals with a particularly warlike views and ideas.

Neocon

A small, but constant clique in the US administration that is responsible for most of the recent US military invasions around the globe. To quote neocon Pompeo: 'I was the CIA director. We lied, we cheated, we stole'

-Urban Dictionary

Not only are Neocons very “hawkish” regarding war...

... But they also believe in History, and the role that empires have in shaping history. In fact, they believe in Thucydides and his writings.

If you were to ask any neocon about what is written herein, they would 100% agree with everything *this* article is saying ...

Among their intellectual ancestors neoconservatives count the ancient Greek historian Thucydides for his unblinking realism in military matters and his skepticism toward democracy, as well as Alexis de Tocqueville, the French author of *Democracy in America* (1835–40), who described and analyzed both the bright and the bad sides of democracy in the United States.

More recent influences include the German-born American political philosopher Leo Strauss and several of his students, such as Allan Bloom; Bloom's student Francis Fukuyama; and a small band of intellectuals who in their youth were anti-Stalinist communists (specifically Trotskyites) before becoming liberals disillusioned with liberalism. The latter include Irving Kristol, Nathan Glazer, and Norman Podhoretz, among others.

-Britannica

And surrounded by his small army of War-Hawk Neocons, he set forth establishing policy.

Trump is the embodiment of this looking-for-a-fight attitude. Not good. He has surrounded himself with over-age Cold Warriors, with generals,

with the pathologically aggressive hangers-on from think-tank Washington: John Bolton, Mike Pompeo, Nikki Haley, Steve Bannon, and minor squibs of like outlook. He has pulled the US out of the arms-control treaties, START, INF, Open Skies. He has pushed NATO against Russian borders. In the Legion halls of Idaho, this may seem virile, the sort of thing that John Wayne would do. Back the commies down. Show them who is boss. No. It is just pointless and dangerous.

-UNZ

In sort order, once Donald Trump won the 2016 election, he immediately, from day one, started his program of MAGA. He did not waste time. He did not pause. He did not relax.

America was (from the top down) full-on MAGA.

Despite campaigning against endless foreign wars and a humanitarian-based foreign policy that promotes democracy, President Donald Trump appointed several internationalists and neoconservatives to his administration, including John Bolton and Mike Pompeo.

Alex Jones has claimed that neo-conservatives, as part of a deep state, have been fighting a civil war inside the United States Government in order to gain control of the government and influence President Donald Trump – himself, Paul Joseph Watson, and David Knight also claimed this throughout Infowars segments, and that the recent missiles launched against Assad were a result of the neo-conservatives attempting to control Donald Trump.

Stefan Halper, a neoconservative of the Bush Sr. era, colluded with Obama CIA Director John Brennan and FBI agent Peter Strzok to set-up Trump advisors Carter Page and George Papadopoulos as supposed agents of the Russia government, to initiate an FBI counterintelligence investigation and procure a FISA warrant to surveil the 2016 Trump campaign, Trump transition team, and well into the first year of the Trump Administration.

-Neoconservatism and Donald Trump

Key to that program was the suppression of China. Much of which involved actions and activities that were NOT reported in the American press.

What does a neoconservative dream world look like?

Neocons envision a world in which the United States is the unchallenged superpower, immune to threats. They believe that the US has a responsibility to act as a "benevolent global hegemon."

In this capacity, the US would maintain an empire of sorts by helping to create democratic, economically liberal governments in place of "failed states" or oppressive regimes they deem threatening to the US or its interests.

In the neocon dream world the entire Middle East would be democratized in the belief that this would eliminate a prime breeding ground for terrorists. This approach, they claim, is not only best for the US; it is best for the world.

In their view, the world can only achieve peace through strong US leadership backed with credible force, not weak treaties to be disrespected by tyrants.

Any regime that is outwardly hostile to the US and could pose a threat would be confronted aggressively, not "appeased" or merely contained.

The US military would be reconfigured around the world to allow for greater flexibility and quicker deployment to hot spots in the Middle East, as well as Central and Southeast Asia.

The US would spend more on defense, particularly for high-tech, precision weaponry that would be used in preemptive strikes.

It would work through multilateral institutions such as the United Nations when possible, but otherwise must never be constrained from acting in its best interests whenever necessary.

-Neocon 101

January 2017

Donald Trump “hit the ground running”. He wasted no time in building up his team, staffing it with aggressive neocons and working on a strategy to suppress China. It’s an implementation of his campaign promises; Make America Great Again.

Unlike President Obama, Donald Trump embraced (or fell into) the Thucydides Trap.

The goals were simple;

1. Reclaim American “greatness” in all fields, in all areas.
2. Establish dominance in the Geo-political arena.
3. Suppress China in such a way that they would always be “under the control or authority” of the United States.
4. Do whatever is necessary to accomplish the above.

Look familiar?

1. Reclaim Spartan “greatness” in all fields, in all areas.
2. Establish dominance in the Peloponnesian arena.
3. Suppress Athens in such a way that they would always be under the control or authority of Sparta.
4. Do whatever is necessary to accomplish the above.

In so doing there were some issues that needed to be addressed and some resources that he had access to.

Outstanding Issues

There were things that China was involved in that were threatening the level of control that America had over China. Trump needed to collapse or mitigate those issues quickly. If he did not, China's rise would pass the point of no-return. In the collective minds of the neocons, it was now or never.

The primary issues at stake were...

- Relationships in Africa. China was building relationships based on jobs, trade, and social improvements. The time-honored American technique of providing wads of cash to third-world dictators was no longer effective. This was giving China unique mineral and resource access, that America was denied.
- Belt and Road Initiative. As long as the only way that China could maintain trade was via the sea-lanes, the United States could threaten the sea-lanes and completely collapse the ability of China to conduct trade. This threat has been real and substantive. The Belt and Road Initiative would be a land trade route. Completely bypassing the sea-lane trade routes, and rendering the American Naval threat moot.
- Taiwan. Taiwan is a client state of China. Yet the American media presents it as an independent nation in the hopes that once China is weak, an American invasion of Taiwan can occur. The reason why this is so critical is that the United States needs a "safe haven" from whence to launch ground forces. Taiwan is the perfect staging location. Make no mistake, an invasion of China is a long-term dream of the neocon cabal. The first key step is to PUSH China into engaging Taiwan militarily.
- Hong Kong. Hong Kong is a financial and technical hub, not to mention a gateway to the rest of Asia. As long as Hong Kong is stable, Europe will continue to conduct business with China. Therefore creating a unstable Hong Kong would effectively disentangle Europe from China.
- Trade. You would think that (with all the news discussing the trade imbalance) that this would be a significant issue. In the grand scheme of things, however, it really isn't much of an issue at all. The majority of

trade between China and the USA is between American companies, manufacturing products in their factories inside of China and shipping them to America. Not Chinese companies. Of that, less than 11% of exports from China goes to America. Looking at the entire issue, it's really well blown out of proportion.

The Plan

Work on a plan to suppress China, for certain, was formulated prior to President Trump's inauguration.

No one knows the true extent of the planning, or any details of the discussions involved. However, we can pretty much recognize that the people who helped formulate this war-suppression-strategy were...

- Donald Trump
- Mike Pompeo
- John Bolton
- Robert Lighthizer
- Rudy Giuliani
- Nikki Haley
- James Woolsey
- Frank Gaffney
- Eliot Cohen

All of these people advocate for military intervention to accomplish United States objectives.

The only snag in their desires is military.

- US defeated by Russia and China across most scenarios
- Make No Mistake: China Would Destroy U.S. Cities In A ...
- The US Military Would Suffer A 'Decisive' Defeat In A War ...
- A guide to the 'horrific' consequences of a US-China naval war
- US defeated by Russia and China across most scenarios
- China could overwhelm US in military first strike ...
- US 'would lose any war' fought in the Pacific with China ...

You see, the thing is that every single simulation where the American military tries to take on China, the United States LOSES. Often, depending on the scenario, quite badly. Thus, if America takes on China militarily, in the South China Sea, the results would probably be *disastrous*.

They cannot ignore this fact.

So a direct military campaign was not the first choice of the "task team".

Instead they had to come up with a scenario or a plan that would be suppress China and meet all the criteria as discussed. While at the same time avoiding armed military conflict with a HEALTHY VIBRANT China. The Trump administration was faced with a "first". Just how to suppress China, without using any overt military resources that might result in a nuclear response?

They sat down and came up with an idea.

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Neocon Echo Chamber

Their plan is based on what they believe China is.

- Hard-line Communist.
- Multitudes / hordes of impoverished people.
- A deceptive media that hides the "true and real China".
- A population yearning for "freedom" and "democracy".
- A hated leadership that rules by sheer power.

Well, since this belief system has been so ingrained in the consciousness of the neocon administration, they came up with a plan that would be able to attack this pre-concieved image of what China is...

Since the people are large in number, and miserable, if you add additional strife and problems, they will revolt uncontrollably. They will topple the government. Then, in the confusion, the USA can establish and control the new leadership. As the USA has become experts in this kind of activity over the last number of decades. It's an American strength that no one has figured out how to deal with effectively.

The entire plan is based on illusions and falsehoods.

I have been to China several times. I am also in contact with people in China. I can say this. Pompeo's belief that:

... the Chinese people hate the Communist Party of China that runs the country...

- is simply not true.

Among Chinese citizens there has recently been a huge upsurge in positive opinions about the Chinese system. This is due, in part, to its success in containing the Coronavirus.

At the same time there has been a tremendous disillusionment with the United States due to its failure to manage the Coronavirus. There is almost a sense of disbelief that America has failed so badly in dealing with the virus.

There used to be a saying in China that "Even the moon shines more brightly on America." That saying was demonstrated a genuine admiration for the United States and its accomplishments. But due to many things - including the institutional failure to deal with the Coronavirus - very few Chinese people say that anymore.

A second thing that is spurring a positive belief in the Chinese system by its' citizens is China's ever increasing standard of living. People who have never been there might very well find themselves astonished by what is happening there. I have been there four times in the past ten years. Each time, the improvement in the material standard of living is not just noticeable but dramatic. The Chinese people can see this with their own eyes. Before the virus hit, many Chinese citizens had become wealthy enough to the West and they discovered that, increasingly, China was comparing favorably with the West in terms of their standard of living. This has increased the belief among Chinese citizens that their country is on the right path.

There is a third thing that is important to note. There has been a recent rise in Chinese nationalism which is due - not only to the factors mentioned above - but due to Trump and Pompeo themselves. Contrary to common belief, the Chinese have a lot of access to Western media. Many Chinese study English and can read the Western media in English. They know the things being said by Trump and Pompeo which intended to malign China. Many Chinese are, not so much angry but, rather understand this is a sign of increasing weakness on the part of the United States.

In short, the actions of Pompeo are not "inciting the Chinese to act against their government" but rather convincing the Chinese that American greatness is passing into history and China's time is arriving.

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The basic plan

If China could be “broken” with all sorts of internal strife, starvation, misery, distress, and trouble, China would weaken.

It’s people would revolt.

And people would turn to “The shining city on the hill.” for help, “freedom” and “democracy”. These people would wave American flags, they would sing the American National Anthem, and they would display “Pepe the frog” in graffiti as they burned the cities down.

As a result, the United States could capitalize on that situation.

This would, if properly handled, result in forward staging bases on Taiwan, with a naval harbor there.

- Create uprisings and strife at the two gateways for the Belt and Road Initiative. (HK and XinJiang)
- Create Chinese starvation by decimation of all pork, chicken, wheat, and grain industries.
- Offer CIA “incentives” in African nations.
- An anti-China propaganda campaign would galvanize Americans against China and it’s products.
- “Incentivize” American companies to bring factories back to America.
- An anti-China technology campaign would destroy existing business relationships in Europe and across the globe.
- A pandemic that would suppress China, but would ignore America.

- Then prep for a hot war with the establishment of staging bases on Taiwan.

This is an eight-year plan, and assumes two complete terms as President for Donald Trump. The time table would look something like this...

First term in office 2016 through 2020.

- Move the puzzle pieces and assets in place.
- Start famines, trade disputes, regional classes, and strife.
- Keep up an enormous program of anti-China propaganda.
- Create “minor” military skirmishes in the South China Sea.

Then... if China is NOT suppressed and under the control of pro-American forces by the end of the Trump first term (Fall of 2020). A different direction must be taken.

In a strongly worded speech delivered as the relationship between Beijing and Washington plummeted to new lows this week, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo declared that “the old paradigm of blind engagement” with China had failed. Mike Pompeo: “If the free world doesn’t change communist China, communist China will change us.”

-We must change China or China will change us, Pompeo ...

Announce this publicly, and create a military army to attack China. Enlist local nations to do “the heavy lifting” and provide staging locations.

Mr Pompeo accused China's governing Communist Party of "exploitation, corruption and coercion". He was meeting counterparts from Australia, India and Japan - a group known as "The Quad" - to discuss an increasingly assertive China. Under the Trump administration, relations between the US and China have plummeted to their worst in decades.

-Mike Pompeo lashes out at China at 'Quad' meeting in Japan

- Build up a military coalition to engage Chinese military locally. (The QUAD).
- Create a “need” for the American military to enter China to “save the people”.
- Then create an “emergency”, blame it on China.
- Go to war. But make sure that the QUAD does most of the fighting.

Since America has “never lost a war”, the victory of America is a foregone conclusion. China hasn’t a chance (in the minds of the neocons).

Additionally there is the possibility of a successful presidential successor that could implement successive states in a complete global realignment to fit the long-term neocon plan. Eventually turning China into a client state of America, like Japan, Australia, or Canada.

Implementation

This plan of course is secret / confidential. It’s not advertised. Though, it was moving forward with great rapidity throughout the first term of Donald Trump in office.

I've covered all the elements in other posts in far greater detail. There you can see the details. Links are as provided herein.

This is just an overview.

- Create strife in HK. The “pro-democracy” protests were implemented by NED / NID insurgents under the guise of being “journalists”.
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- Create strife in Xinjiang. Radicalized and CIA trained Muslim insurgents creating “fifth column” activities. <HERE><HERE><HERE><HERE><HERE>
- Forced Starvation. Destruction of the pork industry via drones and aerosol viruses, destruction of the chicken industry, the wheat and rice industries, and multiple waves of germ attacks.
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- African Incentives. This is ongoing. Though lately a number of nations are demanding that China pay billions of dollars to them for COVID-19 damage. I cannot help but see a CIA hand in all this. <HERE><HERE><HERE>
- Incentivize American Businesses. Enormous amounts of money has been handed to American companies throughout trumps first term of office, the greatest amounts came during the 2020 “COVID bailout”. However, no companies have shown any interest in returning operations to America.
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- Anti-China propaganda campaign. This is hot and heavy. Apparently it's working a full 30% of Americans hate China and blame it for all the American ills. <HERE><HERE><HERE><HERE>
- Anti-China technology campaign. Well the arrest of the Huawei President and the suppression of 5G technology is only the tip of the iceberg.
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- A Pandemic that would suppress China but ignore America. This is the highlight of the plan and really interesting. Three strains. A, B, and C. All unleashed on the world. Lethal strain B is for China. It is dangerous and lethal. However, Americans get the A virus. This virus is mild and safe. It self inoculates (or was intended to). It is designed for Americans to have “Herd Immunity”. <HERE><HERE><HERE><HERE>
- An Alliance of other nations. By building a coalition of nations, the entire group could gang up against China in bulk. This includes strong showings by Australia, Canada, and the UK. <HERE>

- Establish American Bases on Taiwan. Ongoing and NOT public.

In fact, the US is already engaged in “multi-domain” “hybrid warfare” with China. This is warfare just below the threshold of direct military engagement. On the ground this involves:

- *Economic Warfare*: trade sanctions and tariff war, as well as *technological warfare*: attempted seizure of Chinese companies (TikTok); attacks on China’s international 5G contracts; sanctions on the primary and secondary supply chains of key sectors of Chinese industry (e.g. Huawei’s semiconductor supply chain); attacks on Ant Finance’s IPO.
- *Legal Warfare*, or “lawfare,” including over 380 anti-China bills in Congress, and 14 individual and state lawsuits against China for over \$30 Trillion in “Covid damages”; the long arm “legal” kidnapping of Huawei’s executive.
- *Diplomatic Warfare*, including consulate shutdowns, harassment of diplomats, breaching of diplomatic pouches and compounds, and calls for regime change.
- *Military Brinkmanship* and *posturing* in the South China Sea, the East China Sea, the Taiwan straits; complete encirclement of China with strategic weapons, surveillance, and 400 offensive bases (“The Pacific Pivot”), the use of airbases in Taiwan for military actions, and plans to station intermediate range nuclear missiles all along China’s periphery[2].
- *Civil Subversion*: color revolution, urban terror, destabilization and delegitimation operations in Hong Kong (and other places where China has interests), including millions of dollars of funneled for organization and training, and encrypted communications infrastructure built to coordinate anti-government activities.
- *Academic Warfare*: through the FBI’s *China Initiative*, every 10 hours a case is opened against a Chinese student or researcher in the US (currently 2700 cases) and all Chinese students are considered potential “non-traditional” “collectors, spies” involved in a “thousand grains of sand” collection strategy.
- *Integrated Circuit Manufacture*. The idea was to stop China from obtaining technology that America leads in. What has happened is that everyone, and their uncle is in a race to make the best, most advanced integrated circuits on the planet. And the Chinese central government is facilitating

this with top down direction and resources to make this happen.

- *Information Warfare*: last but not least, we are seeing *total Information warfare*.

The stories about so-called “massive human rights abuses,” “Chinese concentration camps,” “Chinese-made-and-released Covid,” “China has harmed us economically,” “China has stolen its way to the top,” “China is oppressing independent Hong Kong,” are part of this information warfare.

This is mass propaganda *to incite people to hate China irrationally and unconditionally*, to manufacture consent for war. The US military calls this information warfare, “the firehose of falsehoods” and we are all being drenched with these lies.

This is necessary (in a “democracy”) to justify war against an enemy and to curtail any rational discussion or questioning.

If things went as planned...

If things went as planned, China would be a poisonous stew of conflict with all sorts of internal troubles, starvation, insurrections and conflicts. The workers would be sick and dying and the anti-China propaganda campaign would scare companies from trading (or continuing to trade) with China. No hot war would ever be necessary.

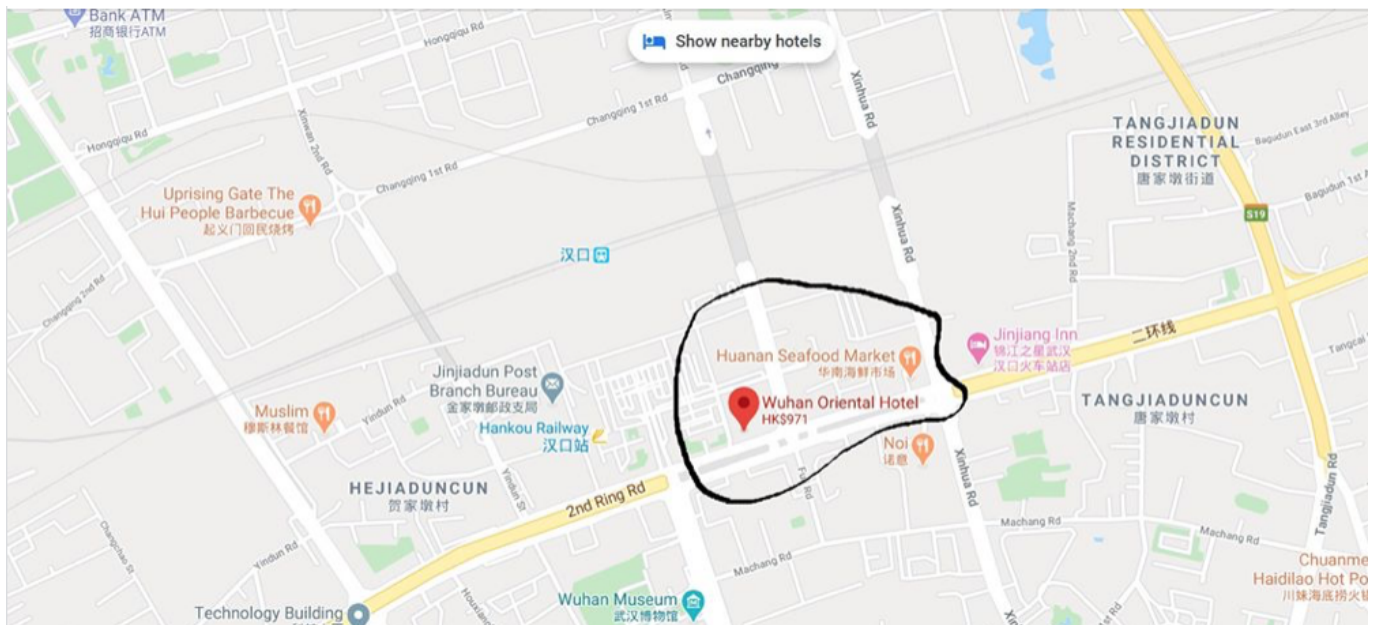
The COVID-19 germ bio-warfare released at the most vulnerable time for so-

cial communicability on CNY eve, would completely turn China into a basket case.

Meaning of Idiom 'Basket Case'.

A basket case is a situation that is so nervous or anxious that they are completely incapacitated and thus are considered non-functioning.

Something unable to cope with a situation; someone or something unable to function.



The American military were housed at the Wuhan Oriental Hotel along with the Koreans, and the Iranian military participants in the Wuhan military games. This hotel was located one lock away from the Huanan Seafood Market, the “wet market” where the COVID-19 outbreak originated from.

Hospitals, civil services, and all government would be overwhelmed. People would be clamoring for peace and stability, and that would open up an opportunity for the United States to begin harassment in the area around Taiwan. HK would be in turmoil. Military actions would fracture Xinjiang, and alliances would crumble.

If you recall, in February and March 2020, two carrier battle groups were being sent to that area...

... up until they had to make emergency stops at Guam for COVID-19A lethal outbreaks.

- U.S. Aircraft Carrier In Guam Asks For COVID-19 Help
- Carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt evacuating in Guam
- In the Pacific, a COVID-19 outbreak sidelines deployed ...

By the time the end of the Summer rolled around, American intervention in Taiwan would be in action. Success would flood the airwaves, whether true or not, and trump being a "War President" would take complete control of the government with landslide victories in both Congress and the Senate.

Then with a solid control of the Washington apparatus, the subsequent phases of action could proceed. Which would of course mean military troops, on the ground, to "liberate" the Chinese yearning for "American freedom" and "American democracy".

Ah. But it's gonna be a tough sell, don't you know...

- GALLUP: American Satisfaction at 13%
- Chinese trust government at 95% satisfaction

But, the real China is nothing like what the neocons think it is.

China is quite different than what the Neocon echo chamber says it is...

- 95% of the Chinese population are proud of China and it's leadership.
- Almost 100% of the population has seen dramatic increases in their standard of living compared to their parents.
- The population is hysterically patriotic.
- China is a nation of nerds with over four times the number of STEM graduates than Americans.
- China is ruled by merit.
- China is self-sufficient in food, and most raw materials.
- China is proud of it's culture, it's society and it's history.

Things didn't go as planned

No, things did not go as planned.

They *never* go as planned.

Someone should tell these neocons that you have to have a few "projects" "under your belt" first before you try implementing them. Things never go according to plan and if you go ahead and kick a dog, expect him to snap at

you and bite your arm. China will not watch while all this happens and not train, prepare, plan and take action.

While all this was going on, China knew what the neocons were planning. China and Russia shared intel data, and combined saw that America was an active and real threat. If China collapses, Russia would be next. If Russia collapses, China would be next. So what did they do?

- Russia and China signed military self-defense treaties.
- The Russia-China Friendship and Cooperation Treaty
- China-Russia: The Entente Cordiale of the 21st Century
- Military Cooperation Between Russia and China
- China Sends Strategic Bombers, Tanks and 1,600 Troops to ...
- China Boomer Subs use Russian Boomer sub bases

Then at the same time, they started to warn the United States to stop; just stop... please just stop...

Among the myriad, earth-shattering geopolitical effects of coronavirus, one is already graphically evident. China has re-positioned itself. For the first time since the start of Deng Xiaoping's reforms in 1978, Beijing openly regards the US as a threat, as stated a month ago by Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the Munich Security Conference during the peak of the fight against coronavirus.

Beijing is carefully, incrementally shaping the narrative that, from the beginning of the coronavirus attack, the leadership knew it was under a hybrid war attack. Xi's terminology is a major clue. He said, on the record, that this was war. And, as a counter-attack, a "people's war" had to be launched.

Moreover, he described the virus as a demon or devil. Xi is a Confucianist. Unlike some other ancient Chinese thinkers, Confucius was loath to discuss supernatural forces and judgment in the afterlife. However, in a Chinese cultural context, devil means "white devils" or "foreign devils": guailo in Mandarin, gweilo in Cantonese. This was Xi delivering a powerful statement in code.

When Zhao Lijian, a spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, voiced in an incandescent tweet the possibility that “it might be US Army who brought the epidemic to Wuhan” – the first blast to this effect to come from a top official – Beijing was sending up a trial balloon signaling that the gloves were finally off. Zhao Lijian made a direct connection with the Military Games in Wuhan in October 2019, which included a delegation of 300 US military...

[-https://asiatimes.com/2020/03/china-locked-in-hybrid-war-with-us/](https://asiatimes.com/2020/03/china-locked-in-hybrid-war-with-us/)

They also watched with some degree of hope that the intel information was incorrect, and that the United States would stop. That the United States would end it's anti-Chinese propaganda campaign, it's anti-China technology assault, and it's anti-China biological warfare programs...

But America wasn't listening...

Trade. The “Trump Trade Negotiations” were all a “smokescreen”. No one in the Trump administration wanted any kind of agreement. None. Not at all.
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Factories Returning. Well, no factories are returning to America. America is over regulated, the wages are too high, the quality of worker is too low, and the corruption at the state and local levels are absurd.
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- [Are factories actually returning to the US?](#)
- [America's factories are getting crushed by Trump's trade](#)
- [U.S. Textile Plants Return, With Floors Largely Empty](#)
- [Manufacturing jobs in America: They're not coming back](#)
- [First hand account by an American Production / Project Engineer](#)

Famine. The attempt to destroy the Chinese food supply proceeded as planned. It's just that the image of what China actually is was completely out of alignment with what the Trump advisors expected. So even though the assaults went as planned, they were unable to induce a famine.

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- Pork prices in China edge up – Chinadaily.com.cn
- Pork prices in China edge down – China.org.cn

Africa. Africa is still in play.

- China expands influence in Africa as US plays catch-up
- China "Buys" Half of Africa, Expands Territory
- China Expands Its Peace and Security Footprint in Africa
- Chinese Military Expands Into Africa With First Base

Propaganda. The Anti-China propaganda campaign seems to be working, though it's giving everyone fatigue. On more than one occasion I have seen people complaining. They say *"Get this shit off my feed. Heck you need waders to plow through all the muck."*

- In June Donald Trump announced that he would stop the campaign.
- *Pro-Trump bots 'spread anti-China COVID misinformation*

Has anyone seen this from Rod Campbell of Australia Institute? He claims thousands of bot accounts controlled by US government spread the Wuhan bioweapons narrative nearly 5 million times in the first half of 2020:

<https://www.facebook.com/HongKongGoodNews/videos/200057774713941/>

Technology. The Anti-China technology campaign is hit and miss. Certainly the drums are beating and there are skirmishes. Huawei, however is still in business, and many non-American companies, and nations are moving with the Chinese 5G model. But in July, he went all out, and went against all things china...

- Opinion | Trump's, TikTok anti-China strategy
- Trump's all-fronted anti-China campaign – CGTN
- Trump wants an 'alliance of democracies' to oppose China
- The hole in the Trump administration's emerging anti ...
- Trump bans Chinese students, researchers from entering US
- Trump administration asks FCC to ban China Telecom in US
- Trump likely to sign executive order banning Chinese ...
- Trump signs executive order that bans transactions with ...
- Trump's plan to ban US-listed Chinese firms revealed
- Trump bans relationships with Chinese owners of TikTok and ...

Road and Belt. This requires Pakistan agreements and ports in the Mediterranean. Everything has been going well. That is up until a massive explosion that some have referred to as a "mini-nuke" totally and completely gutted the Lebanon port in Beirut. An interesting assessment;

The Port of Beirut poses the biggest geostrategic threat to American power projection because China's Silk Road is fast creeping towards the docks at Beirut Port. The US, having recently forced Israel to cancel its Haifa rail contract with China, has dampened the Chinese advance in the eastern Mediterranean, and what remains now in the path of the US is the Beirut Port. The US must either invade it to block the Chinese geostrategic mission creep, or else destroy it.

<https://thesaker.is/china-newsbrief-sitrep-3/>

And then it appears that a great accident destroyed it. Imagine that! What the coincidence!

Moreover, the Port of Beirut also poses the biggest geostrategic threat for the US's eastward-bound power projection where China and its new Silk Road operation is fast creeping westwards and is attempting to land at the eastern coastal strip of the Mediterranean, right where the Beirut Port docks. The US having recently forced Israel to cancel its Haifa contact with China has somewhat dampened the Chinese advance in the eastern Mediterranean, and what remains now in the path of the US is the Beirut Port. The US must either invade it to block the Chinese geostrategic mission creep, or else destroy it.

Evidently, the US has chosen the latter option – with Israel assigned the task of accomplishing the destruction of Beirut Port. After all, for different reasons, both benefit greatly from Beirutshima.

And so very timely is this destruction of the Beirut Port as the Lebanese government has very recently been in official talks with the Chinese over their offer to vastly invest in and develop the Beirut Port: a much needed gateway port and bridge into Europe for China, which represents an absolutely intolerable equation for the US's hegemony in Europe. The Beirut Port's rebuilding to its previous standard of activity will be contingent on strict conditions imposed by the US and Israel on the Lebanese government, if the port is allowed to be rebuilt at all, that is. Most certainly, the US is determined not to allow the Chinese any executive, investment or managerial access to it.

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And this larger US project has everything to do with the current US war on China, albeit presently a non-military war, but a war nevertheless, a war that the Pentagon is militarily preparing for – hence the ever increasing and breathtakingly high defense budget that Congress has been allocating to the US military throughout the terms of the last three Presidents.

The US having lost Pakistan to the China sphere of influence, thus losing an attack dog bordering China, and having recently assigned Turkey as its new enforcer in the middle east, it now behooves the US to use its Mideast allies of both Turkey and Israel, two infamous terrorist states who regularly break international law with impunity: use them as spoilers and saboteurs against an advancing China and against any of Beijing's Mideast regional allies.

Beirutshima is clearly an apparent US endeavor to push-back the Chinese advance in the highly strategic eastern Mediterranean, as the US attempts to simultaneously pivot eastwards itself through secured territories wherever China is successfully backtracked by the US and its regional henchmen.

But, can this grand geostrategic plan really work for the benefit of the US? Can the US really succeed at remaining the only superpower in the world by the incessant knee-capping of China's new Silk Road project?

This is yet to be determined. But judging by the deep budgetary and societal crisis engulfing the US homeland, with no sign whatsoever of its deepening troubles abating, analysts doubt that the US has lungs

large enough to last the whole race through with China. Here I will add that the US-China fight over the Beirut Port is not yet over. One wonders what went through the mind of the wily Chinese ambassador in Lebanon to witness the Beirut Port exploding as it shockingly did: to witness his pet project and assignment be destroyed right before his eyes and right before a signed agreement was made between him and the Lebanese government of Diab.

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COVID-19. It is the pandemic where China decided to stop playing “defense” and go on the “offense”. This is the way that Donald Trump had decided to wage war upon China. This is how he planned to destroy it, create turmoil, and suppress it.

But...

But the Trump administration did not expect China to be so aggressive, and proactive. They expected them to be passive, and at best muster up some sort of United Nations complaint.

Let's talk about this...

The COVID-19 bio-weapon attack

"But... but war with China, or even Iran, is crazy! No rational country could even consider it!"

Sure, no "*rational*" country would even contemplate it.
I've got bad news for you.

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America continues in it's bio-weapon assault.

The six prior viruses against food stuck and livestock were quite successful, but they did not create starvation. Which, I am sure, was a complete surprise to the neocons in the administration. I'm sure that they pretty much "chalked it up" to heavy totalitarian control by the Chinese government instead of the *actual* reason...

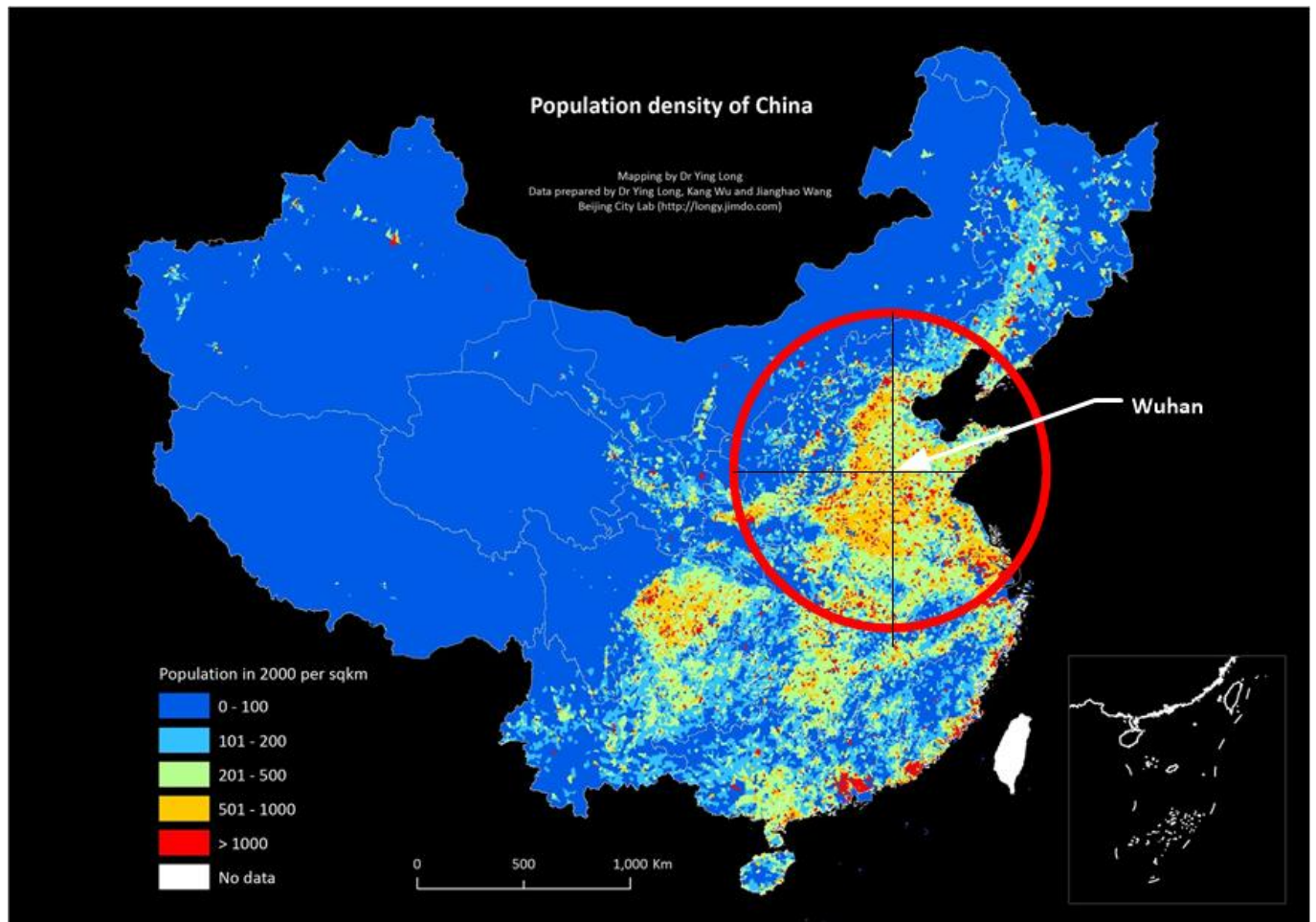
... that China is pretty much self-sufficient in food, and has systems in place to mitigate shortages no matter how extreme.

So Trump decided to release one against the Chinese people directly. I am also sure that the Trump administration felt that "this time" their suppression techniques would work.

They took their time, selected the proper viral agent, and planned the timing directly. Nothing was left for chance. They released it at the exact geographical center of the population, and at the absolutely worst time of the year. They "felt" and believed that China would be unable to handle it, and that the worst elements would be contained within China, and that the rest of the world (those aligned with the USA) would get herd immunity with the very "soft" minor strain.

[1] Location

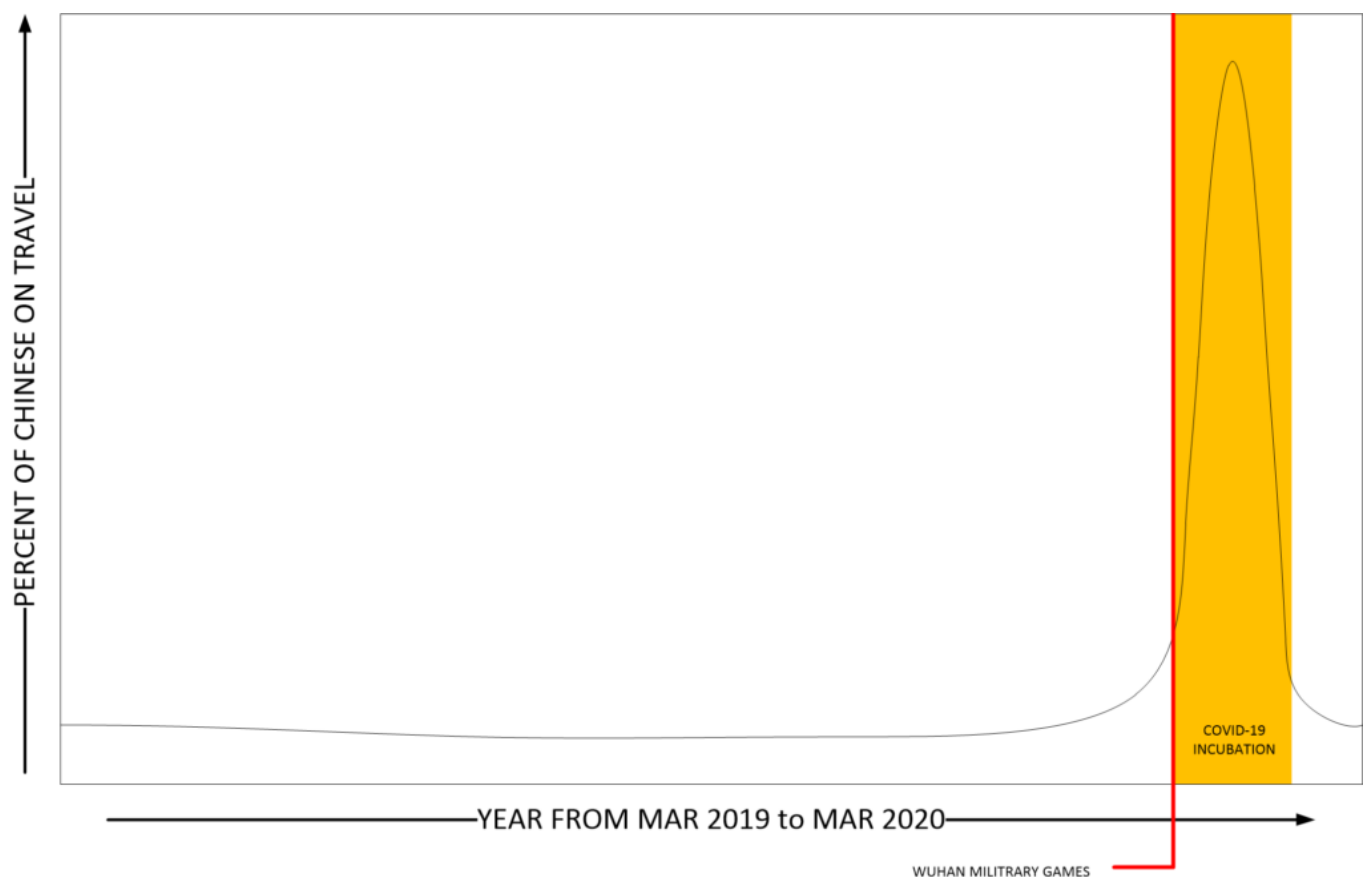
Indeed, they released it in the exact center of the population of China...



The American COVID-19B bio-weapon was released in the geographic center of the population density of China.

[2] Timing

The timing was also significant. As it was during the peak social time, where the mass migration occurred within China. It is a time when everyone travels, where huge crowds are common and normal, and everyone is in very close proximity to each other.



The very, extremely suspicious timing of the release of the bio-weapon.

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[3] Anti-China propaganda campaign

it's so interesting when people pretend to be ignorant when it is useful to them. I thought that was a specific American trait. So let's give the answer to the author asking the question:

Once the Americans are indoctrinated into hating China, they will be willing to go to war with China and will be willing to accept what the government will do in the name of "fighting China". Same how the Americans were indoctrinated into hating Soviet Union and Communism during the 50s and 60s and 70s. The government then can throw as much money into the military in the name of "fighting China" and the Americans will be fine with it.

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Further, the timing was such that it was coordinated with an anti-China propaganda campaign that was stunning in its size, magnitude and breadth of extent. When the incubated viruses started to manifest in Wuhan, the anti-China narrative exploded all across the world.

So...

So...

So America launches a very dangerous bio-weapon attack on Chinese New Year eve.

The timing was such that it would have spread like a fire inside a bone dry barn filled with hay. This was the time when everyone was traveling

together in tight quarters. When everyone was drunk and hugging each other. This was the time when the virus could explode upon an unsuspecting China and devastate it completely.

If China did not take immediate action, the entire nation would have turned into a complete “basket case”.

But that is not what happened.

China's early conventional efforts seemed unsuccessful in halting the spread of the disease.

Then on Jan. 23rd and after only 17 deaths, the Chinese government took the astonishing step of locking down and quarantining the entire 11 million inhabitants of the city of Wuhan, a story that drew worldwide attention. They soon extended this policy to the 60 million Chinese of Hubei province, and not long afterward shut down their entire national economy and confined 700 million Chinese to their homes, a public health measure probably a thousand times larger than anything previously undertaken in human history. So either China's leadership had suddenly gone insane, or they regarded this new virus as an absolutely deadly national threat, one that needed to be controlled at any possible cost.

Given these dramatic Chinese actions and the international headlines that they generated, the current accusations by Trump Administration officials that China had attempted to minimize or conceal the serious nature of the disease outbreak is so ludicrous as to defy rationality.

In any event, the record shows that on December 31st, the Chinese had already alerted the World Health Organization to the strange new illness, and Chinese scientists published the entire genome of the virus on Jan. 12th, allowing diagnostic tests to be produced worldwide.

Unlike other nations, China had received no advance warning of the nature or existence of the deadly new disease, and therefore faced unique obstacles. But their government implemented public health control measures unprecedented in the history of the world and managed to almost completely eradicate the disease with merely the loss of a few thousand lives.

-American Pravda: Our Coronavirus Catastrophe as Biowarfare Blowback?

(For some reason...) China went on full military alert.

It went DEFCON ONE on CNY eve. This is something that no one in any of the mainstream American media, the Alt-Left or the Alt-Right media is talking about. China went DEFCON ONE. China's military were all called up, and everyone was manning their posts, and that included ALL OF THE millions of reservists and militia.

The last time that this happened in America was in October 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The DEFCON system was developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and unified and specified combatant commands. It prescribes five graduated levels of readiness (or statuses of alert) for the U.S. military, and increase in severity from DEFCON 5 (least severe) to DEFCON 1 (most severe) to match varying military situations.

-Defcon 1

Everything went under lock-down, and then China took aggressive action on an entire slew of areas. Obviously the Chinese intel knew something was up, and had more information about what was going on than what we have been led to believe. China killed the pandemic and stopped it right in its tracks.

Imagine that!

But that is only *part* of the story.

Strange American behavior...

While all this was going on, the American leadership started to act really strange.

The claim that the US Covid-19 response demonstrates that the US can "tolerate casualties" is one of the most asinine statements I have ever read. All that it proves is that the US is shockingly incompetent. Incompetence is not generally viewed as a strength.

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[1] Don't you all think that it was weird that Donald Trump and the CDC would insist on no one wearing masks?

- [CDC Reminds People That Face Masks Shouldn't Be Worn](#)
- [U.S. health officials say Americans shouldn't wear face ...](#)
- [CDC Mask-Wearing Policy Not Supported by Science](#)

[2] Don't you think that it was really strange that he wanted groups of people to conjugate together? It's almost like he wanted everyone to get sick.

Wasn't that strange?

[3] Don't you think this was strange when there were just terrible videos out of China? With people having seizures, dropping dead on the elevator,

and collapsing when they took their children to school? With guys going in-to convulsions, and women passing out on buses, and little children being rushed to hospitals.

[4] Yet, Donald Trump and the CDC told everyone to stop watching videos out of China (Tictok), and meet together and do not wear a mask.

Don't you think it was strange?

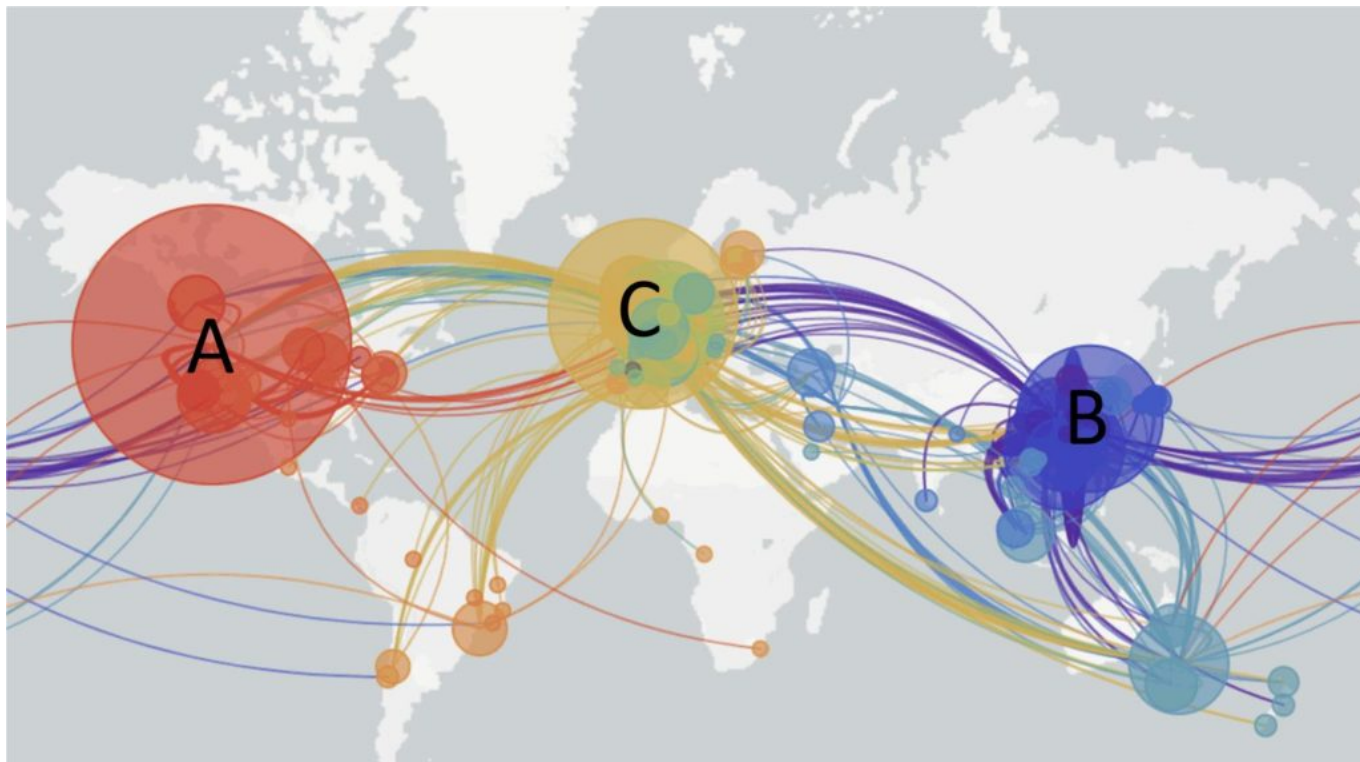
Yes. Trump unleashed the COVID-19A all over America. And yes he also gave it to his allies in Europe precisely so that everyone would get the "safe" virus. He wanted everyone to be exposed to the "safe" virus. Notice how the Military Allies of the United States, all of them followed the Trump "ok to wear a mask" narrative.

How nice of him...

He wanted American-friendly nations to be immune. He wanted everyone to get the "safe" light virus COVID-19A. He wanted his allies to get immune by getting the "safe" virus, while his enemies got the bad and dangerous virus.

He wanted Chinese-friendly nations to get the bad version of the virus COVID-19B.

- America & Allies = Herd Immunity with "safe" COVID-19A
- China & Enemies = Saturated with the dangerous COVID-19B



Map of the strains of the COVID-19 and the likely transmission paths. This map describes eight viral variations. But you can easily see that COVID-19B, the very lethal and deadly version hit China hard. The "light" version, the COVID-19A hit America, and Donald Trump wanted everyone to get it to obtain herd immunity.

China did take action.

This is my speculation.

I speculate that China, a nation run by merit, and not by money, made some strategic decisions. I speculate that China retaliated in a like fashion. For they knew by intel what was going on, how started it, how, when and why.

Of course, you all can disagree.

- [1] You can believe that China was "lucky", and America was "unlucky".
- [2] And that all the coincidences surrounding this speculation is just coincidences and nothing more.
- [3] Bad location for the outbreak.
- [4] Bad timing of the outbreak.

[5] Bad coincidence that the key attributes of COVID are all patented in the United States.

Just coincidences...

The entire time while China was under lock-down, people were dying, and the anti-China propaganda campaign was reaching a fever pitch, China took action.

- COVID-19B Lethal – For Chinese to get sick and die from.
- COVID-19A Safe – For Americans and their allies to build up “herd immunity” to.

But, what action could China take?

What would be comparable to unleashing a biological WMD upon Chinese soil to kill Chinese citizens? What could China do to strike back in a “measured response”?

How would China, how could China, make a “measured response” to a bio-weapons attack on their most important and busiest holiday?

What would possibly be a “measured response”?

China made a dangerous version of the “safe” American virus.

- A virus derived from the safe version that the Trump neocons wanted to infect all of America with.

- A virus that was/is being disseminated all throughout the United States thanks to Trumps advisory. An advisory that everyone does not need to wear masks, or use social distancing. An advisory that says, *“go ahead, get the virus, and build up immunity. It’s ok.”*

China took action. They turned the “immunization” virus lethal. They took the “safe” COVID-19A that Trump wanted everyone to get, and altered it. They made it lethal and took away it’s immunization properties.

- COVID-19A Lethal – Non-immunization version, lethal, sent back to America.

And that is what is unleashed in America today.

And now, in America it is chaos. Everyone is scrambling and confused. Some believe that Trump is right. Get the COVID-19A “Safe” it will be just a minor cold. The flu is far worse. While others are watching people die, and collapse. They think that Trump is an idiot. Protests are going on. Shootings, and disruptions in food supply. People are unemployed and people are disobeying the need to self-isolate.

But it’s not just that...

The Chinese are avoiding fighting.

That is America's strength. The United States is used to creating the "playing field" where they define the players, the place, the rules of engagement, and the terms of success. America is used to selecting the place. America is used to selecting the time. America is used to selecting the weapons. America is used to selecting the battles.

China does not play that game.

So China is redefining the narrative, and performing a "run around" all of the neocon's efforts.

Like this for the "pro-democracy" riots by the CIA/NED...

(this) just came in on Whatsapp from a chauvinistic Chinese friend.

Does this also mark the end of Deng's 8 Coastal SEZs?

<https://youtu.be/zcY3er58aRA>

This video conveys the news: *SEPARATE FOREVER* : HONG KONG

China has just announced that Hainan Island which is 35x larger than Hong Kong will be established as the new largest Free Trade/Free Tax centre to replace Hong Kong.

The Chinese leadership used the Hong Kong riots which lasted for months, made Hong Kong no longer prosperous. They intend to let it be collapse, and replaced with: Shenzhen from the North and Hainan in the South.

The special area of 香港 Hong Kong was removed. It is now only a city from the Guangdong Province.

Eventually, all foreign intelligence services will disband automatically, America and Britain will be confused, all their efforts have been in vain and wasted.

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Strategic! Hong Kong status will be diminished from special to just a city of China and replaced by Hainan 海南

China is still keen to emulate Singapore which is cited in this video

Today, the NED / NID agents have been rounded up and interrogated. Here's a particularly interesting take-down of a CIA agent...

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/5lcA5Huc8PiGYPb0pWE47w>

All the protests, the violence, the riots and everything all stopped. How?

- Anyone who cashes out the money dished out by the NED/NID for any reason has their Social Security balance zeroed out....forever!
- Anyone arrested, caught on video or associated with the protest in any way have their social standing reduced to "black level". They cannot buy plane tickets, use public transportation, or use banks. Schooling might be forbidden for their children, and all legal activity relating to normal day-to-day transactions will have to be done in-person in the office, not using APPs.
- All HK protestors in HK are now being moved to Chinese mainland prisons for "punishment labors" and "organ harvesting".

Yes. We are in World War III

Today the world is wracked with three strains of a bio-weapon designed, concocted in America and unleashed by the neocons in the Trump administration.

- COVID-19A – Safe. Designed to grant immunity to Americans.
- COVID-19B – Lethal designed to kill Chinese.
- COVID-19C – A variation of B, designed to target Iran and North Korea.

And now...

- COVID-19A Lethal

Oh, and by the way. none of the viruses in the COVID-19 family grants immunity. Once you get a mild strain, you are more prone to get a more dangerous strain.

The world is FUCKED.

It is FUBAR

And so, it's all a complete FUBAR. Yup. That's just exactly how and why you know that it is an American military operation. Name one American military operation that was not FUBAR. Name one!

Military slang from WWII, fubar is an acronym for "fucked up beyond all recognition ". " the house was completely fubar."

It's a military operation. That is for certain.

No it is not yet "hot", but it sure is "warm". People are dying and more people have died so far in America than during the Vietnam war. Just because nuclear weapons are not yet in play does not mean that it is not going to happen.

China realizes this.

Here's China's unofficial response via [this Global Times editorial](#). I wish I could reproduce the art at the editorial's header as it's very spot-on:

"There is no new wording in the report, which can be seen as a collection of malicious remarks from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other anti-China US politicians and senators. Right now, only a little more than 60 days are left for the current US administration. An official from the State Department explained that the report is not meant to constrain the next US administration.

But the fact is the Department of State fears that the Biden administration will adjust US-China relations, and the release of the report is part of their efforts to consolidate the current extreme anti-China path.

"But most Chinese scholars who have read the report believe it is an insult to Kennan by labeling the report as Kennan-style. Kennan, then US charge d'affaires in Moscow, sent an 8,000-word telegram to the Department of State detailing his views on the Soviet Union. At least, there was no special political motive in Kennan's report. But the latest report is trying to leave a legacy for the extreme anti-China policy adopted by the Trump administration and fawning on Pompeo, *which is evil in essence*.

"The impulsive and capricious governing style of Donald Trump leaves sufficient room for politicians like Pompeo to give free play to their ambitions. The Department of State has become the governmental organ that has the most serious clashes with China, outperforming the CIA and

the Department of Defense.

"Diplomats are supposed to be communicators, but Pompeo and his team have chilled the communication atmosphere with China. In the China direction, today's US Department of State can close its door.

"Surrounded by such deep hostility and prejudice toward China and the wild ambition of the secretary of state, how could the Department of State's Office of Policy Planning make out anything objective about China? Their observation ability, cautious attitude toward research, and sense of responsibility for history have been severely squeezed. They are just currying favor from their seniors and manipulating extreme paths, pretending to be 'thoughtful....'

"Chinese diplomatic and academic circles look down upon the Pompeo team, which lacks professionalism, and acts like a group of gangsters suddenly taking official positions. They not only have messed things up, but also hope to build their nonsense as legacy. Pompeo's choice of opportunists like Miles Yu as advisor in particular has increased Chinese people's doubts over the 'amateurism' and 'immorality' of the Pompeo team's China policy....

"The US' China policy is very much like 'drunk driving' internally while on the international stage it's like sailing against the current." [My Emphasis]

There's not much more to add aside for asking barflies to read the entire editorial.

Posted by: [karlof1](#) | Nov 18 2020 20:12 utc | [13](#)

Neocons view war as necessary

These neocons do not give up. They have a ~~near~~-religious vision of the world where America controls everything and everyone. Where American law is obeyed everywhere and where "American greatness" defines the human race.



Many of Trump's followers view his role as near religious. They believe that God and Jesus are blessing all of his actions and that he can do no wrong.

Heck!

They even made a coin to commemorate this event, or at least to keep the Wuhan bat-eating Chinese narrative alive.

- What? You don't think that this is all part of a long-term, well-thought-out plan? Something that has been on-going for years. (At least one year to design and produce a new coin, with 2.5 years being the norm.)
- What? You don't think that a narcissist like Trump wouldn't create some type of monument or edifice to record his glories? Like a "special coin"?

What can I say?



The coincidences in America during this period of COVID-19 coronavirus are astounding!

As I have mentioned before, the various world-lines are all interconnected with rapid trans-reality communication. This leads to some odd and strange phenomena. Nothing is more poignant than when it is associated with a global situation or catastrophe. As is the case with the COVID-19, coronavirus.

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Do you think that this entire bio-weapons attack was not planned and unleashed upon China as part of a long-term plan?

Can you possibly be *serious*?

The signs are everywhere. Just little drips and drabs by the spooks involved in this activity. Check out this vehicle that was abandoned in the

parking lot of an Airport in Australia BEFORE the CNY eve outbreak.

This vehicle was abandoned (who abandons a BMW?) in an Australian parking lot BEFORE the Coronavirus is officially named as "COVID-19".

Just another *coincidence*...



Vehicle abandoned in an Australian parking lot BEFORE the COVID-19 outbreak in China on Chinese CNY. Remember, that it takes a minimum of six months to make a custom license plate in Australia. COVID-19 wasn't even officially named that until after March 2020.

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The time-table is still in play.

The Time Table is still active.

Even though things are not going well in America now, the time-table for the grand plan is still alive and active. Some of the things, taken alone are meaningless. But taken as a whole in it's entirety, show a very dangerous picture of events.

- Trump, right on schedule, declared himself a "war President".
- Right on schedule sent two complete invasion carrier groups to the South China Sea.
- Right on schedule, military leadership teams went into underground secure facilities.
- Right on schedule, "low yield field nuclear weapons" were placed on military forces in the South Pacific.
- Right on schedule, Australia military is working with American military "advisers".
- Right on schedule, Trump put Americans on notice to leave China and return to the USA.
- Right on Schedule, all air travel between China and the USA came to an end.
- Right on Schedule, demands for seizing Chinese assets and defaulting on Chinese loans.
- Trump made "arrangements" for a transition of power if he were to lose the election. I have no idea what that means, but if the players like Pompeo are still in office, then that means that the situation will only get worse. They will continue their plans.
- Right on schedule, FIVE complete carrier battle groups were repositioned in the North Pacific for "exercises".
- Right on schedule, TWO additional complete carrier battle groups are in transit to the South China Sea.
- Right on schedule, the UK is going to add their carrier battle group to the American carrier groups in the South China Sea.

All of this is worrisome.

Eight (8x) carrier battle groups are hanging out all around China.

Each carrier group with two carrier. A large and a "small" carrier. Three in the south China Sea (one British) and five near Guam. Each group has it's own attachment of Marine assault forces and landing craft.

Nothing good can come of this.

Expect some “heat”

I expect things to go “hot” sometime between 2020 and 2023. And when I mean “hot”, I mean a shooting war with America making the first action. It would be some structured military action against either China or Russia, and it involving “safe” low-yield nuclear weapons.

And...

And, China responding... to an *exceptionally vulnerable* America, upon America soil.

Don't ever mistakenly believe that this event will be limited to the South China Sea. It won't. Any military action against China will result in military action against *Americans* inside of America.

To think otherwise is wishful thinking and a rookie mistake.

America is really fragile. If you think it's a mess now, imagine what global thermonuclear war would be like...

- A nuclear strike on Mono Lake will render all of California into a radioactive dry desert wasteland for centuries.
- A nuclear strike on New York City would destroy all of American industry as all of the "big" American companies are "public" and listed on the stock exchange. Wipe out the stock exchange, and you create a situation where no one can get paid. Companies all over America will collapse.
- A nation where it's every man for himself, and where over half the population has guns cannot be considered to unify under a national emergency. COVID-19 taught us that.

This is for certain if Trump gets a second term of office.

A slightly better situation is that he is out of office and a new President takes over. Still, the situation is still in play and many things are set in motions that cannot be stopped...

In any event...

I also predict that it will not go as any one expects, and that America will be devastated, the globe would be completely turned on its head, and both America and China would suffer.

- America, a nation that never experienced a “real” war on it’s soil, would be reduced to a balkanized nightmare similar to modern day Yemen, only without potable water, and reliable sources of electricity.
- China, long used to war, strife, and conflict for the last 5000 years, would simply dust themselves off and rebuild all over again.

Those nations that picked the wrong nation to align itself with would face similar hardships. Which is why I strongly advocate 100% neutrality in Geopolitical efforts. If a nation is adjacent to one of the two powers, their smartest move would be to align with their *closest* neighbor.

Let’s hope that this prediction does not transpire.

Other opinions

Or, I could just have an over active imagination. Right?

To paraphrase some of the responses I have read...

Everyone knows that America would never even contemplate such a thing. NEVER. After all, it’s currently fighting eight wars, has 800 military bases and 14 carrier battle groups. America is way too busy to devote time and effort to fighting China. Why fight China when it’s much easier to fight in Somalia, Yemen and Syria?

And Trump and his advisors are fine God-fearing folk. Trump holds "prayer meetings" in the Oval Office. With a God-fearing leader, Pompeo and Bolton would never advocate a war against China. The idea that a neocon wants war is well...silly.

There is no such thing as The Thucydides Trap. It's historical gibberish.

Trump wants a fair trade arrangement where everyone wins, and the Chinese are just evil, bad and eat bat soup. They are filthy foul liars. They steal and are the scourge of the planet.

Right?

And there was an article from the BBC talking about stripping China of it's Sovereign immunity because of the COVID-19, and we have this response.

With my personal duty out of the way of attacking the trolls and hopefully driving them back under the bridges from whence they came, I would like to ask if there is any way to "strip a country of its sovereign immunity" without a war?

I mean, isn't that the whole point of wars? To eliminate or protect a nation's sovereignty? Isn't trying to eliminate another country's sovereignty by just passing a law kinda like trying to simplify math by passing a law to make $\pi=3$? If you want your sovereignty-stripping law to have any meaning, then you have to enforce it, and that enforcement will look a whole lot like a war, regardless of what you want to call it.

Unlike Americans the Chinese are not stupid. They have long known of the approach of the obligatory scene of the Thucydides Trap and have been preparing for it as best they can (which happens to be some quite good preparations).

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I'll let the empire's trolls in on a little secret: The Chinese can lose every single ship they send to the "*Battle of the Xisha Islands*" and still win the war. That's because industrial capacity is important in a major war.

-Posted by: William Gruff | May 1 2020 15:48 utc | 33

It's like a baseball game...

Yes, the USA can take their itemized list, and pencil off the playing field. And China will sway in the wind for a while. But you know what?

China owns the ball the bat, the gloves, the players, the field, the dugouts, and the fencing. While the USA is so proud to have control over the score, it will be China that will control the game. And no wishful thinking is going to change the reality that you need people, factories and skills to make things.

- Wall street does not make anything.
- Diversity Officers do not create, build, repair, or structure things.
- Lawyers and bankers do not put food on tables.
- Bureaucrats do not provide public transportation, or hospital care.

Thinking that you are accomplishing something by writing about it, compar-

ing it in a spreadsheet, or endlessly debating it on social media is meaningless in the overall scheme of things. Real productive nations make *physical* things.

And China...

Hate it or love it, is a nation that makes and creates, and builds things. The United States, is a nation that destroys things, then indexes and categorizes the destruction.

The future of the entire world belongs to the builders. Not the destroyers.

Update – 12MAY20

Apparently, since America launched the bio-weapon attack on the Chinese New Year Holiday, and China was forced to go into DEFCON ONE, it has stayed at that state of military readiness.

There is *no evidence* that the Chinese military has “stood down” or relaxed their defensive posture.

As such, Chinese high-yield nuclear weapons (SLBM with MIRV warheads) have been positioned all around the United States and ready to strike back were any *additional* neocon military “events” were to take place. This is reasonable. What is unreasonable is to think that China would not take any subsequent action.

Which brings me to this report...

"Reports coming in from some of my former colleagues during my years with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force indicate the US Military is concerned there may be a submerged Chinese missile submarine directly off the coast of San Diego, CA as of about 4:00 PM eastern US time, Monday, May 11."

-Hall Turner

Ya don't think?

Gosh, how *stupid* can these people be?

If you launch a WMD (Weapon of Mass Destruction) against a major power (COVID-19B Lethal), you can most certainly expect them to react. Or do you believe that they are political idiots with the brain of a snail? Do you think that they will continue to just “take the hits”? Do you think that they will go “protest” at the UN?

Update – 13MAY20

Messages are being sent to Trump.

China fires its latest underwater nuclear missile into spotlight with science prize. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) Rocket Force is developing its third-generation SLBM JL-3, with a range of over 12,000km (7,450 miles), which would allow it to hit the United States if the missile were launched from the Chinese coast. <https://lnkd.in/gE4MG7F>

Update – 23MAY20

Trump is not listening to the messages though.

The Trump administration has discussed whether to conduct the first U.S. nuclear test explosion since 1992 in a move that would have far-reaching consequences for relations with other nuclear powers and reverse a decades-long moratorium on such actions, said a senior administration official and two former officials familiar with the deliberations.

Ai! It's like a bratty snot-nosed kid playing around with a loaded gun.

Update 25MAY20

And Trump is being obstinate about all this.

Navy Sends Subs to Sea_as Message to China

The US Navy has mobilized it's attack subs against China. I guess the four lone "boomer" subs are too much of a threat.

The Pacific Fleet Submarine Force took the unusual step this month of announcing that all of its forward-deployed subs were simultaneously conducting "contingency response operations " at sea in the Western Pacific--downplaying the notion that Navy forces have been hampered by COVID-19.

The sub force said the missions were mounted in support of the Pentagon's "free and open Indo-Pacific " policy aimed at countering China's expansionism in the South China Sea.

At least seven submarines, and likely more--including all four Guam-based attack submarines, the San Diego-based USS Alexandria and multiple Hawaii-based vessels--are part of the effort.

The action also highlights the Pentagon's desire to be flexible and unpredictable in "great power " competition with China and Russia. "Our operations are a demonstration of our willingness to defend our interests and freedoms under international law, " Rear Adm. Blake Converse, Pacific sub force commander, who is based at Pearl Harbor, said in a May 8 release.

Attack submarines maintain an outsize stealth capability to sink ships with torpedoes, fire Tomahawk cruise missiles and conduct covert surveillance while keeping adversaries guessing their location.

The Navy recently has maintained a flotilla of warships in the Western Pacific as a show of force and proof that COVID-19 hasn't significantly degraded its capabilities, with the United States and China long trading barbs over military activities in the South China Sea and increasingly so over each other's pandemic response.

China has been accused of intensifying its occupation of man-made islands and bullying other nations in the region while much of the world has been focused on the pandemic.

Geopolitical intelligence platform Stratfor said that the U.S. and China have maintained a "robust operational pace in the South China Sea " amid heightening tensions and COVID-19--signs that point to continued escalation after the virus wanes.

When the Navy advertises the presence of its usually unseen submarines, it's often to make a point with an adversary. The Navy released a photo of the Los Angeles-class sub Alexandria transiting Apra Harbor in Guam on May 5.

As the U.S. military addresses COVID-19 at home, "we remain focused on our national security missions around the world, " Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the same day.

"Many countries have turned inward to recover from the pandemic, and in the meantime our strategic competitors are attempting to exploit this crisis to their benefit at the expense of others, " Esper said. He accused the Chinese Communist Party of ramping up a "disinformation campaign " to shift blame for the virus and burnish its image. All the while, "we continue to see aggressive behavior by the PLA (People's Liberation Army) in the South China Sea, from threatening a Philippine navy ship to sinking a Vietnamese fishing boat and intimidating other nations from engaging in offshore oil and gas development."

Esper said two Navy ships conducted freedom of navigation operations in the South China Sea the week before "to send a clear message to Beijing that we continue to protect freedom of navigation and commerce for all nations large and small."

The guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill conducted a "FONOP " in the Spratly Islands, and the destroyer USS Barry sailed twice through the Taiwan Strait and through the Paracel Islands in disputed territory that China claims as its own.

"These provocative acts by the U.S. side ... have seriously violated China's sovereignty and security interests, deliberately increased regional security risks and could easily trigger an unexpected incident, " the South China Morning Post quoted a Chinese military command saying after the Barry's Paracel passage.

The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt has been sidelined in Guam since late March after experiencing an outbreak of the new coronavirus among its 4, 800-member crew.

U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor has been quick to note the ongoing deployment of other assets in the region, including transits of the South China Sea by the littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords, the destroyer USS Rafael Peralta sailing in the East China Sea and the destroyer USS McCampbell passing through the Taiwan Strait on Wednesday.

These are not to be viewed as a threat to the Chinese navy. Instead they are a threat to any one that ships products from China. This threat is that the United States will start sinking all cargo and container traffic out of China. As (until the BRI is completed) the entire world relies on Chinese sea container shipments.

Update June 2020

China has sped up it's production of nuclear launcher subs, and has greatly increased it's production of hyper-velocity missiles.

China Just Added Two New Nuclear Missile Submarines to Its ...

2020-6-8 · They are also armed with Anti-Ship Cruise Missiles, wire-guided and wake-homing torpedoes and mines. Perhaps of greater concern, the Chinese have already test-fired an emerging JL-3 nuclear armed intercontinental ballistic missile with a reported range of more than 5,600 miles, according to a 2018 CSIS report. The missile is solid fueled.

Update 18JUL20

Now the Trump White-house is pushing the "America is invincible narrative".

American media are telling the world that Aircraft carriers are unsinkable, and that America with British support is going to “kick some ass” and “teach China a lesson”...

- [The U.S. Navy Proves That Sinking an American Aircraft ...](#)
- [Why It Is so Hard to Sink an American Super Aircraft ...](#)

That America has every right to perform “exercises” off the coast of China...

- [U.S. Aircraft Carriers ‘Exercising’ in the South China Sea ...](#)
- [U.S. Naval Buildup in Indo-Pacific Seen as Warning to ...](#)

And that China is no match for the superiority of American military...

- [U.S. Aircraft Carriers Would Defeat Chinese Carriers, Says ...](#)
- [How to Beat China’s Military-Civil Fusion](#)

The sad thing is that Trump and Pompeo has purposely ignored internal voices warning that China has achieved peer-level capabilities and that the American military (while enormous) has greatly eroded in capability since the cold war. They warn that China is not someone that you casually attack and not expect some painful retribution.

- [Providing for the Common Defense](#)
- [Yes, in 2020 China Could Beat America’s Navy in a War ...](#)
- [The US Military Would Suffer A ‘Decisive’ Defeat In A War ...](#)



China is a serious, serious nation that does not play.

Update 25JUL20

Trump STEPS UP the “game”.

Pompeo makes a speech that pretty much says that everything that America did to suppress China did not work. That the old techniques must end, and a series of “new” techniques must begin.

- Pompeo, in fiery speech, hammers China over international ...
- State Dept. website promotes Mike Pompeo speech as ... – ...

- Pompeo says American life is under 'attack' in speech ...
- MSN – Pompeo's China speech draws rebuke

Overall, most of the world, doesn't feel very comforted by the Pompeo speech.

RTop/ed analysis of Pompeo's China containment policy plan, "The Elements of the China Challenge":

"Although it is hardly atypical of the President Trump administration, the document is significant because it represents yet another attempt by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to immortalize his Cold War confrontation between the US and China, bind the succeeding administration to it and most strikingly, institutionalize anti-Beijing ideas into American bureaucracy.

"The push against China by the Trump White House is not designed to be a passing phase, but a permanent and defining change of direction, for which this entire term in office has sought to prepare.

This document aims to be a blueprint for long-term ideological struggle and a series of aspirations for maintaining hegemony, an affirmation of priority and a statement that things cannot "*go back to normal*". But it makes no guarantee that the US can ever adequately understand China, or that it will succeed in its aims.

"The reference to George F. Kennan in pitching this document is appealing given the historical parallels, but it is not an exact fit and this, in turn, helps shine a light on Pompeo's own ignorance of China. It might be described in one simple sentence: China is not the Soviet Union and the ideological stakes are not quite the same." [Emphasis Original]

While I'd agree that differences in ideology exist between China and the Outlaw US Empire, it is the Empire that's constructed upon and is living the Big Lie inherent within Neoliberalism, while China continues to perfect its already very efficient system of Collective Libertarianism through its revamped Democratic Centralism. The really big fundamental difference is that China has absolutely no need to lie to its people, whereas the exact opposite's true within the Neoliberal West.

After a lengthy period of public input, the government meets and eventually publishes its 5-year plan of development, which is contained within an even larger plan that's also been devised with public input and once put together is also published for public consumption. And since 2010, all plans have existed within China's UN 2030 Development plan, which is also available to the public.

In a great many respects. China is a more open society than the Outlaw US Empire. Why? Because it doesn't need to lie to its citizens because it fights against the corruption that provides the reason for such lies--China has no Financial Parasitism it must mask from its citizens whereas the Outlaw US Empire is drowning in a massive sea of corruption that is killing it. Clearly, Pompeo wants that to continue.

Posted by: [karlof1](#) | Nov 18 2020 19:59 utc | [7](#)

Further, delusional State Department policy planning paper sees the light.

[The Elements of the China Challenge](#) (pdf)

Axios [calls it](#) a “Kennan-style paper”. In 1946 George Kennan, then Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States to the USSR, wrote his ‘[Long Telegram](#)’ that defined U.S. Cold War policy towards the Soviet Union for the next decades. And we all know how that worked out.

But the China paper which the State Department published is not comparable to the ‘Long Telegram’. It is a propaganda piece that reflects the naive views of the outgoing Secretary of State Mike Pompous.

Pompous’ premise is that the Chinese people hate the Communist Party of China that runs the country and that China is not a democracy. But that is not what the [people of China believe](#):

Charted below are the survey results from 20 countries, and they illustrate some startling beliefs – not least that 73% of Chinese consider China to be democratic, whereas only 49% of Americans believe the same about the U.S.

Read [this thread](#) to find out why that is the case:

ShanghaiPanda @thinking_panda – [9:24 UTC · Sep 15, 2020](#)

On twitter, as a Chinese, the most frequently asked question for me is, why don't you oppose the CPC? Why don't Chinese support western style democracy? Why do Chinese people support President Xi, who has no votes? Now, I'm going to tell them why. 1/N

Also [this one](#).

The recommendations of the State Department paper [listed](#) by *Axios* are not practical steps but pure ideology:

The blueprint: The paper lays out “ten tasks” for the U.S. to accomplish.

1. Promoting constitutional government and civil society at home.
2. Maintaining the world’s strongest military.
3. Fortifying the rules-based international order.
4. Reevaluating its alliance system.
5. Strengthening its alliance system and creating new international organizations to promote democracy and human rights.
6. Cooperating with China when possible and constraining Beijing when appropriate.
7. Educating Americans about the China challenge.
8. Train a new generation of public servants who understand great-power competition with China.
9. Reforming the U.S. education system to help students understand the responsibility of citizenship in a complex information age.

10. Championing the principles of freedom in word and in deed.

Note especially the points 7 to 10.

They have nothing to do with China. They call for domestic propaganda, more domestic propaganda and even more domestic propaganda. How brainwashing and stupidifying one's own people is supposed to challenge China is beyond me.

Update 17AUG20

Military action on the South-West Tier of the BRI.

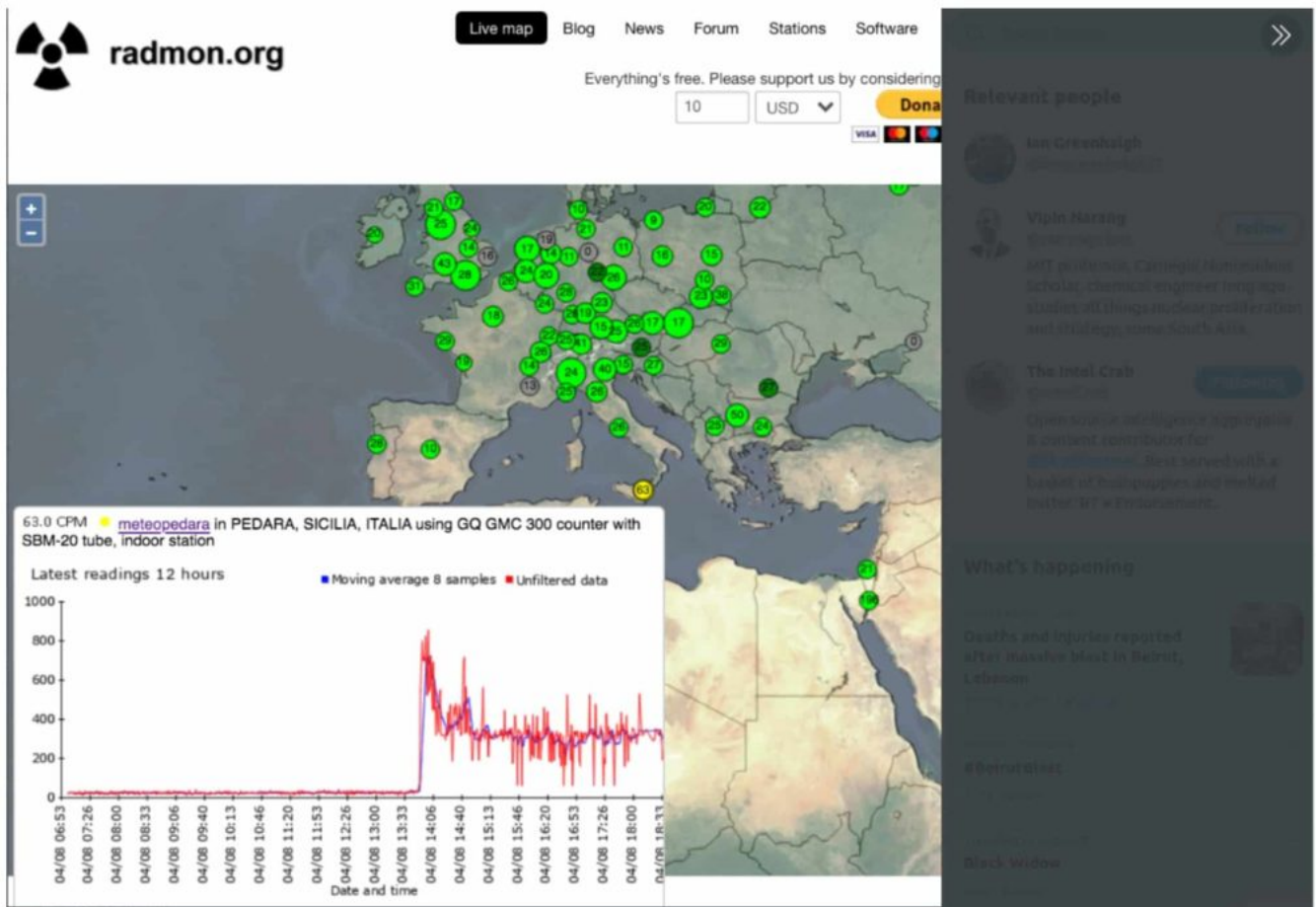
The Port of Beirut poses the biggest geostrategic threat to American power projection because China's Silk Road is fast creeping towards the docks at Beirut Port. The US, having recently forced Israel to cancel its Haifa rail contract with China, has dampened the Chinese advance in the eastern Mediterranean, and what remains now in the path of the US is the Beirut Port. The US must either invade it to block the Chinese geostrategic mission creep, or else destroy it.[\[MORE\]](#)

Seems that Trump authorized the use of 6kt mini-nuke to destroy the port of Beirut. This was conducted by aircraft of the Israel Air Force, and they apparently used two missiles.

- Gabriel anti ship missile.

- Israeli Delilah missile carrying a 6kt mini-nuke.

Radiation readings in Europe has confirmed that a nuclear warhead was used.



Radiation detected from a nuclear explosion.

Trump has admitted to participation and direction of this attack. But he did not confess to using nuclear weapons.

- Even I am flabbergasted! It turns out that the Beirut port mini-nuke actually happened! Authorized by Trump, and carried out by Israel.

This effort puts a immediate pause on the Chinese Belt and Road initiative with a port on the Mediterranean sea.

Update 25AUG20

Trump and Pompeo are pushing, pushing, pushing...

China has gone from “Most Favored Trading Partner” status in 2016 under President Obama...

... to an “Enemy of America” under trump in 2020. It’s a 180 degree turn in a global relationship.

US lawmakers have introduced a bill to change the way the federal government refers to the leader of China.

The ‘Name the Enemy Act’ would require that official US government documents instead refer to the head of state according to his or her role as head of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). This implies the new bill stands to prohibit the use of the term “president”.

-President No More? US Moves to Ban Chinese Leader Xi Jinping’s Title

And China, being what it is, is not blind to what is going on...

Here are some of the key points.

1. On the trade war front, Beijing won't shut down US businesses already operating in China. But companies which want to enter the market in finance, information technology, healthcare and education services will not be approved.
2. Beijing won't dump all its overwhelming mass of US Treasuries in one go, but – as it already happens – divestment will accelerate. Last year, that amounted to \$100 billion. Up to the end of 2020, that could reach \$300 billion.
3. The internationalization of the yuan, also predictably, will be accelerated. That will include configuring the final parameters for clearing US dollars through the CHIPS Chinese system – foreseeing the incandescent possibility Beijing might be cut off from SWIFT by the Trump administration or whoever will be in power at the White House after January 2021.
4. On what is largely interpreted across China as the “full spectrum war” front, mostly Hybrid War, the PLA has been put into Stage 3 alert – and all leaves are canceled for the rest of 2020. There will be a concerted drive to increase all-round defense spending to 4% of GDP and accelerate the development of nuclear weapons. Details are bound to emerge during the Central Committee meeting in October.
5. The overall emphasis is on a very Chinese spirit of self-reliance, and building what can be defined as a national economic “dual circulation” system: the consolidation of the Eurasian integration project running in parallel to a global yuan settlement mechanism.

Inbuilt in this drive is what has been described as “to firmly abandon all illusions about the United States and conduct war mobilization with our people. We shall vigorously promote the war to resist US aggression (...) We will use a war mindset to steer the national economy (...) Prepare for the complete interruption of relations with the US.”

It's unclear as it stands if these are only trial balloons disseminated across Chinese public opinion or decisions reached at the “invisible” Beidaihe. So all eyes will be on what kind of language this alarming configuration will be packaged when the Central Committee presents its strategic planning in October. Significantly, that will happen only a few weeks before the US election.

It's all about continuity

All of the above somewhat mirrors a recent debate in Amsterdam on what constitutes the Chinese “threat” to the West. Here are the key points.

1. China constantly reinforces its hybrid economic model – which is an absolute rarity, globally: neither totally publicly owned nor a market economy.
2. The level of patriotism is staggering: once the Chinese face a

foreign enemy, 1.4 billion people act as one.

3. National mechanisms have tremendous force: absolutely nothing blocks the full use of China's financial, material and manpower resources once a policy is set.

4. China has set up the most comprehensive, back to back industrial system on the planet, without foreign interference if need be (well, there's always the matter of semiconductors to Huawei to be solved).

China plans not only in years, but in decades. Five year plans are complemented by ten year plans and as the meeting chaired by Xi showed, 15 year plans. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is in fact a nearly 40-year plan, designed in 2013 to be completed in 2049.

And continuity is the name of the game – when one thinks that the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, first developed in 1949 and then expanded by Zhou Enlai at the Bandung conference in 1955 are set in stone as China's foreign policy guidelines.

-China: everything proceeding according to plan

You all can buy all the guns and ammo you want. You can read all the social media that you are able to. You can stock up on food and toilet paper...

... but you are wasting your time unless you invest in iodine pills, and Geiger counters. Any attack on either Russia or China will result in almost all American cities destroyed in large, enormous nuclear explosions.

Update 26AUG20

China launches four of its "Aircraft Carrier Killer Missiles" into the South China Sea. DoD can confirm that the Chinese military launched four medium-range missiles Wednesday from mainland China," a defense official said."The missiles impacted in the South China Sea between Hainan Island

and the Paracel Islands,” the official added. “The launch appears to have been part of a previously announced exercise.”

- [China test fires so-called ‘carrier killer’ missiles into .](#)
- [China test-fires ‘carrier-killer’ missile as U.S ...](#)
- [Beijing warns the US with test firing of ‘carrier killer ...](#)
- [China reportedly test fires ‘carrier killer’ missile in ...](#)
- [China test fires so-called ‘carrier killer’ missiles into ...](#)
- [China Test-fires DF-26 Intermediate Ballistic Missile ...](#)
- [China test fires ‘carrier killer’ missile](#)
- [South China Sea: China fires ballistic missiles as warning ...](#)

Update 3SEP20

A Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base on Wednesday 2SEP20 at 12:03 a.m. The test launch used an unarmed missile that traveled over 4,000 miles, at a speed of more than 15,000 mph.

- [Unarmed Minuteman 3 missile launched from Vandenberg ...](#)
- [Unarmed Minuteman III test launch from Vandenberg ...](#)
- [Minuteman III launches from Vandenberg AFB](#)
- [Unarmed Minuteman III ICBM launched from Vandenberg ...](#)
- [US Conducts Test Flight of Unarmed Minuteman 3 Missile | U ...](#)
- [Minuteman III launches from Vandenberg > Vandenberg Air ...](#)

9SEP20 Update

Apparently, the China Government agrees with my appraisal. From a message group that I belong to...

Chinese propaganda getting good. Unlike West propaganda, Chinese includes evidence. exactly consistent with Uriah Heep's version.

Thanks Jeff, but Kevin it may be a conspiracy that Heep told it in real time and official docu youtubed 8 months later.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEo3qk-4yx8>

Head's up. I'm Uriah Heep and that is my interview that they are talking about.

10SEP20

On September 19, 2020, China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) published the Provisions on the Unreliable Entity List. That was one day after the U.S. Commerce Department announced its ban on American users downloading the Chinese app WeChat and video-sharing app TikTok.

This article takes corresponding measures against the following actions of FOREIGN ENTITIES:

- 1) Endanger China's national sovereignty security, or development interests
- 2) Violating the principles of normal market transactions, interrupting normal transactions with Chinese entities, or adopting discriminatory measures against Chinese entities, seriously damaging the legal rights of the entity.

30CT20 Update.

After an entire year in blaming China for the coronavirus. Donald Trump (after a very bad public debate with his election opponent) announced that he has the COVID-19. And was flown to a hospital within a thirty minute drive of Fort Detrick (the presumptive point of origin of the COVID-19 and all American bio-weapons programs).

Minutes before the announcement, American "doomsday planes" were launched. As they control communication with the SLBM MIRV's that are housed in the "boomer" submarines around the world.

- Donald Trump Tests Positive For COVID—And America's Nuclear Domsday Planes Launch Controversy

A look at the bigger picture is in order. Forget about all the "details". Just name another President (any President) that [1] not only sent three assault carrier groups to the Chinese coast (with a total of five aircraft carriers), [2] launched a series of viral attacks simultaneously with [3] a hysterically-active anti-China propaganda campaign, and [4] went after Chinese industry to the extent that he did, [5] only to have nuclear ships, subs, planes, and ICBMs on active on-call status.

Name one.

If this is not a preparation for a full-scale nuclear war, I do not know what is.

12 OCT 20 Update.

It appears that President Trump might not win reelection. And as a result (I assume) there has been a flood of articles that basically state that no matter who wins the 2020 election, the American foreign policy will not change. It's a dominant narrative leading up to the election date.

"Biden will continue the Anti-China policies of Trump."

Imagine that!



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US election won't dramatically alter Indo-Pacific strategy

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Seriously! This is absurd!

Yet, why all the articles? Really?

The latest article from the Moon Over Alabama is a piece titled "U.S. Elec-

tions Do Not Change Its Foreign Policies". It's part of a nine week long period of articles that pretty much posits that the hybrid-war with China will continue whether Trump is in Office or Biden. The articles argue the same points made by others. Over and over. It's all a rehash.

October 08, 2020

Why U.S. Elections Do Not Change Its Foreign Policies

John Kiriakou, who blew the whistle about CIA torture under the Bush regime, warns of the foreign policy a Joe Biden administration would pursue:

Literally the last thing I would do is to urge anybody to vote for Donald Trump. The president has been a disaster in every sense of the word and in both foreign and domestic policy. The country can't take four more years of a Trump presidency. But **Biden is no panacea. He's a center-right placeholder.** [..]

If you think things will change in foreign policy under a President Biden, think again. It'll be the same old expansionist, militarist policy that we had under Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. So go into the voting booth with your eyes open.

In my view Biden is more **right** than center. Even his campaign slogan is shared with the British conservatives.



Screen Shot.

The MoA is perhaps the most logical. But all in all they are just nonsense. And they actually *are* NONSENSE. These articles assume a third grade reading comprehension, with a knowledge of recent history that evaporates within months.

Listen up boys and girls...

Elections DO change American Foreign Policy.

Under Bush, and Obama China has "Most Favored Nation Status". Today, the status with China is "Enemy" (especially considering the names of the bills being pushed through congress. Namely the "Name the Enemy act".)

That's a pretty big change. I would say. Wouldn't you?

But according to all the articles... *"American foreign policy does not change when the presidency changes"*. Yet, when Trump was elected the Foreign Policies all changed drastically. In fact, NOT ONE SINGLE POLICY stayed the same.

So...

... what is the true and real purpose of this nonsense?

To convince people that nothing is going to change if Biden is elected? When the fact and truth is the exact opposite. As we used to say in the States *"Don't piss on my leg and tell me it's raining."*

My points.

- [1] This entire premise is a big bunch of nonsense.
- [2] This premise is being promoted in all of the media; mainstream, alt-right, alt-left.
- [3] Our most treasured sources for alternative journalism have been tainted and corrupted to a point where they too, now regurgitate the ‘approved’ government narratives.

Think!

Think people!

So for a fun exercise, can anyone tell me which foreign policies that Trump DID NOT CHANGE. As to provide some validity to this onslaught narrative? Because if all of these articles are correct, then there must be evidence to base it all on. So, what policies did President Trump leave intact?

The answer is; NONE. He tore up of every single policy that Biden and Obama worked together on. Those that he did not tear up, he openly flaunted and violated. But now, amazingly, Biden is going to embrace the Trump neocon methodology?

Give me a break!

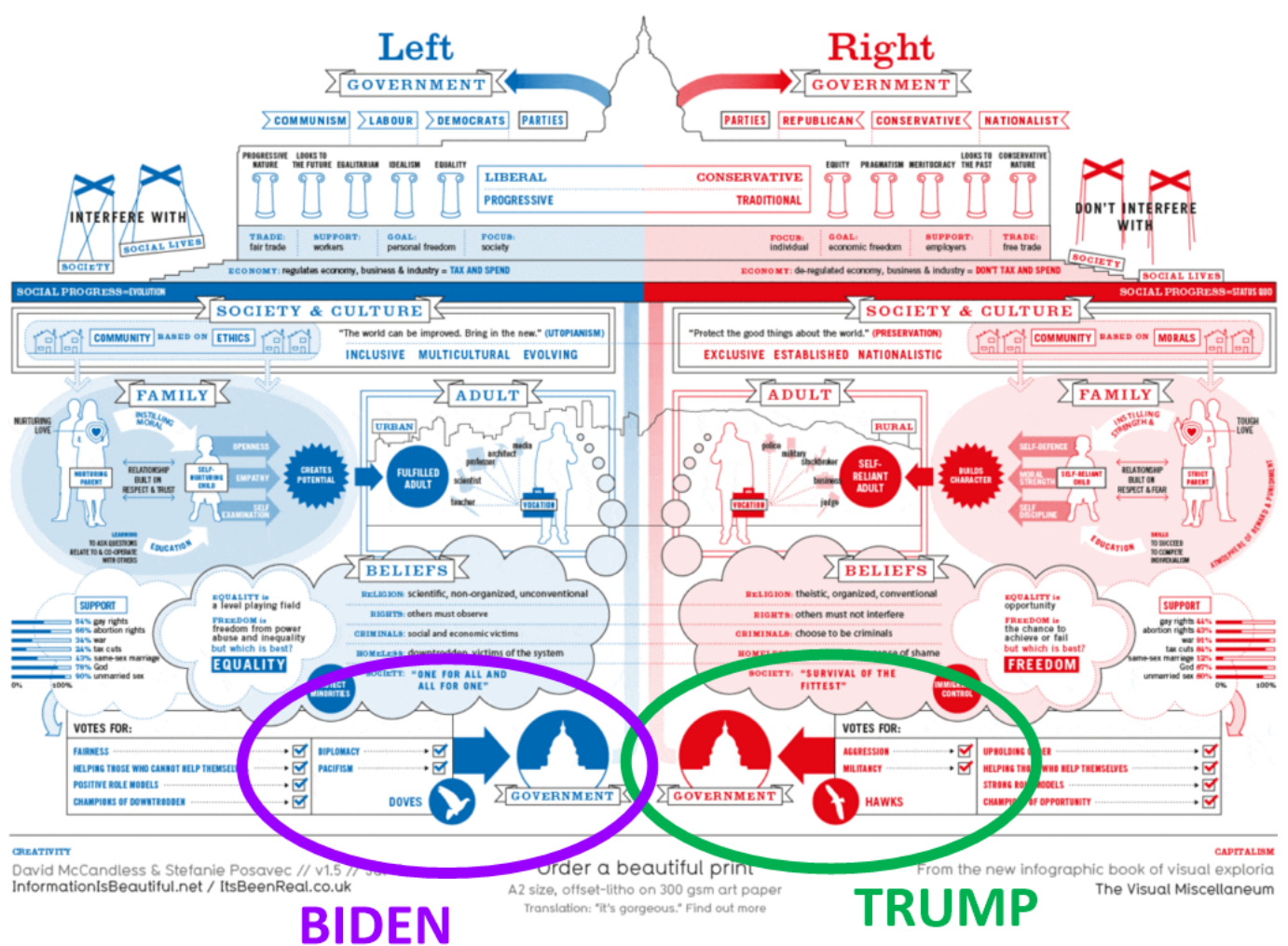
<https://www.moonofalabama.org/2020/10/why-us-elections-do-not-change-its-foreign-policies.html#comments>

- Remember boys and girls, what’s the purpose of having a “democracy” if

you cannot change the leadership when you are unhappy with their policies?

- What's the point if both political parties have the same point of view and the same policies?
- What kind of government do you have then?

Here's a infographic showing the differences in the two political parties.



The differences in the two political parties.

Tracking this narrative on my LinkedIN account pretty much indicates that the (American government) 'Bot's are promoting this narrative. The exact same venues that had the 'bot attacks on China all throughout 2020.

- That Biden would embraced Donald Trump anti-China stance and policies.
- That Biden did not care that Trump tore up every one of the polices and treaties that he developed in the previous 8 years of the Obama administration.
- That there are no changes in policy during an election. That democracies do not change polices and elections have no no effect in policy changes.

I cannot fully understand why the Trump Administration is promoting this narrative right now before the election, unless [1] it expects to lose, and [2] is trying to create a “fall-back position” where the neocons can argue that...

"Biden MUST continue the Trump anti-China policies as it was what the American people expect."

Never the less, the 2020 election will see drastic changes away from the Trump Administration neocon “war Hawk” ultimatums, to a much more balanced and cooperative foreign policy. The Republican party are “war hawks”, with a very small and dangerous group known as neocons that LIVE FOR WAR, and that is who is running the Trump White House. The Democrat party are “doves” that seek consensus and agreements. To believe that somehow Trump’s neocon administration has fundamentally changed the nature of American political discourse is delusional.

After Trump withdrew from the World Health Organization – in protest of what he claim was a bias toward China – Biden this summer pledged to rejoin the U.N.'s health agency on his first day in office. Biden is a “globalist at heart,” wrote Natasha Kassam, a research fellow at Sydney’s Lowy Institute political think tank, in the Guardian.

-MSN

In truth, we can see that many (if not all) of the Trump Administration policies will end, be reversed or modified beyond recognition. All these stories out of the American media are partial and half-truths. Biden will need to deal with the Chinese situation. Primarily because Trump has made such a mess of things, and China is on the rise as an ascending power. Biden will need to sort out America's role in this rise, for good or bad. But hopefully one that isn't as contentious as Trump's has been.

Such as indicated herein...

- Dems compile list of Trump orders to UNDO...
- If Joe Biden wins election 2020, will he undo Trump ...
- Biden aims to jettison Trump's 'America First' policy ...
- US election 2020: How would Biden change foreign policy ...
- *Election 2020: What's Ahead Under President Joe Biden ...*
- *What's Ahead Under President Joe Biden, Industry by Industry*

Presidential candidate Joe Biden, were he to win the November election, would change U.S.-China policy, Eurasia Group founder Ian Bremmer said in a press briefing.

-How a Biden Presidency Would Slowly Change U.S. Policy on ...

And...

Biden pledges to restore U.S. global leadership and reverse many of Trump's foreign policy actions.

-Where Biden and Trump stand on key issues

And...

Although transitions of power can always include abrupt changes, the shift from Trump to Biden - from one president who sought to undermine established norms and institutions to another who has vowed to restore the established order - will be among the most startling in American history.

Biden's top advisers have spent months quietly working on how best to implement his agenda, with hundreds of transition officials preparing to get to work inside various federal agencies. They have assembled a book filled with his campaign commitments to help guide their early decisions.

Biden is planning to set up a coronavirus task force on Monday, in recognition that the global pandemic will be the primary issue that he must confront. The task force, which could begin meeting within days, will be co-chaired by former surgeon general Vivek Murthy and David Kessler, a former Food and Drug Administration commissioner.

But there has also been a recognition of those around him that he may have to lean more on executive actions that he had once hoped. He can reorient various federal agencies and regulations, and he can adopt a different posture on the world stage.

-CHRON

Why?

Because Trumps policies have been an unmitigated disaster.

130CT20 Update

Fake anti-China 'bots and accounts are being discovered, rooted out, and removed from industrial and career websites. This is from LinkedIn...



Mario Cavolo

Author, Speaker, Media Commentator | #1 read
LinkedIn article on China | 1.96M views | 3rd
book on China now rolling out
7h

Finally confirmed. LinkedIn please remove this
anti-China trash...

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Is the Swedish model of herd immunity for the COVID-19 virus ...



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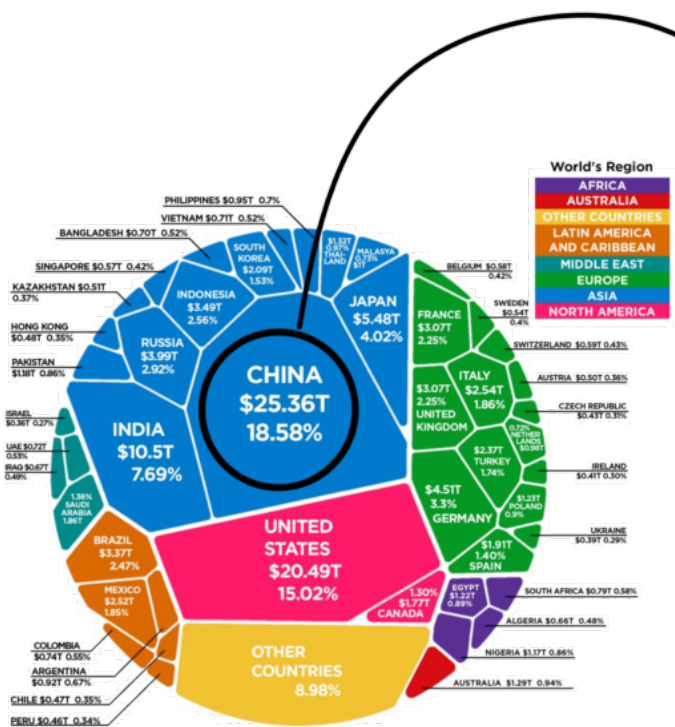
Series of fake identities posting anti-China narratives throughout all of
2020.

150CT20 Update

American “big data” are busy manipulating and massaging all data to make America look strong, powerful and healthy. This is being caught in bits and pieces, here and there. USA media will not cover it. I assume compliance.

How propaganda works.

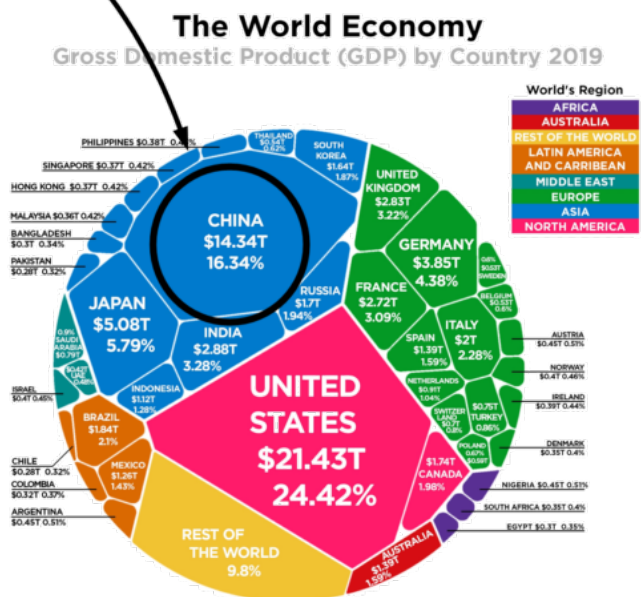
Apparently in 2018, China's GDP shrunk by 43%!



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2019

Well...

This is obviously a fabrication. If this were true all the global stock markets would show signs of serious collapse. But they didn't. So why is the data being revised backwards? The only thing that I can think of is to make America appear healthier than it actually is, economically.

As far as I am concerned, all data from the United States and England are subject to the need for careful review. I cannot help but question it's validity. And you shouldn't either.

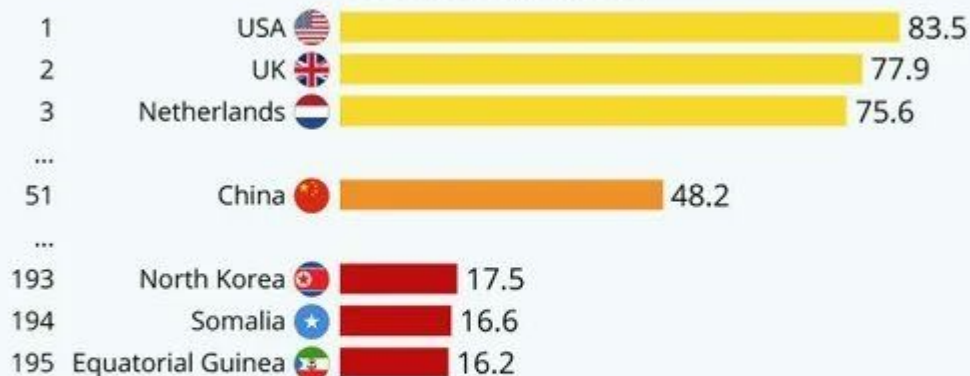
Here's another example, from the same source,...

The Countries Best And Worst Prepared For An Epidemic

Countries/territories ranked by ability to respond to an epidemic/pandemic in 2019*



Best/worst prepared



* 100=greater level of preparation. Index benchmarks health security on factors critical to fighting disease outbreaks

Source: 2019 Global Health Security Index



statista

According to this, the United States is the best prepared. And China is just so-so prepared. This was written in 2020, but used 2019 data, while the United States was absolutely floundering from the COVID-19, and China was successfully returning to normal after it dealt with the pandemic.

16OCT20 Update

A second new virus (perhaps another) COVID has hit China, middle of October.

It will probably be named COVID-20 in a few months. It is NOT a variation of COVID-19, as a "second wave". It is a completely new, and completely different virus. By all reports it is much worse than COVID-19. More lethal. More contagious. More dangerous.

It is being handled differently in different regions and provinces.

Latest news in China is sudden lock downs of all restaurants and public venues starting last night at 10PM. This is for the tier one cities. This will be for a minimum of two weeks. Military is still on DEFCON ONE, of course, but the militia are notified to stand ready.

A different type of COVID is apparently breaking out in China. It is unlike the COVID-19, as it was a alpha genome, and this is a beta genome. What ever the fuck that means. I think it means pineapples and toasters.

It's not a modified staring of COVID-19 but instead a BRAND NEW virus.

This NEW and UNUSUAL virus is apparently attacking both humans and pigs. It causes violent diarrhea and vomiting, and then your lungs fill up with fluid, it turns to cement and you die.

- Middle of October 2020.

- A totally new virus attacks China.

Stand by. It's too early to do anything about all this. All residences are in scanning mode. Masks are back on. Public establishments (in certain tier one cities) are shut down for two weeks. Military is still on alert. Militia are called on reserve status.

- American media is clueless.

17OCT20 Update

From MoA. It discusses the fall-back positions (since the suppression of China) failed. Here, the concentration is on the QUAD alliance building. Which is nothing more than an Asian NATO like structure under the control of the US Military.

U.S. Fails To Find Allies For Waging War On China

The U.S. wants to counter China's growing economic and political standing in the world.

The Obama administration had attempted a 'pivot to Asia' by building a low tariff economic zone via the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). It would have excluded China. The Trump administration rejected the TPP and withdrew from it. It launched an economic war against China by increasing tariffs on Chinese products, prohibiting high tech supplies to Chinese manufacturers, and by denying Chinese companies access to its market.

It has also tried to build a military coalition that would help it to threaten China. It revived the 2007-2008 Quadrilateral Security Dialogue

and rebranded it as the U.S.-Australia-India-Japan Consultations Quad. The aim was to turn it into an Asian NATO under U.S. command:

The U.S. State Department's No. 2 diplomat said Monday that Washington was aiming to "formalize" growing strategic ties with India, Japan and Australia in a forum known as "the Quad" – a move experts say is implicitly designed to counter China in the Indo-Pacific region.

"It is a reality that the Indo-Pacific region is actually lacking in strong multilateral structures. They don't have anything of the fortitude of NATO, or the European Union,"

-U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun said in an online seminar on the sidelines of the annual U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum.

"There is certainly an invitation there at some point to formalize a structure like this," he added.

But it turns out that neither Australia nor Japan nor India have any interest in a hard stand towards China. All look to China as an important trade partner. They know that any conflict with it would cost them dearly.

On October 6 Secretary of State Mike Pompeo flew to Tokyo for a meeting with the other foreign ministers of the Quad. He soon found that no one would join him in his militant talk:

In a meeting with foreign ministers from Japan, India and Australia in Tokyo, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urged on Tuesday that they strengthen their quartet of democracies to resist an increasingly assertive China.

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If, as it appeared, Pompeo was pushing other members of the Quad to take the U.S. side in a confrontation with China, he did not score any ringing public endorsements, and his remarks clashed with those of his host. Pompeo aimed straight at the Chinese Communist Party in remarks before the four nations' top diplomats sat down to talk.

"As partners in this Quad, it is more critical now than ever that we collaborate to protect our people and partners from the CCP's exploitation, corruption and coercion," he said.

But Japan's chief government spokesman, Katsunobu Kato, insisted at a press briefing Tuesday:

"This Quad meeting is not being held with any particular country in mind."

Australia and India were similarly reluctant to say anything that would potentially offend China.

Pompeo's initiative has failed.

The former Indian ambassador M. K. Bhadrakumar explains why the Quad won't fly:

China cannot be beaten since, unlike the USSR, it is part of the same global society as the US. Look at the sheer spread of the US-China battlefields – global governance, geoeconomics, trade, investment, finance, currency usage, supply chain management, technology standards and systems, scientific collaboration and so on. It speaks of China's vast global reach.

This wasn't the case with USSR.

Above all, China has no messianic ideology to export and prefers to set a model by virtue of its performance. It is not in the business of instigating regime change in other countries, and actually gets along rather well with democracies.

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The US created the ASEAN but today no Asian security partner wants to choose between America and China. The ASEAN cannot be repurposed to form a coalition to counter China. Thus, no claimant against China in the South China Sea is prepared to join the US in its naval fracas with China.

China has resources, including money, to offer its partners, whereas, the US budget is in chronic deficit and even routine government operations must now be funded with debt. It needs to find resources needed to keep its human and physical infrastructure at levels competitive with those of China and other great economic powers.

Why on earth should India get entangled in this messy affair whose climax is a foregone conclusion?

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China has no need to fight wars when it is already winning.

The U.S. also tried to incite its European NATO allies to take a stand against China:

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warned Saturday that China's increasing influence had created a "fundamental shift in the global balance of power" that should not be overlooked. In an interview with Germany's *Welt am Sonntag* newspaper, that was released in advance, the Norwegian official said that Beijing had the second-largest defense budget in the world after the United States, and was investing heavily in nuclear weapons and long-range missiles that could reach Europe.

"One thing is clear: China is coming ever closer to Europe's doorstep," he said. "NATO allies must face this challenge together."

That initiative will sink in Europe just as fast as the Quad initiative has sunk in Asia and for the very same reasons. China is not an ideological or military danger to Europe. It is an economic behemoth and

relation with it need to be carefully handled. They require respect and talks and not saber rattling.

China has overtaken the U.S. as the EU's biggest trading partner:

In the first seven months of 2020, China surpassed the United States to become the biggest trading partner of the European Union (EU), said Eurostat, the EU's statistics organization.

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The EU's imports from China increased by 4.9 per cent year-on-year in the January-July period, noted Eurostat. According to the Federal Statistical Office of Germany, the largest economy in the EU, China, Germany's biggest trading partner since 2016, surpassed the United States for the first time in the second quarter of this year to become Germany's largest export market, and Germany's exports to China in July have rebounded almost to last year's level.

It is time for the U.S. to look into a mirror and to awake to reality. It is highly indebted country with a way too expensive but ineffective military. Over the last decades its economic role in the world has continuously declined. The constant militant positions and 'do as we say' attitude has alienated its allies. Without allies the U.S. has no chance to defeat China in any potential conflict.

What the U.S. still could do is to honestly compete with China. But that would require humility, a strong industrial policy and a well paid and competitive work force.

Neither of that is in sight.

So...

The fall-back position, for the fall-back position is to incite riots in Thailand via CIA sponsored NGO's. Then seize control of the government, and allow American military to use their bases for staging locations in South East Asia.

- Thailand riot police use water cannons against protesters ...
- Thailand latest: Protest leaders arrested amid calls for ...
- Thailand declares state of severe emergency – Nikkei Asia

- Thai police resort to tear gas, arrest ... – asia.nikkei.com
- Thailand's ultraroyalists come dangerously close to ...
- Thousands of protesters surround Thailand's Government ...
- Hong Kong pro-democracy lawmakers arrested on riot ...
- State of Emergency in Thailand – Government announces ...

CIA is really pushing this NGO effort to destabilize Southern Asia as part of Pompeo "new way to deal with China" strategy. Nikkei is a "neocon publication" out of America. It is fully funded by the US State department and run by Mike Pompeo.

- Thailand Protests Are Anti-Chinese, Not "Pro-Democracy"

China is Thailand's largest and most important trading partner, its largest foreign direct investor, and its largest source of tourism with more Chinese tourists coming to Thailand each year than all Western nations combined.

Thailand is also hosting one of the key routes of China's One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative with construction already ongoing for high-speed rail that will connect China, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia, and eventually Singapore.

Finally and perhaps most upsetting for the US is that Thailand has begun replacing its aging US military hardware through a series of major Thai-Chinese arms deals including the purchasing of main battle tanks, other armored vehicles, naval vessels including up to 3 submarines, and jointly-developed arms programs like the DTI-1 multiple rocket launcher system.

Thailand has also recently replaced some of its US-built Blackhawk helicopters with Russian Mi-17V-5's.

To counter this, the US has mobilized opposition groups and NGOs it has funded in Thailand for years to now demand the current government step down and the nation's constitution be rewritten, paving the way for US-backed billionaire-led opposition parties of Thaksin Shinawatra and Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit into power. These are opposition parties that have long served US interests in the past and have explicitly promised to roll back Thai-Chinese relations should they take power again.

US NED Was Behind Hong Kong's Unrest, and Are Now Behind Thailand's Unrest

The US was indisputably behind the protests in Hong Kong with the political opposition and protest leaders confirmed to be recipients of US government cash via notorious regime change arm, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Many of the protest leaders literally flew to Washington DC or visited the US consulate in Hong Kong to receive aid, directives, and other forms of support.

In Thailand too, virtually every aspect of the protests are funded by the US government.

Worse still is that the US is attempting to stitch these various movements together to form a regional front against Beijing with Thai protest leaders regularly traveling to meet their US-funded counterparts in Hong Kong and Taiwan and vice versa while creating an online army with the help of US-based social media giants to stack public narratives in their favor.

Neocons believe that war is justified as long as it guarantees that America can control the world. Thus, a neocon can see an “enemy” behind every bush, every action, and inside every cell phone APP.

Historically, the original neocons were a small group of mostly Jewish liberal intellectuals who, in the 1960s and 70s, grew disenchanted with what they saw as the American reluctance to spend aggressively on the military. Many of these neocons worked in the 1970s for Democratic Senator Henry “Scoop” Jackson, a staunch anti-communist.

Neocon is short for neoconservative, which adds the neo-, or “new,” prefix to conservative. Today, they stand within both American political parties. Arguing in favor of war, conflict and CIA intervention everywhere.

One of the primary characteristics of neocons is the belief that America must rule the world, and maintain that rule by aggressive and free unencumbered use of military might.

Mid-October Update

Apparently, while the United States Navy was conducting “maneuvers” in the South China Sea, with the five carrier assault groups and Marine Landing / Attack forces, as well as with the entire British carrier fleet...

...something else was happening *simultaneously*.

Well reported in the mainstream press, but no one was putting “two plus two” together. These strange “tictac” shaped UFO’s started to appear and “move freely” all over American military bases inside of America. At THE SAME TIME as the American Navy was “*probing the Chinese coastal defenses*”.

- *UFO Video – UFO Sighting – Truth About the Navy’s UFO ...*
- *UFO SIGHTINGS DAILY: Witness REC’s 70 ft.Tic-Tac slowly ...*
- *Tic-Tac UFO Passes Space Station On Live Cam, June 2020 ..*
- *UFO sighting: Claims ‘worried aliens’ buzz US military ...*

Whether they are “aliens” or not is a good question.

One thing is for certain, and that is the technology involved in these craft are far up and above (perhaps centuries) more advanced than anything the United States has fielded. They can “pop” into existence out of nowhere. They are immune to radar, and thermal signatures. They can accelerate to enormous speeds in a short period of time, and they are equally capable of underwater, air and space travel.

The American Navy, who has tracked and monitored these UFO's, has strongly suggested that these "tictoc" vehicles are of Chinese manufacture and use.

Docs Show Navy Got 'UFO' Patent Granted By Warning Of Similar Chinese Tech Advances Patent documents indicate that the U.S. and China are actively developing radical new craft that seem eerily...

-Docs Show Navy Got 'UFO' Patent Granted By Warning Of Chinese Technology...



"Chinese Tictac" UFO that was buzzing and moving in and out of American military installations and airbases while the American Naval flotilla was busy probing the Chinese Coasts during the Summer of 2020.

210CT20 Update

A second; MORE Lethal biological attack hits China in October 2020.

Here in China is a semi-alert status since mid month. Everyone is on alert. Military are on full alert, but work and homes are as normal. The primary difference is that there are hyper-diligent monitoring of temperatures and GPS travel histories.

Not well publicized (inside of America or in any of the main-stream or Alternative media of any type) except for a few paragraphs. There is a brand new, never before seen, absolutely novel in biology, virus.

It's supposed to be much worse than COVID-19. It attacks both humans and swine.

It's new, and not a second or third wave of the coronavirus.

Though it is in the same family of viruses as the betacoronavirus SARS-CoV-2, which causes the respiratory illness COVID-19 in humans, the scientists said SADS-CoV is an alphacoronavirus that causes gastrointestinal illness in swine.

- Completely new.
- Was discovered by China.
- Associated with bats and pigs.

- No human fatalities so far.
- Technical information leaked out of the United States
- China notified the WHO, who put the world on notice.

It's called SADS-CoV, which is short for "Swine Acute Diarrhea Syndrome Coronavirus" and, yeah, it's as bad as it sounds. The virus causes severe diarrhea and vomiting and has been especially deadly to young piglets.

Reading between the lines...

China has been on complete all-hands-on-deck military alert for all forms of warfare since January 2020. (You'd never know this if all you read is the American "news".) They discovered a brand new and "novel coronavirus" this month. This discovery set a number of things in motion. First was the WHO which sent out an alert, and second was a rearming and re-posturing of all military and militia in China. If it wasn't for their aggressive alert status, this virus would not have been detected, or preventative steps taken.

Again...

- [1] Brand new, never seen before, virus. (Imagine that!)
- [2] More contagious than COVID-19.
- [3] More lethal than COVID-19.
- [4] More disgustingly painful than COVID-19.
- [5] Detected in China by the Chinese military self-defense monitoring teams.
- [6] The discovery triggered a global announcement by the WHO.
- [7] American scientists familiar with similar viruses provided supporting information.

220CT20 Update

The Donald Trump three day excursion to a military Base for hospitalization for COVID-19, happened exactly at the same time that China discovered the second bio-weapon attack. The COVID-20.

- The Donald Trump evacuation to a secure military base happened at the same time that SADS-CoV was discovered in China.

The United States is now flooding African Nations with anti-China propaganda.

- The Southern African Times

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Big Surprise.

CNN told the truth about the so-called respected “Chinese virologist” from Hong Kong. You know the one, that claimed that she was employed by the Chinese government to develop the COVID-19 as a Bio-Weapon. And did so at the Wuhan Virus Lab.

Well, she lied. Not only that, but she is direct-linked to both Mike Pompeo, and Steve Bannon (both hard-core neocons):

Sick. So many Chinese seditious traitors.

Surprise. CNN told the truth about the so-called respected "Chinese virologist" from Hong Kong lie about Covid-19 virus and China: She is linked to Mike Pompeo: <https://t.co/0avZQSuF9N>

– W Chua (@0castJournalist) October 22, 2020

- Weird science: How a 'shoddy' Bannon-backed paper on coronavirus origins made its way to an audience of millions

<https://asiatimes.com/2020/10/pompeos-record-a-litany-of-failure/>

Excerpt:

To make his case for demonizing China, Pompeo will use any source of questionable legitimacy. One example was a paper written by Li-Meng Yan, a virologist and at the time of publication a postdoctoral student at

Hong Kong University. Her paper claimed that the Covid-19 virus was created in a Wuhan lab.

Her finding was sensational as it seemed to authenticate Trump's and Pompeo's accusation that China should be held accountable for the pandemic. The popular media went wild with the story, even though those in scientific circles criticized the non-peer-reviewed paper as weak on science.

Rapid Reviews: COVID-19, a collaboration between the University of California at Berkeley and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, quickly solicited reviews of the Yan paper by four renowned scientists in the field and their conclusion was:

"This manuscript does not demonstrate sufficient scientific evidence to support its claims. Claims are at times baseless and are not supported by the data and methods used. Decision-makers should consider the author's claims in this study misleading."

Those reviews followed the publication of the Yan paper by about two weeks. It's a safe bet that the refutation is unlikely to attract the attention of the mainstream media.

An added side note in the comment section was the observation that the co-authors listed in Yan's paper did not exist but were fictitious – in other words, a blatant lie.

So what could have motivated Yan? By now, it has become quite clear that providing material for China-bashing can be very lucrative business. Gordon Chang showed that he could publish a book on China that totally missed the mark – instead of economic collapse, China is about to become the largest economy in the world – and instead of striking out, he became an anti-China media star for the last 20 years.

Peter Navarro did even better. He wrote a book and a documentary titled *Death by China*, a complete work of fiction, with imaginary "expert" "Ron Varra," who turned out to be the anagrammatic alter ego of Navarro himself. This China-bashing turned him from being a failed politician and outcast academic into the holder of a seat in the inner circle at the Trump White House.

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American military forces have been training to take and seize Chinese occupied islands in the South China Sea.

- U.S. Army Paratroopers Capturing Chinese Outposts? People's Liberation Army Scoffs At The Idea

Army paratroopers have practiced flying long distance then jumping onto China's island outposts in the disputed waters of the China Seas. Seizing outposts—and the strategic airstrips they host—could give U.S. forces new bases from which to strike back against the Chinese.

But the Chinese military scoffed at the idea. “The assumption that U.S. troops could capture China's islands and reefs in the South China Sea is no more than media speculation,” Xu Hailin wrote in *Global Times*, an official mouthpiece of the People's Liberation Army.

That's untrue. The Pentagon actively is preparing for just such a contingency. Back in July, 350 paratroopers from the Army's 25th Infantry Division flew in Air Force C-17 transports from Alaska to Guam and practiced dropping onto, and capturing, a simulated enemy airfield.

American troops landing on a Chinese island would represent a serious act of aggression and a major escalation of any conflict, Xu posited. “If the U.S. military really reaches out to capture China's islands and reefs, it will declare the start of a total war with China.”

How serious?

Does the declaration of “a total war with China” means that China will “file a complaint” with the UN, or something else? Maybe they might shoot back! (Gasp.) Maybe they might do something that the neocons running the administration is not prepared for...

- Any war with China will be a nuclear war.

...In any event, Xu vowed that an American assault on a Chinese outpost would invite a devastating response.

"The U.S. troops will have to face an all-out counterattack from the People's Liberation Army and will certainly pay a heavy price for their reckless decisions," Xu wrote.

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Those state-of-the-art Taiwanese chip factories, are actually mainland Chinese operations. One of those things that no one in the mainstream, and alternative media mentions...

I got this thread from a WeChat group, between two Westerners.
Interesting history about TSMC,

[Regaining The Edge In U.S. Chip Manufacturing:
<https://semiengineering.com/can-the-u-s-regain-its-edge-in-chip-manufacturing/?fbclid=IwAR3nVp4oNWMJNi-0CZQwAcSBN7goF0QnZy3mU5n6tAVhks6DzU1oVfIdEeA>]

Yeah can confirm x86 are stagnating due to the cisc designs of the architecture while the likes of arm and mips etc which uses risc design it can be made smaller and more efficient

Morris Chang, the founder of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), the world's first and largest silicon foundry, was not "Taiwanese". Chang was Zhejiangese, born in Ningbo.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) is not a "Taiwanese" company. It is a Chinese company located in the Chinese province of Taiwan.

Sun Yun-suan, minister of economic affairs and Premier of the Republic of China under Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo, was one of the chief architects of the ROC's "economic miracle" that enabled it to become one of the East Asian Tigers.

Sun was not Taiwanese. He was Shangdongese, born in Penglai. Neither, of course, were Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo, who were also Zhejiangese.

Sun recruited Chang to become chairman and president of the Industrial Technology Research Institute that spawned major semiconductor companies such as TSMC and the Hsinchu Science-based Industrial Park which would serve as a major electronics and semiconductor manufacturing hub.

The plain truth is that TSMC is a Chinese achievement.

All the figures involved were so-called "mainlanders" -- a pejorative term used by Taiwan independence Quislings to sow hatred between Chinese from the mainland region of China and Chinese from the Taiwan region of China.

All the figures involved were patriotic Chinese nationalists and unwavering advocates of Chinese reunification.

Indeed. Technology presents us with new opportunities.. Sad though our lot seem to be technophobes more keen in lining their pockets and keeping the status quo of kleptocracy and "service industry jobs" rather than innovating

What happens when you move your capital abroad and focus on financial sector

However with China developing the productive forces it opens up new opportunities for the proletariat to build themselves up

-Jeff J. Brown

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Reports on what occurred during the American lead naval sortie in the South China Sea in late Summer 2020, are coming in, in drips and drabs.

Recall, that the US mobilized three aircraft carriers – *USS Theodore Roosevelt*, *USS Nimitz* and the *USS Ronald Reagan* – to patrol the Indo-Pacific waters, an act seen as a “warning” to China. Each carrier was teamed up with a “minor” carrier, making a total of 6 American aircraft carriers, plus the

British HMS Queen Elizabeth (a “super” aircraft carrier). That is seven aircraft carriers along with their support ships. This is the largest naval flotilla of aircraft carriers in history.

- US Navy launches live-fire missiles in ‘warning to China’
- Beijing slams US for ‘flexing muscles’ in South China Sea ...
- South China Sea: Chinese air force ‘sends warning’ to US ...
- China news: Pentagon sends chilling warning as China’s ...
- Rare gathering of US aircraft carriers ‘to be met with Chinese countermeasures’
- PLA special mission aircraft approaches Taiwan after the island’s missile test
- Chinese mainland slams US military aircraft’s flight over Taiwan Island

The ships eventually left the area, and we have been trying to figure out what happened.

American & British Media – Very quiet.

Very little information. Suspiciously little.

Except that there is going to be a change in strategy. This new strategy would involve the use of AI controlled underwater weapons and drones. The use of a “traditional” assault force using a large force of carriers is not considered to be practical.

Additionally large boost to the black budget has been approved and moving forward. It is supposedly considered to be “urgent”.

Chinese Media – Subdued, but informative.

- Chinese energy beam weapons have been used successfully to disable both aircraft and Naval vessels near China.
- Once disabled, the ships and aircraft lose full control, and all their anti-missile technology is useless.
- Chinese munitions have successfully targeted, and locked on these defenseless vehicles. But none were fired.
- Chinese naval advanced lasers have fired low-intensity beams at US Naval aircraft in the South China Sea. They were obviously meant as a warning, as their design specs are quite deadly.
- The Chinese are able to de-cloak American stealth fighters and bombers.
- American electronic collection aircraft have been using fake civilian aircraft transponders to get near the mainland and probe the Chinese military defenses.
- The location of all submarines, and naval vessels in the South China Sea have been tracked in real time using a very extensive system of redundant sensor systems.
- The South China Sea is just swarming with Chinese advanced underwater drones with independent AI, and the ability to sink carrier-sized vessels.
- CIA spies drowned on secret mission to track Chinese ...

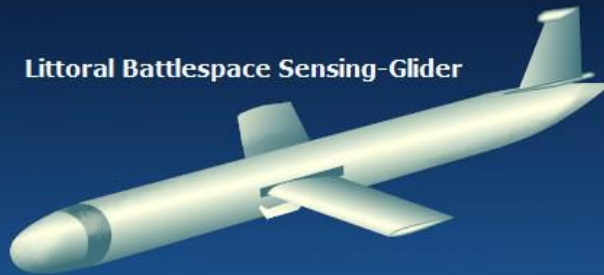
(Note; If it is reported, it's NOT secret) FOUR paramilitary CIA officers drowned while on a secret mission to plant an underwater pod intended to track the Chinese military in the South China Sea, it has emerged. The men were reportedly caught in a tropical storm while attempting to place the device, which had been disguised to resemble a rock, off the Philippine island of Luzon.

- The Chinese have intercepted clandestine troops in operations upon Chinese territory. It is unknown what has happened to them...

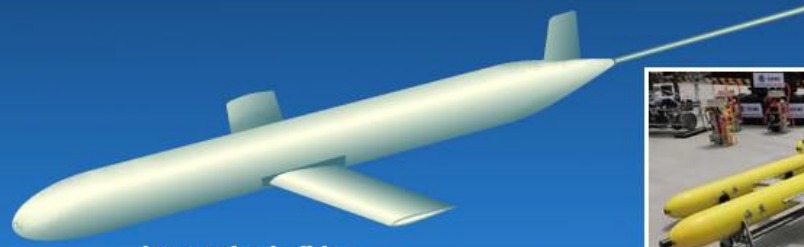
Chinese 'Sea Wing' ocean glider and U.S. Navy LBS-G (Littoral Battlespace Sensing-Glider)



Littoral Battlespace Sensing-Glider



'Sea Wing' glider



Meet the HN-1, China's New AI-Powered Underwater Drone. The battle for future undersea AI dominance is heating up and China's ambitions are not small in this domain.

Curiously, from American Media...

- There was an "accident" when American marine forces attempted a landing on "one of the islands off California". All eight / nine of the soldiers are assumed dead. None were recovered. The justification is that the ocean is "too deep", and they all died inside of an "amphibious tank". But by looking at any oceanographic map of the islands off the California coast, we can see that this claim is simply not true.

Just keep in mind that there were many, many events and actions that were NOT reported to the public during this entire period of time.

Here is a nice interactive map of the (inferred) Chinese power projection in the South China Sea.

Since 2014, China has substantially expanded its ability to monitor and project power throughout the South China Sea via the construction of dual civilian-military bases at its outposts in the disputed Spratly and Paracel Islands. These include new radar and communications arrays, airstrips and hangars to accommodate combat aircraft, and deployments of mobile surface-to-air and anti-ship cruise missile systems.

30 OCT 20 Update

You all might want to consider what the rest of the world thinks about the Trump Policies with China, and the Asian Pacific Rim. Here's a great article out of Australia...

- The main game must be to get US, China relations on a better footing

The polls indicate, and most commentators believe, that Biden will win, but Trump is campaigning furiously, and the prospect of a legal imbroglio also looms.

Neither Biden nor Trump has made much of foreign policy in their campaigns.

Biden has said he would not be bluffed by China, and would not hesitate to "call it out" or retaliate against egregious acts, but the end of the Trump Presidency would certainly break the flow of "China is the enemy" that has characterized it.

Trump has surrounded himself with "China hawks", and has personified the US anti-China campaign, but given his record it's not impossible that a re-elected Trump would reverse policy towards China, if he came to believe that that was in the United States', or his own, interests.

Whoever wins, in the election aftermath it will be important for Australian policymakers to keep in mind that our position (Australian) and the US's position are not the same.

We want a peaceful, prosperous and stable Asia-Pacific, or Indo-Pacific.

The US wants that, too, but also wants to be top dog in it. As a US academic visiting Australia said last year, “the US can not tolerate a peer competitor”. But China is one, and many in the US “feel the hot breath”.

There are one or two things that can be said in response to the “peer competitor” line.`

One is “grow up”.

Another is “compete, don’t complain”, and there are certainly voices in the US saying just that.

The important thing for us to remember is that while we value our alliance relationship with the US, that is not the policy end-point for us. That end-point is a state of affairs in the Asia or Indo-Pacific under which we and other countries can live peacefully and prosper, in a stable environment.

How can that be achieved?

Certainly not by following the tack taken by Pompeo, who can’t even bring himself to speak of the “Chinese Government”; rather he refers to the “Chinese Communist Party”.

It’s a great pity that at this possibly pivotal time we don’t have anyone at the highest levels of our Government with a strong personal relationship with a Chinese counterpart, as Prime Minister Hawke had with Premier Zhao Ziyang – someone who could effectively make the point that China’s actions in the South China Sea or in regard to the Uighurs aren’t really in China’s best interests, without making a public campaign of it.

Perhaps our very able Ambassador in Beijing is saying these things anyway. And perhaps our goal of a peaceful, prosperous and stable Asia-Pacific can only come about if both the US and China can more fully accept that they have to live with each other, make room for each other, and not regard any step forward by one as a step back for the other, as Trump is said to be prone to do.

We also have to look at our own bilateral relationship with China. Why is it now described as in its “most frozen” state ever, despite China still being our largest trading partner, and still buying huge amounts of iron ore at record prices, thus preventing our budget deficit from being even larger? Both sides have contributed to the present situation, and we need to recognize that if we are going to improve it....

(more)

...But I firmly believe that what we must try to do is to include China in joint efforts and mechanisms and gradually re-build trust, rather than build alliances to defend against or contain it.

One reason is that efforts to contain or limit China simply won't work; see what it's already doing economically in Europe, Latin America and southern Africa, as well as in East and Central Asia, and with Russia.

Another reason is that it's such a negative thing in which to invest our efforts and future. Of course it will be up to the Chinese how they respond. But we should have a go.

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Just a few days before the election between Trump and Biden, the climate in the Asian Pacific Rim is...

America's choice and Asia's future

Whoever claims victory in the US presidential contest this week, Washington's grasp over Asia's future is on the wane.

It's not that the United States is no longer a great power unmatched as yet in its technological and military superiority. Despite all its self-inflicted wounds, through mismanagement of the COVID-19 crisis and President Trump's economically debilitating 'America First' strategy, it remains so.

The short-term costs of the Trump administration's mismanagement have been huge, in terms of US deaths, the fragmentation of national cohesion and lost trade and income. But it's the costs over the next ten years or more that cast a long dark shadow over US societal and economic strength and the role of the United States as a reliable anchor in an open multilateral global order.

The costs of COVID-19 continue to mount and the strategy that will see an end to it is still to be articulated. Nor is there a strategy in place to deal with the collapse in the US and the global economies that the pandemic has brought with it. In international cooperation on both strategic fronts, the United States is out of play.

The world's confidence in US power, the moral authority it once commanded and the capacity to deploy it are much diminished. Even the most energetic and driven administration won't restore it easily, soon

or perhaps ever.

If Joe Biden had a 20-point lead across the board in the polls as the United States heads towards election eve – and the polls are narrowing not widening at the finishing line – most pundits would still be shy about calling the outcome until it's all done and dusted. So burnt are they by Trump's unexpected win in 2016 and scared by Trump's refusal to be straightforward about conceding power.

Yet US political trends and geopolitical realities are clear and key strategic calculations in Asia will be framed by them whatever the electoral outcome.

There are few illusions in Asian capitals about what they would inherit if Trump should once more claim the US presidency. East Asian leaders have no inclination to sign up to an ill-disciplined brawl between the United States and China as they are being pushed to do by Trump and his deputies.

The priority in Asia is to deal with COVID-19 and navigate recovery around the probability that China, having dealt with the pandemic first, will also lead global economic recovery. As former Indonesian deputy foreign minister and ambassador to the United States Dino Patti Djalal observes, they have no appetite for a New Cold War and 'framing China as an ideological threat (constantly referring to "Communist China", not just China)... [adopting] a blanket (rather than a la carte) attack against China: on the coronavirus, trade, investment, technology, TikTok, the World Health Organization, the South China Sea, Chinese companies and students, democracy, human rights, climate change – the list goes on.

If there is anything that is clear', says Dino, 'it is that China has de-ideologised its foreign policy since the 1980s. No one seriously believes that China's political intention is to turn Southeast Asian nations to communism.

Indeed, China's strategic intention is no longer about spreading communism (as was the case up to the late 1970s), but rather about strategic acceptance, economic engagement and political influence'.

Nor is the happy assumption that a Biden win will lead to a simple American course-correction accepted anywhere that matters in East Asia. Biden has no power to reclaim the past dignity and authority of the US presidency. As former Australian prime minister Paul Keating said of the United States under Trump, 'if you pawn the crown it is incapable of being redeemed at the same value'.

Trump was no political aberration, chaotic though his administration may have been. He captured America's contemporary populist spirit and unleashed its powerful political angst. Biden's ambitious climate change agenda or the hope that he might return to negotiating entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement may stir still optimistic, liberal hearts.

But, apart from convincing allies and partners, including China, that

he's got the ticker for it, it'll take time, require superhuman effort and it's another matter altogether to pass the Pennsylvania test and sell a new global foreign policy strategy to the average American voter, let alone his own political operatives. American morale is already at a low level and has further to sink yet.

As TJ Pempel says in our first lead article this week, 'Trump's policies were less a one-man aberration than an outgrowth of, and strongly supported by, the Republican Party. The past four years have exposed and exacerbated gaping US socio-economic divisions, the limitations of its political institutions, the contentiousness of its information channels, and the fragility of its democratic norms. Americans now inhabit separate tribes, value alternative priorities, are convinced of competing "facts" and are firmly convinced that eviscerating the other tribe is the path to a better America'.

There's gathering understanding in East Asian capitals that whatever happens in Washington this week, the solutions to the region's problems will not be readily found there. The foundations on which confidence in regional stability and prosperity might be restored must be found in international cooperation effort in Asia itself that reaches out to, but cannot rely upon, the United States. This is a challenge for which there is little preparation or precedent.

In a geopolitically fractured world, strategic competition between the United States and China ultimately limits both countries' capacity to contribute constructively both to global recovery and renovation of the global order.

The United States, the world's biggest power, has lost its appetite for multilateral cooperation and is at odds strategically with China, the world's second largest power. Strategic competition between the United States and China ultimately limits both countries' prosperity and capacity to contribute constructively to global recovery.

As Elizabeth Ingleson points out in our second lead article this week, the 'next US administration has a chance to abandon the framework of strategic competition and adopt a more nuanced policy of engagement ... This would allow the two nations to work towards a multilateral approach to the climate crisis. By linking geopolitics and climate, the United States and China have an opportunity to improve the prospects of both'.

But as Sheila Smith concludes in upcoming pre-US election preview the 'intensity of rancour that has permeated US politics will not be solved in one election, and lingering resentments may impede the president's ability to be attentive to the accelerating shifts in the regional balance of power. A distracted America may be Asia's lot'.

The reality is that small and middle powers in Asia now have to play an unfamiliar leadership role. This ominous responsibility will remain long after the 46th President of the United States settles into the White House.

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The latest at the Forum:

Reclaiming US credibility after the Trump tsunami
TJ Pempel, UC Berkeley

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Joe Biden is elected, and Donald Trump and his neocon army will need to decamp from the White House. They will be forced to play their “war games” elsewhere, and the keys and codes to the enormous nuclear and bio/chemical arsenal will be handed over to others. Hopefully, people of a more sensible bent.

We will see what will happen. I, for one, look forward to a return of sanity to the world.

10NOV20

China has been, along with Russia, suspiciously quiet about the election and the Biden Presidency. With various unofficial responses coming out of

China that pretty much all say the same thing...

China should not harbor any illusions that Biden's election will ease or bring a reversal to China-US relations, nor should it weaken its belief in improving bilateral ties.

US competition with China and its guard against China will only intensify.

But it's in the common interests of people from both countries and of international community that China-US relations become eased and controllable.

The two countries must work together and take joint actions to explore and work on realizing some kind of stability and predictability for their bad relations and managing bilateral ties from worsening to a destructive extent.

[-https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1206128.shtml](https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1206128.shtml)

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A pretty good write-up about what probably would happen to the China-USA relationship with Trump and his neocons out of the White House, and a Biden presidency in place...

U.S.-China Business Under Biden

Published on November 10, 2020

Status is reachable

Brandon Hughes, LLM, PMP

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What an amazing week it has been. Both United States (U.S.) and

international citizens watched the 2020 President election with anxiousness and excitement. In the end, Democratic Party candidate Joe Biden became the projected winner of both the popular & electoral vote. While current U.S. President Donald Trump has yet to concede, preparations are already underway for a transition to a Biden administration. Below are a few thoughts from a career in U.S.-China geopolitical & business relations.

An Easing of Overall Tensions

This does not mean a Biden administration will be soft but likely use a more traditional foreign policy approach to China. This means focusing on human rights, promoting mutually beneficial policies, and taking a more piecemeal approach. What this means for business is that a return to more stable policies will support 3-5 year strategic planning. However, don't expect a return to the status quo overnight. In fact, some policies may never go back. Biden has signaled he will be tough on China in certain respects but business leaders can expect these policies to be much more transparent and telegraphed before implementation.

Use of multilateral organizations

U.S. foreign policy has long supported the use of multilateral organizations to put political pressure on areas of interest. Regarding China, this means a more coordinated approach to addressing Hong Kong, Xinjiang, and other political issues. This may or may not be effective depending on the level of commitment to policies but it will ensure that changes to policy are communicated well in advance.

A Gradual Reduction in Trade Tariffs

Similar to the easing of tensions, we may see a gradual reduction or repeal of trade tensions. A large portions of U.S. imports (by U.S. companies) were impacted in addition to export of raw material, agriculture, and high value added goods. These industries have been hit hard (if not decimated) due to the tariffs (and the overall approach to trade with China) and it's likely the Biden administration will take a "mending fences" approach. This applies to not only China but others as well.

A Reprioritization of Human Rights

This has been on the back-burner of current U.S. policy but it's likely that a Biden administration will put Human Rights on the docket in upcoming negotiations. This is long-standing U.S. policy and moderately effective in some cases. However, this may come in year 2 or 3 of Biden's term as addressing domestic issues and reestablishing relations will likely take priority in terms of policy issues.

Reciprocal Easing from China

China is unlikely to alter their next 5-year plan but you may see more "easing" of enforcement or legal barriers that have been impacting U.S. business. This may come as an easing of enforcement measures against U.S. shipments to China at the ports. It may result in a more open environment to business or an easing of doing business. However, like the U.S., don't expect an overnight change in priorities or stance. There is a lot to discuss before either side agrees to step back.

Takeaways for Business

U.S.-China relations will not change overnight nor will the policies. There are significant hurdles facing the U.S.-China relationships that are echoed on both sides of the political aisle. However, businesses can expect a more tempered approach to foreign & trade policy with China and a re-engagement in more multilateral institutions. This is positive news for multinational ventures as stability creates an environment for growth. Businesses who have held off the last 3 years should develop a China & APAC strategy to capture unique policy or growth opportunities that are presented. At the same time, businesses & investors should understand there are still considerable structural issues between the U.S. and China that may not be fixed and still impact bilateral policy. Overall, a Biden administration is positive news for those doing business with the world's 2nd largest economy. This means growth for revenues & growth for company value which ultimately reflected in growth for retirement accounts and investment funds.

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/us-china-business-under-biden-brandon-hughes-llm-pmp/?trackingId=8uOp0h9f%2Br0jXuDsJMXc3w%3D%3D>



Biden and Xi Peng after the conclusion of the US and China trade agreement. This agreement was unilaterally torn up by President Trump in early 2017.

The conservative media in 2020 are promoting the narrative that Biden will accept and embrace the revised American stance with China that Trump and Pompeo have created. I strongly disagree. The Democrat Party is one of negotiation and give-and-take. It is not a hard-line unilateralist evangelical entity such as has been the case by the neocon-led White House..

Do you want more?

Yah, I do hope that you enjoyed this post. I'm gonna place it in my China Index, My Trump Trade Wars Index, and my SHTF Index. You can access these indexes directly [here](#)...
