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Inside Track

248 Chinese Companies Now Listed on U.S. Exchanges



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On May 13, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission released its report, *Chinese Companies Listed on Major U.S. Stock Exchanges*, listing 248 of Beijing's corporate champions that have made new inroads into the American economy. The list includes Chinese companies on NASDAQ, the New York Stock Exchange, and NYSE American, the three largest U.S. exchanges. "As of May 5, 2021, there were 248 Chinese companies listed on these U.S. exchanges with a total market capitalization of \$2.1 trillion," the commission noted. The list is a "who's who" of China's top companies, plus a large contingent of smaller, lesser-known entities.

"Investors in Chinese companies may support activities that are contrary to U.S. national interests, including the development of technology used for censorship and surveillance and in support of the military," the report states. "For example, Weibo Corporation, currently is valued at \$11.6 billion. Weibo works under government direction to censor posts on its blogging platform and is used by the central and local governments to surveil and censor public protests. Ostensibly private companies in China are subject to pressure and control by the state."

Besides obvious security risks, there are financial risks to investors as well, not only those investing directly in Chinese companies, but to the millions of unsuspecting Americans whose pension funds are invested in companies owned and/or controlled by the People's Republic of China.

All of these Chinese "enterprises" need American firms willing and able to underwrite and guide their invasion of the U.S. market. No problem: There are plenty of hands on Wall Street more than willing to help them do so. When Alibaba, China's mammoth e-commerce and technology conglomerate, decided to list on the U.S. exchanges, it had no trouble lining up partners from Wall Street's A-listers. The firms facilitating Alibaba's IPO included Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup.



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Feds Delete Data to Show “Climate Change” Causes Wildfires



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A federal agency has been caught tampering with historical wildfire data in an obvious effort to make wildfire prevalence and severity appear to be correlated with alleged global warming.

Created in 1965, the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) maintains statistics on annual wildfire counts and the number of acres burned in those fires. Until recently, the NIFC posted on its website wildfire statistics for every year since 1926. However, the agency now only posts statistics from 1983 to the present. Why?

“The answer,” asserted climate realist Anthony Watts in a May 13 post on his website [wattsupwiththat.com](#), “is simple; data prior to 1983 shows that U.S. wildfires were far worse both in frequency and total acreage burned. By disappearing all data prior to 1983, which just happens to be the lowest point in the dataset, now all of the sudden we get a positive slope of worsening wildfire aligning with increased global temperature, which is perfect for claiming ‘*climate change is making wildfire[s] worse.*’”

Watts traces the history of the NIFC’s public statements on the pre-1983 data and finds a curious pattern: Since Watts’ publicization of the data’s death blow to the claim that “global warming” causes wildfires, the NIFC has cast increasing doubt on the reliability of the older data to the point that it now claims said data is so bad it cannot be posted publicly.

Today, the NIFC only posts data from 1983 and later, saying, “Prior to 1983, the federal wildland fire agencies did not track official wildfire data using current reporting processes. As a result, there is no official data prior to 1983 posted on this site.”

Why would the agency do this? Watts’ conclusion is fairly inescapable: “It seems to me that NIFC very likely caved to pressure from climate activists to disappear this inconvenient data. By erasing the past data, NIFC has become untrustworthy. This erasure is not just unscientific, it’s dishonest and possibly fraudulent.”

New York Times Does Exposé on Biden’s Failing Mental Health



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In an extraordinary article published May 16 by the *New York Times*, a trio of investigative reporters revealed what life is really like inside the Biden White House, alleging the president is slow to make decisions and is given to outbursts of frustration, “often laced with profanity.” “He will,” they wrote, “often snap.”

Based on more than two dozen interviews with current and former Biden associates, the reporters learned that staffers spend an inordinate amount of time preparing Biden for public appearances: “His aides say it takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work to prepare him to project an assured demeanor.”

Additionally, Biden reportedly has “little patience with staffers,” wrote the authors, being increasingly “quick to cut off conversations,” and “even occasionally hangs up the phone on someone who he thinks is wasting his time.” He is also “quick to demonstrate his displeasure” with those who cannot answer his questions.

According to the article, Biden’s staff schedules 15-minute breaks between his daily appointments, apparently because he becomes exhausted quickly, despite a light daily schedule. He typically arrives in the Oval Office around 9:30 in the morning and usually is back in his residence by 7:00 p.m.

The authors added, “On policy issues, Mr. Biden, 78, takes days or weeks to make up his mind as he examines and second-guesses himself and others. It is a method of governing that can feel at odds with the urgency of a country still reeling from a pandemic and an economy struggling to recover.”

Biden’s mental decline has become so obvious that a virtual cottage industry has sprung up, iterating his many and increasingly frequent “gaffes” or lapses. There are hundreds of YouTube videos exploiting Biden’s behaviors — some are funny, some are awkward, some are embarrassing, and some are dangerous.

The question remains: Why did the *Times* expose the declining mental capacity of their commander-in-chief? The media has worked overtime to hide Biden’s failing mental acuity, until now. Is this the first move to remove him from office under the 25th Amendment?

Retired Military Leaders Call for Americans to Get Politically



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Involved



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A no-holds-barred letter signed by more than 150 retired U.S. generals and admirals was released by the group Flag Officers 4 America on May 13, entreating Americans to enter the political arena and get involved — “to act to Save America.”

The former military leaders cautioned that America is at risk of losing its “historic way of life,” and warned against Democrats’ welcoming of “Socialists and Marxists.” They further cited internal threats to the United States, including “dishonest and unfair” election processes advanced through progressive legislation such as H.R. 1 and S.1, censorship of the press, violating citizens’ right to free speech, and any agreements with China or Iran.

“Our Nation is in deep peril,” opens the letter. “We are in a fight for our survival as a Constitutional Republic like no other time since our founding in 1776. The conflict is between supporters of Socialism and Marxism vs. supporters of Constitutional freedom and liberty.”

“Without fair and honest elections that accurately reflect the ‘will of the people’ our Constitutional Republic is lost.... The FBI and Supreme Court must act swiftly when election irregularities are surfaced and not ignore them as was done in 2020,” reads the letter.

The officers condemned the more than 50 game-changing executive orders Biden signed during his first 100 days in office. They identified national-security issues, such as the call for open borders, any and all accommodating agreements with China, the discontinuation of the Keystone XL Pipeline project, and the deployment of the U.S. military at the U.S. Capitol and the subtle but steady implementation of “politically correct policies like the divisive critical race theory ... at the expense of the War Fighting Mission.”

As the letter states, “Under a Democrat Congress and the Current Administration, our Country has taken a hard left turn toward Socialism and a Marxist form of tyrannical government which must be countered now by electing congressional and presidential candidates who will always act to defend our Constitutional Republic.”



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