

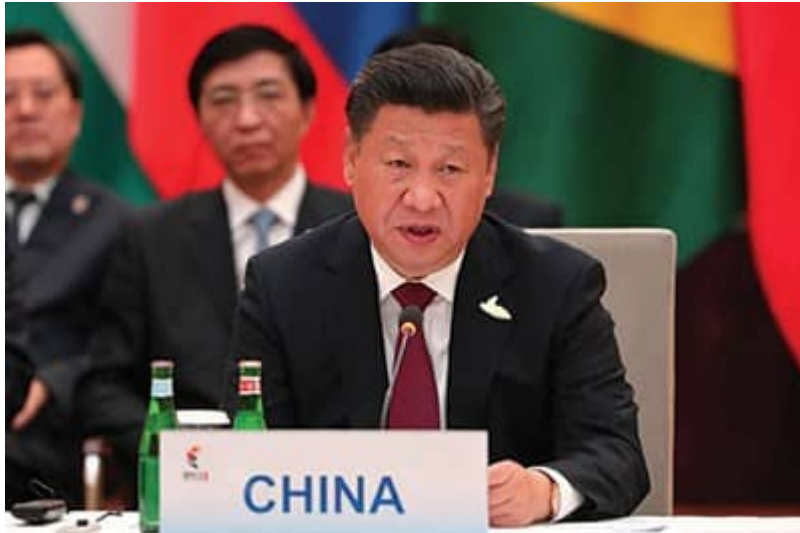


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Correction, Please!

When Beijing Shows True Colors, Leftists Affect Color Blindness



Lies, fibs, and untruths: The Chinese regime under Xi Jinping claims it has a nonconfrontational foreign policy, even as it steals U.S. technology, claims other countries' territories, and floods markets with government-subsidized goods to put foreign competitors out of business. *(Photo credit: kremlin.ru)*

Item: After President Trump's secretary of state had harsh words for the activities of the communists running China, *Inside Higher Ed* (a Washington, D.C.-based media company and online publication) sided with Beijing and blasted Mike Pompeo. The secretary, as the publication complained on December 10, "warned of Chinese government influence on American campuses."

Continued Inside Higher Ed: "The speech was notable for the strident tone taken by the nation's chief diplomat.... The outgoing secretary of state addressed issues including intellectual property theft and recruitment of American professors into Chinese government-sponsored talent recruitment programs. He also raised concerns about Chinese students who fear speaking openly on American campuses lest they or their families be harassed, or worse. He further accused U.S. universities of censoring themselves or even overlooking illegal behavior to avoid offending China. He said many had been 'bought by Beijing.'"

Bloomberg News also was critical of Pompeo, seeking an interview with a spokesman for the American Council on Education, who predictably called the secretary's remarks about China "absurd and insulting."

Item: *Beijing reacted to restrictions and sanctions imposed by the Trump administration that affected some Chinese and Hong Kong officials because of their roles in imposing a sweeping National Security Law that led to a crackdown on free speech and opposition political activity in Hong Kong. Beijing's anger was reported by the Xinhua news agency in China Daily (which is owned by the Chinese Communist Party).*

Xinhua, for example, said on December 10: "Despite Washington's China-bashing campaign, the fact is that China has always adhered to a path of peaceful development." Never, continued the agency, has



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China “interfered in the internal affairs of the United States, nor has it exported its development model or engaged in any ideological confrontation.”

By “hyping” a “red scare” in the United States, said Xinhua, “the true aim of China hawks is to politicize and weaponize ideological differences and hijack China-US relations and American public opinion in order to serve their own agenda.”

The Associated Press on December 10 added its own commentary to Xinhua’s statements, saying, “Perhaps with an eye toward Biden, who takes office Jan. 20, Xinhua held open the possibility of better relations if Washington changed its approach.”

Item: *In a tweet dated December 7, the London-based Economist summarized its recent print coverage: “Unlike Donald Trump,” said the magazine on Twitter, “Joe Biden will seek China’s help with global problems such as climate change or covid-19 treatments.”*

Correction: If you really want help with pollution and plagues, here’s a pointer: Don’t look to the world’s worst emitter and the source of COVID-19 (a country that also covered up its role in the disease’s spread).

Similarly, if you are concerned about human rights, don’t expect succor from the rapist of Tibet and the cruel warden of Xinjiang. Its tyranny is not reserved to that province. Not long ago, the Tibetan government-in-exile revealed that President Xi has reintroduced labor camps into that captive land, forcing more than a half-million rural Tibetans into these camps.

As for Xinjiang, the Chinese communists have imprisoned at least a million in internment camps, and perhaps many more, while pretending that these are vocational training centers. That’s beyond the destruction of thousands of mosques and shrines, targeting (among others) Uighur Muslims. According to a report by the Canberra-based Australian Strategic Policy Institute, an estimated 8,500 mosques have been demolished in Xinjiang since 2017. Another 7,500 have been damaged.

Though many in the “woke” community in the West profess outrage about, for example, Civil War-era statues tenuously linked to long-abolished slavery in the United States, they largely look the other way when China literally forces Uighurs to pick cotton. A recent report by the Center for Global Policy (a U.S. think tank), citing online Chinese government documents, points to around 570,000 workers from three Uighur regions being mobilized to the grueling picking operations.

There has been, however, some pushback of late. Activists have accused large fashion brands of being complicit in using cotton sourced from China. As Germany’s *DW* (Deutsche Welle) reported recently, the Xinjiang region “produces over 20% of the world’s cotton — making it a major player in global textile supply chains.” Dated December 14, 2020, the report (“Coercive Labor in Xinjiang: Labor Transfer and the Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities to Pick Cotton”) notes that Chinese government supervision teams

monitor pickers, checking that they have a “stable” state of mind, and administer political indoctrination sessions. Some regions put Uyghur children and elderly persons into centralized care while working-age adults are away on state-assigned cotton-picking work assignments.

There is also a growing communist crackdown on Christians in China. Columnist Walter Russell Mead recently pointed out that many churches have “been demolished,” while others



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have been “secularized” as local officials tear down religious symbols such as crosses. Authorities are now demanding the installation of cameras to monitor worshipers’ behavior and pastors’ sermons. There are reports of Catholic churches being forced to replace pictures of the Virgin Mary with portraits of Xi Jinping.

The clampdown is getting tighter. Xinhua has cheerfully taken note of the decision made by the Communist Party to produce a Bible that is approved by the state.

Meanwhile, when the social-justice warriors of Hollywood, Silicon Valley, and the National Basketball Association, among others, look at China, their perennial outrage disappears. They busy themselves in self-censoring.

It will be no surprise to our readers that the United Nations, which calls itself “the much-needed guide to solving our shared problems,” is nothing of the sort. In October, recall, China, Cuba, and Russia won seats in the UN Human Rights Council — supposedly being “responsible for the promotion and protection of all human rights around the globe.” Hardly. Indeed, these governments hold their own people in thrall.

Don’t expect a Biden administration to “reform” such authoritarian powers. When the three countries won seats last fall, the *Wall Street Journal* rightfully called it a parody. The paper’s editors also noted that in May of 2020, then-candidate Biden tweeted “that ‘Trump’s international failures have cleared a path for Cuba to join the UN Human Rights Council.’ Mr. Biden’s memory may be foggy, because Cuba was elected to the body in 2009, 2013 and 2016 while he was Vice President. Mr. Biden said last year he would rejoin the Human Rights Council.”



Communist business model: In China, the government has more than a million Muslims in internment camps to reeducate them to obey communism blindly. It often uses internees to do manual work, such as working in this garment factory. *(Photo credit: AP Images)*

More recently, the “human-rights” champions in Beijing have been sentencing Hong Kong activists to prison and punishing COVID-19 whistleblowers. A 37-year-old citizen journalist named Zhang Zhan just got four years for daring to tell the truth about what was going on in Wuhan as the government bungled the handling of the virus. The communists said her crime was “picking quarrels and provoking trouble.”



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Meanwhile, Biden has said that he intends to return the United States to the World Health Organization, which, at China's behest, asserted that China was not to blame for COVID and that the coronavirus did not transmit from person to person, as well as to the (counterproductive) Paris climate accord within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The issue of "climate change" may be a subject upon which Joe Biden and Beijing can agree. Or so leftists contend of late. *The Diplomat* in late December, for example, maintained that climate change is one of the "areas where China and the United States share obvious, common interests."

That's a fantasy — a lie as large as China itself — though that is not what you probably hear if you only listen to "mainstream" green groups in the West. Here is the factual side, as described in a new report by the U.K.'s Global Warming Policy Foundation, which discusses how Beijing manipulates Western environmental groups into promoting China's economic and geopolitical interests. The report, "The Red and the Green: China's Useful Idiots," was authored by Patricia Adams, an economist and the executive director of Probe International, a Toronto-based NGO. Adams is an authority on China's environmental policies.

As the report summary puts it:

Even as China dams wild rivers, displacing millions of people, has the worst air pollution in the world, mines with little environmental constraints, and grows its greenhouse gas emissions, "rather than becoming cautious about China's role in the world, [Western environmental] groups lavish it with praise for its environmental efforts, using superlatives such as 'herculean' and 'momentous.'"

China currently relies, as the report notes, on fossil fuels for 86 percent of its total primary energy consumption, even while President Xi makes empty promises about going off fossil fuels.

What he says means little, especially when compared to Beijing's actions. In actuality, reveals the report, "China is pursuing coal at a breakneck pace, with hundreds more coal-fired plants in the planning phase. In fact, says OilPrice.com, 'China has already added 11.4 gigawatts of coal power capacity just in the first half of 2020, which accounts for more than half of the coal capacity added in the entire world in the same six months.'"

Coal is one matter; national security is even more critical. Yet there were no large headlines and disturbed major network pieces in the mainstream media when President Trump's director of national intelligence emphasized that China has become the greatest threat to this country and liberty worldwide since World War II.

When it comes to economic espionage, John Ratcliffe said in December, China's approach is "rob, replicate and replace." Beijing, as he put it, "robs U.S. companies of their intellectual property, replicates the technology, and then replaces the U.S. firms in the global marketplace." This affects us collectively and personally. Washington, according to the director, "estimates that China's intellectual-property theft costs America as much as \$500 billion a year, or between \$4,000 and \$6,000 per U.S. household."



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Pointing out the problems: President Trump’s Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has been publicly pointing out how the Chinese are infiltrating America in their bid for global domination. For this, globalists chastise him unrelentingly. *(Photo credit: AP Images)*

U.S. defense technology remains a major target. And, as Ratcliffe observed, Beijing’s intelligence services

use their access to tech firms such as Huawei to enable malicious activities, including the introduction of vulnerabilities into software and equipment. Huawei and other Chinese firms deny this, but China’s efforts to dominate 5G telecommunications will only increase Beijing’s opportunities to collect intelligence, disrupt communications and threaten user privacy world-wide. I have personally told U.S. allies that using such Chinese-owned technology will severely limit America’s ability to share vital intelligence with them.

Secretary of State Pompeo and his department have been making major inroads on this matter; indeed, in late December the secretary said: “We’ve turned the tide on the Chinese Communist Party’s 5G master plan.”

What State calls its “Clean Network” campaign has led to the removal and commitment to exclude Huawei Technologies from critical telecommunications infrastructure in many allied countries from their fifth-generation (5G) wireless networks. That, in part, is why Pompeo has been getting such bad press from the communists and their Western media confederates.

Last year, the U.S. Commerce Department, calling Huawei a security threat, tightened export controls on the tech company; the Pentagon also blacklisted Huawei, citing its ties to China’s military. An agitated *China Daily* blasted Pompeo’s efforts, saying that the “bid to strangle Huawei shows the ruthless method the U.S. administration is using to hold onto the U.S. hegemony in technology.”

Naturally, Xi Jinping (as cited above) lies about this. However, the Biden administration will likely choose to believe the lies. On the political front, the left-wing *Washington Post* recently suggested that there may well be “room for optimism in Beijing” for a Biden administration. Chinese leader Xi, the *Post* recalled,

during a 2013 meeting in Beijing, referred to Biden as “my old friend.”



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Victor Gao, a professor at China's Soochow University and a former Foreign Ministry official, said he believed Beijing looked forward to somebody who was not Trump.

When the Chinese Communists are optimistic, liberty is in trouble.



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