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## Inside Track

### China Appoints Ambassador to Afghanistan



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In a surprising move, China on September 13 appointed a new ambassador to Afghanistan. Reuters reported that the new ambassador, Zhao Xing, was the first to be named to the country since August 2021, when the Taliban took over. Although there are other foreign envoys in Kabul who hold the ambassador title, they were appointed prior to the Taliban returning to power.

The new ambassador insisted that China does not want to interfere in Afghanistan's affairs, and maintained that Beijing is not intending for the Middle Eastern country "to become its area of influence." He called China "a good neighbor of Afghanistan" that "fully respects Afghanistan's independence, territorial integrity and independence in decision-making."

In addition to diplomatic ties, China is increasing its business ties with the fundamentalist Islamic regime, making use of the country's vast mineral deposits. Breitbart reported on September 1 that the Taliban claims to have signed contracts worth \$6.5 billion to let Chinese and other foreign companies conduct mining operations in Afghanistan. For instance, gold mines in Takhar province will be worked by the China-Afghanistan Company, and have attracted a \$310 million investment.

The Taliban has also signed deals with Beijing allowing China to build factories in Afghanistan, extract Afghan oil, and even put surveillance systems in place to facilitate the Taliban's efforts to control the populace. The Islamic country is eager to participate in China's Belt and Road Initiative, a global infrastructure development strategy through which China funds projects in poorer nations.

Chinese investment has proven to be crucial to Afghanistan, which lacks access to funding from sources such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund due to accusations that the Taliban is a terrorist organization and a violator of human rights.

Once more, the Chinese demonstrate both a willingness to work with anyone who can help them along their path to geopolitical ascendance (regardless of ideology) and a knack for striking favorable foreign deals that bring more money — and influence — back home to Beijing.

— *Luis Miguel*



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## Instagram Censors Detransitioner



Chloe Cole ([twitter.com/ChooCole](https://twitter.com/ChooCole))

According to a September 13 *Daily Mail* report, high-profile detransitioner Chloe Cole has had her Instagram account restricted for an undisclosed breach of the platform's rules. According to a message on Cole's Instagram, her account is no longer safe to be shared with non-followers, and her content will no longer be shown on features such as Explore, Search, Suggested Users, Reels, and feed recommendations.

Cole, a child victim of the transgender fad, made a name for herself beginning in 2022, when she came out publicly against so-called gender-affirming care for minors, drawing the ire of radical proponents of transgenderism.

In a post on X, she reacted to the censorship by saying that Facebook had notified her that her Instagram bio is too "violent." But the only thing remotely violent about Cole's bio is her mention of the double mastectomy performed on her by doctors at healthcare system Kaiser Permanente, who butchered her in the name of "gender affirming" surgery. Cole is now suing Kaiser Permanente for their role in providing both chemical and surgical intervention prior to adulthood.

"You are on the wrong side of history and will always be remembered as child butchers," she told Kaiser. "Once I announced my intention to seek justice, I have not stopped receiving call after call, email after email, of parents and patients that have been harmed by these same practices, some of them even were butchered in the same building I was."

Cole is among a growing number of people who are experiencing transgender regret, wishing they had never taken part in the "woke" fad of "gender affirming" care, and her story resonates with many affected by gender dysphoria.

She is extremely effective in combating the absurd societal trend of transgenderism, especially the barbaric practice of sterilizing children and cutting off body parts in the name of "gender affirming" care — which transgender advocates laughably refer to as "life-saving" — hence the attempt by the gatekeepers of Big Tech to silence her.

— James Murphy



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## Border Agents Release Migrants Onto Streets



(AP Images)

Border Patrol agents in San Diego, California, and Tucson, Arizona, are releasing hundreds of illegal border crossers onto American streets because of a lack of capacity for holding them.

Video footage obtained by Fox News on September 15 showed hundreds of migrants, including many from places such as China and Pakistan, being let out of buses onto San Diego's streets. In the video, a conversation can be heard between a migrant and a Border Patrol agent in which the agent tells the migrant that he is free to go "wherever" he wants, adding, "You can do whatever you want." According to San Diego's CBS 8 on September 14, 300 to 400 migrants were dropped off at the city's Iris Avenue Transit Center.

The releases in California came on the heels of the same measure being taken in Arizona. Fox News reported on September 14 that the Tucson sector had experienced 2,000 illegal border crossings per day for the past three days, prompting agents to resort to street releases to provide overpacked shelters with relief.

Another state overwhelmed with the influx of migrants, Texas, has responded to the border surge by striving to secure the border in spite of the federal government's failure to do so. On September 13, Fox reported that Governor Greg Abbott announced new border-wall construction, part of Operation Lone Star. The state has also attempted to stem the flow of migrants by placing buoys in the Rio Grande, although the move is being challenged by the White House.

Abbott also vowed to continue his policy of busing migrants to "sanctuary" jurisdictions, which are now learning the hard way what open borders and mass migration really mean for a community. For instance, according to the Washington Free Beacon on September 13, New York City Mayor Eric Adams claimed that the influx of migrants is driving prostitution and creating a "black market of employment," and that "the crisis would 'destroy the city.'" Upwards of 10,000 migrants are reportedly entering the city every month.

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## City Council Votes Against Future Covid Mandates



(Gary Webber/iStock/Getty Images Plus)

Fearing the return of mask and vaccine mandates, Odessa, Texas, on September 12 became the first city in the Lone Star State to prohibit the enforcement of any Covid-19 mandates within its borders.

Fox News reported on September 13 that the Odessa City Council voted in favor of a resolution stating that the city “will not enforce” mask or vaccine mandates, lockdowns, or business restrictions. It further prohibits “the administration of a vaccine” to an individual “unless the provider obtains the individual’s informed consent before administering the vaccine.”

“The citizens of the State of Texas and the City of Odessa were subjected to injustices in the form of overreaching government imposed mandates during the pandemic,” reads the resolution, which further declares that “unquantifiable damage was done” to both the citizens and businesses of Odessa by these mandates, and that the mandates violate various God-given rights, including the “right to control over [one’s] own body.”

And future mandates aren’t the only concern. As regional news portal YourBasin pointed out, “Employers throughout Texas, such as CVS and virtually all healthcare entities, still require COVID-19 vaccines for employment. Without a state law banning these mandates, Texans have no protection and will continue to be fired if not vaccinated.”

Republican state Representative Brian Harrison had earlier introduced a bill in the Legislature to ban all public and private vaccine mandates in Texas, but it failed in committee before getting to the House floor.

At the City Council meeting, Harrison spoke passionately in favor of the anti-mandate resolution, which was based in part on his bill. “Covid vaccine mandates have absolutely no place in the great and freedom-loving State of Texas,” he said. “I hope that every city and county — not just in Texas but everywhere, every state that has not yet protected the medical freedom of their citizens — that their eyes are turned to Odessa, Texas ... to see the brave, bold, courageous, and I would say historic action” taken by the council.

— *Michael Tennant*





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