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Biden's Pick for Ambassador to China Has Ties to CCP, Chinese Military

President Joe Biden has chosen Harvard professor and veteran diplomat Nicholas Burns as his prospective ambassador to China.

Burns [has spent his career](#) working closely with Beijing's communist regime. His track record includes a position at a consulting firm known for employing Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials and serving as a board member for a Harvard University program that has partnered with China's military.



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Before being tapped to join the Biden White House, Burns was a senior counselor at the Cohen Group, a consulting firm started by William Cohen, who was secretary of defense during Bill Clinton's second term.

Not only does the Cohen Group maintain a close working relationship with former CCP officials; many of the firm's consultants are part of pro-China lobbying groups in D.C. The group has even participated in an advisory program with an entity that President Trump sanctioned due to human-rights abuses against Uyghurs in Xinjiang.

Burns, who was part of George W. Bush's State Department, also serves on the board of Harvard's Belfer Center, which regularly carries out cybersecurity events alongside CCP military officials. He has even appeared on China Global Television Network (CGTN).

At a 2020 Aspen Institute event, Burns said of China, "We can't see them as the enemy because we need them."

The National Pulse details the Cohen Group's relationship with former CCP officials:

The group's Beijing Deputy Chief Representative, Xiaorong Wu, led the Chinese Communist Party's "era of sovereignty" campaign as a former official in the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs "where he participated in Sino-UK negotiation on the transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong to China."

Another Chief Representative, Yinghua Wang, joined the group in 2007 after years of serving the Chinese Communist Party's Tianjin Municipal Government. As an official, Mr. Wang "frequently hosted meetings with foreign officials in order to foster stronger political and economic ties between Tianjin and state governments in the United States."

Moreover, the Cohen Group's senior counselor, William Zarit, who formerly served as commercial



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program officer at the National Committee on United States-China Relations (NCUSCR), is the chairman of the board for the American Chamber of Commerce in China, which calls for tightened business ties between the United States and the communist regime.

Bill Cohen himself has met with high-level Chinese officials numerous times as a private citizen, declaring he'd "help Chinese companies go global and conduct investment in the U.S."

Burns's involvement with Harvard's Belfer Center is concerning because the center has hosted cybersecurity working groups alongside CCP government and military officials, despite China's frequent poaching and hacking of American technology.

Among those in attendance at the workshops was People's Liberation Army General Hao Yeli.

Notably, Burns is a [member](#) of some of the most elite globalist think tanks and nonprofits, such as the Atlantic Council, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

The CFR has as its aim the establishment of a one-world government and serves as recruiting grounds for the intelligence community, along with all sectors of government, business, academia, and the media. The Rockefeller dynasty played a major role in its founding, and David Rockefeller even served as its chairman for 15 years.

Founded in 1961, the Washington, D.C.-based Atlantic Council is similar to the globalist Council on Foreign Relations — a mechanism by which the globalist establishment staffs key positions in government and influences decision-makers. The council was founded with the goal of fostering greater integration between North America and Europe.

As *The New American* has [previously reported](#), the Atlantic Council receives funding from and works in partnership with Burisma Holdings, the Ukrainian natural gas company whose relationship with Hunter Biden and Joe Biden formed the basis of the first impeachment of President Trump.

Biden's personnel picks have included many individuals with eyebrow-raising ties to communist China.

For example, Bill Burns, Biden's CIA director, [was the president](#) of the Carnegie Endowment for International Help, an organization that has more than a decade-long relationship with the China-United States Exchange Foundation (CUSEF) and other groups linked to the CCP.

CUSEF is an important part of the CCP's United Front effort to "co-opt and neutralize sources of potential opposition" and encourage foreign actors to "adopt positions supportive of Beijing's preferred policies."

Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security advisor, has frequently [praised](#) China's rising international prominence.

Melanie Hart, who now serves in the Biden administration as China policy coordinator to the undersecretary of state for economic growth, energy and the environment, has [taken part in programs](#) and written reports that were sponsored by one of China's top propaganda organizations, whose mission it is to "influence foreign governments to take actions or adopt positions supportive of Beijing."



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