



# 150 Researchers Were Funded by US — Now They Work for Beijing

Once again, the United States is financing its own enemies and its own eventual defeat.

An alarming new report reveals that more than 150 Chinese-born scientists who had previously worked in the U.S. on defense-sensitive, taxpayer-funded projects are now employed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) developing military-applicable technology.

The concerning pipeline between U.S. defense and the Chinese military was exposed in a private intelligence report by the software firm Strider, as first publicized by NBC News.



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According to the report, there are 150 researchers born in China who were hired to work on taxpayer-funded projects at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and are now performing "sensitive" research for Beijing.

As <u>The National Pulse</u> notes, this research on behalf of the CCP has "military application, [including] hypersonic missiles, deep earth-penetrating warheads, [and] quiet submarines."

Los Alamos falls under the purview of the U.S. Department of Energy and traces its origin all the way back to World War II, when it was launched for the purpose of designing nuclear weapons.

As the Strider report points out, this critical American institution is ironically "supercharging China's threat to American national security."

The National Pulse relates Strider's findings:

Zhao Yusheng, for example, was a researcher at Los Alamos for 18 years, collecting over \$20 million worth of taxpayer-funded research grants. Zhao also received a top-secret "Q-level" clearance, allowing him to lead a defense project that developed bombs that penetrate underground.

In 2016, however, Zhao joined a talent recruitment program and research center run by the Chinese Communist Party as well as becoming Vice President at China's Southern University of Science and Technology, which conducts defense research. 15 researchers from Los Alamos are affiliated with the university, including its current president.

Before departing Los Alamos, Zhao hired another Chinese-born assistant researcher who later filed a patent after returning to China with information related to the class of bombs his team was working on in the U.S.

Notably, approximately 80 percent of the Chinese-born researchers were recruited by the CCP by



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means of talent programs in which Beijing has been known to pay scientists in the West as much as \$1 million to come back home — bringing, of course, the knowledge they acquired in America at U.S. taxpayers' expense.

Unfortunately, this exchange of military-applicable ideas and technology is not illegal, and the Department of Energy even asserts that it "works hard to protect critical defense technology."

The transfer of personnel and ideas from the United States to China at the military level mirrors a similar phenomenon taking place in the sphere of health.

In 2017, in fact, Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), said he was "trying to hire" CCP officials.

"We had a visit ... at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, we had a visit from the Vice Premier of China, the Director of the Chinese CDC, and the President of the Center for Advanced Medical Science in China, and they met with myself and a few others, [then-HHS Secretary Tom] Price, talking about just your question," Fauci remarked during an interview with *The Atlantic* magazine, adding, "I'm trying to hire them."

Fauci isn't the only one giving Communist China a hand. As *The New American* previously <u>reported</u>, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the "charitable" outfit of the Microsoft founder, provided significant money to the Chinese Communist Party's Ministry of Science and Technology, enabling the regime to achieve its goal of bringing scientists from abroad into China in order to give the communists a competitive technological advantage over the United States.

The Gates Foundation in June awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Foreign Talent Research Center, which is part of the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Per the foundation's website, the funds were used to finance a forum on "pandemic preparedness and response," specifically on the subject of "leveraging resources to improve global health and support disadvantaged populations who are disproportionately impacted by pandemic."

The U.S. government continually makes much ado about Beijing and the threat it poses to America's well-being and interests. But what is the point of all the drama if we're simply handing them all of our defense secrets on a silver platter?





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