

Strategic Competition Act of 2021 - Part 2

The Illegal Four Billion Dollar Disinformation War Against China



All of the political and media mechanisms that led to the Iraq War are still in place and have been turned on China. The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is simply a very well financed new weapon designed to suppress any and all alternative views in the media, and disinform and bribe other nations and even the United Nations to participate in this rapidly escalating series of crimes.

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SUMMARY

On April 21, 2021 the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to advance the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 co-sponsored by Robert Menendez (D) and James Risch (R), and backed by majority leader Chuck Schumer (Dem - New York). That 281-page document claims to investigate alleged anti-competitive actions by China, yet outlines a long series of illegal anti-competitive acts against China by US government funded and affiliated entities, many of which have already been in operation for years. The 14 sections of that disinformation war against China reviewed in this article allocate \$3,993,000,000. to pursue that anti-competitive agenda under the guise of countering fake information, whereas that act itself is a litany of US government generated fake information. This article presents links to a wide range of mostly western publications debunking US government funded false allegations listed in the Strategic Competition Act of 2021. That \$3,250,000,000 of that \$3,993,000,000 is being given to India to coordinate with China's neighbors in the Indo-Pacific region to silence and attack China in a disinformation war is illegal and suffocatingly anti-competitive. The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 additionally allocates \$5,000,000 to influence the UN to participate in this criminal endeavor. There is an abject lack of proof underpinning any of this Congressional document's allegations against China, and even most European governments don't believe any of it. Human rights law prohibits 'incitement to war.' The long list of defamatory, unproven allegations against China and the heavy-handed overt and covert methods described to limit China's international media and business rights described in the Strategic Competition Act-2021 are highly provocative, morally reprehensible and legally indefensible. Exactly how American tax payers will react to having four billion dollars wasted on this criminal enterprise is another matter entirely, especially in view of the extreme humanitarian needs caused by other American "regime-change" endeavors and medical/social negligence back home in the USA. Given this disinformation war against China has already produced deadly anti-Asian bias in the USA and can all too easily ignite a larger international military conflict, one can only hope if and when the flames of this witch hunt/lynch mob/3rd Red Scare abate, those responsible for generating and approving the enactment of the Strategic Competition Act-2021 will be held to full account for their willfully illegal actions. In effect, the white supremacist US Congress has already placed shackles on China's ankles via shameless anti-competitive economic sanctions and is currently attempting to put a gag in its mouth while promoting a globalscale defamation campaign. All of this will probably backfire as did the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act (1930). The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 outlines a series of corrupt acts which are unambiguous violations of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and should be investigated by the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network. Discarding all laws and norms of civilization with impunity has never been and should never be without consequences.



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Preface

"What then has been the thread common to the diverse targets of American intervention which has brought down upon them the wrath, and often the firepower, of the world's most powerful nation? In virtually every case involving the Third World described in this book, it has been, in one form or another, a policy of 'self-determination,' the desire, born of perceived need and principle, to pursue a path of development independent of US foreign policy objectives. Most commonly, this has been manifested in (a) the ambition to free themselves from economic and political subservience to the United States; (b) the refusal to minimize relations with the socialist bloc, or suppress the left at home, or welcome an American military installation on their soil; in short, a refusal to be a pawn in the Cold War; or (c) the attempt to alter or replace a government which held to neither of these aspirations; i.e., a government supported by the United States...

"It is reminiscent of the 19th-century American South, where many Southerners were deeply offended that so many of their black slaves had deserted to the Northern side in the Civil War. They had genuinely thought that the blacks should have been grateful for all their white masters had done for them, and that they were happy and content with their lot. The noted Louisiana surgeon and psychologist Dr. Samuel A. Cartwright argued that many of the slaves suffered from a form of mental illness, which he called 'drapetomania,' diagnosed as the uncontrollable urge to escape from slavery. In the second half of the 20th-century, this illness, in the Third World, has usually been called 'communism.'"

From *Killing Hope – US Military and CIA Interventions Since WWII*, by the late William Blum (originally published 1986)

Since first publication of that book, the primary targets of American military and covert actions have been called "Muslim," though during the Trump/Biden administrations Communist and Muslim targets have become equally acceptable. Corporate thirst for human blood is limitless but by necessity targets should be "softened" with effective disinformation campaigns first.





Brief review of Pt. 1 of this series of articles

Part 1 of this series of articles reviewed the following sections of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee April 21, 2021.

- **SEC. 135.** "Sense of Congress condemning anti-Asian racism," (while promoting Anti-Asian racism throughout that same document)
- SEC. 303. "Imposition of sanctions with respect to systematic rape, coercive abortion, forced sterilization, or involuntary contraceptive implantation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region." (Those assertions should have been prefaced with the word "alleged" for without that modifier those assertions are nothing more than defamation. Those defamatory and unproven allegations come from well-funded US government disinformation services and have been paralleled by US funded and orchestrated terrorist campaigns in Xinjiang),
- SEC. 13. "The PRC is using legal and illegal means to achieve its objective of becoming a manufacturing and technological superpower. The PRC uses statedirected industrial policies in anticompetitive ways to ensure the dominance of PRC companies," (though nothing as anti-competitive as attempting to overthrow 64 governments and initiating 201 military conflicts or as heavy handed and anticompetitive as the anti-Huawei and anti-Nord-Stream 2 campaigns of the USA)

Additional background

The US government primarily via the CIA (and its predecessor the OSS) has a long dishonorable history of negating American First Amendment rights to freedom of the press and illegally manipulating the press worldwide.

- https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-cia-and-the-media-50-facts-the-worldneeds-to-know/5471956
- http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/42a/126.html
- http://www.carlbernstein.com/magazine_cia_and_media.php
- https://www.cato.org/commentary/how-national-security-statemanipulates-news-media
- https://www.nytimes.com/1977/12/26/archives/worldwidepropaganda-network-built-by-the-cia-a-worldwide-network.html
- https://www.refworld.org/docid/47c567c020.html
- https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/confession-from-theprofession-presstitutes-in-the-service-of-the-cia/
- https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/12/21/china-stolen-us-dataexposed-cia-operatives-spy-networks/



- https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2016/07/op eration-tinseltown-how-the-cia-manipulates-hollywood/491138/
- https://archive.org/details/pdfy-JnCrjsoqI22z8p9i
- https://www.senate.gov/about/resources/pdf/churchcommittee-full-citations.pdf
- https://spartacus-educational.com/JFKmockingbird.htm
- https://theintercept.com/2014/10/10/core-secrets/

Every "crime" the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 accuses China of committing, the USA has been doing for decades (see above links), and in the case of Huawei for example, China has NOT been doing and practically everyone in the world, except the American people knows it. Still, the US can and has bullied allies into banning Huawei services and phones from their markets in a *politically-driven global anti-competitive campaign*.

To put it simply, the USA will not tolerate fair competition, and that is an extreme anticompetitive stance to take in the world marketplace.

The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 goes so far as to formalize and internationalize this absolutely corrupt practice and even outlines a plan to corruptly influence the United Nations to sanctify this abrogation of "rules-based international order" in regards to communication and trade. American politicians brandishing the phrase "rules-based international order" exhibit the most profound hypocrisy in the history of world trade given its long bloody record of dividing and conquering foreign nations based on scurrilous lies such as the Iraq War most recently proved.

The Iraq War was a crime. None of the mechanisms leading to that crime were ever modified to prevent another similar crime and instead they have all now been focused on China. The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is simply a new weapon designed to suppress any media opposition to the reenactment of the Iraq War crime and disinform and bribe other nations and even the United Nations to participate in this crime.

Prior to all American wars and attempts to overthrow foreign governments the US always "softens the target" with a defamatory disinformation war. This was certainly the case with Iraq, Afghanistan, and more recently Syria, China and Russia.

Also see: https://www.mintpressnews.com/disarticulation-china-pandemic-war-propaganda/275182/

Congressional excuses (based on vague accusations without evidence or proof) to hijack the world's media and attempt to overthrow the government of China are repugnant and preposterous.



The extent of their claims are as follows:

The US asserts that Russians tried to manipulate the US elections, and China is becoming an economic competitor. That's it.

The former lacks conclusive proof and the latter is not illegal, except in the distorted universe of American intelligence that is renowned for attempts to overthrow more foreign governments than any other nation on earth, and over 200 military conflicts launched primarily to steal the natural resources of other nations. That demonstrates a proven "habit" of anti-competitive behavior in the part of the United States.

The U.S. is the biggest election meddler of them all, new book claims, Kim Hjelmgaard, "The United States has messed with more than twice as many elections as Russia/Soviet Union, according to "*Meddling in the Ballot Box: The Causes and Effects of Partisan Electoral Interventions*," out Sept. 7. The book by Dov H. Levin, a political scientist at the University of Hong Kong, claims to be the first in-depth analysis of electoral interventions "from the dawn of the modern era to the 2016 Russian intervention in the U.S. election."

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/09/04/us-interferes-more-elections-than-russia-meddling-authorsays/5700657002/

- Noam Chomsky On the Long History of US Meddling in Foreign Elections, by C.J. Polychroniou https://rozenbergquarterly.com/noam-chomsky-on-the-longhistory-of-us-meddling-in-foreign-elections/
- The U.S. Needs to Face Up to Its Long History of Election Meddling, July 22, 2018 https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/07/the-us-has-a-long-historyof-election-meddling/565538/

Though US administration officials claimed to have stopped meddling in other nations' elections after the end of the First Cold War in 1991, in fact they have not.

 Is the U.S. Hypocritical to Criticize Russian Election Meddling? by Thomas Carothers, March 12, 2018 "...Of course, one can identify a few cases over the past 25 years when the United States has tried to manipulate foreign elections with the aim of getting its preferred candidate into power. When Russian President Boris Yeltsin faced reelection in 1996, the Clinton administration mobilized some economic relief to Yeltsin, to try to help him win. In the Palestinian elections of 2006, the George W. Bush administration employed U.S. economic assistance to try to bolster Fatah in its contest with Hamas (with predictably counterproductive results). https://carnegieendowment.org/2018/03/12/is-u.s.-hypocritical-tocriticize-russian-election-meddling-pub-75780



Before breezing by these "little" events, some of the real victims of that meddling might wish to have a voice even though hundreds of thousands of them were killed as a direct result of that American meddling.

The illegal American operation to assist Boris Yeltsin gain office in Russia had and continues to have very negative consequences for collectively millions of people. What exactly transpired during the Yeltsin/Bush-Clinton honeymoon period? First there was the Bosnian War 1992 – 1995 (which lingered on for several more years in various ways). The Research and Documentation Center Sarajevo (RDC) study published in the 'The Bosnian Book of the Dead' reports 'a minimum of 97,207 Bosnian and Herzegovina's citizens were killed. According to the RDC, 82% or 33,071 of the civilians killed in the war were Bosniak, with a minimum of 97,207 casualties, military and civilian. The Serbian aggressors were armed with Russian weapons, and the USA and UN stood down and did nothing until the Serbians had made all the territorial gains they had mapped out before the genocide. The Serians raped more than 60,000 Bosnian Muslim woman as part of that Russian/American genocidal program. That series of crimes against humanity was only one of several genocides orchestrated during the Yeltsin/Bush-Clinton bromance period; others include the Rwanda genocide (in which President Clinton ordered the UN to stand down and do nothing, exactly the same as they did in Bosnia, and Kosovo), Chechen war (1992-1995). Similar events occurred in the 1992-1994 full scale war between Azerbaijan and Armenia in which Armenia made substantial territorial gains.

In other words, the CIA leveraged the Washington worshiping Boris Yeltsin into office giving CIA affiliated allies opportunity to annihilate hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Africans in several large-scale bloodbaths accompanied by wholesale rape campaigns. Those are proven allegations, not vague accusations without evidence.

A follow-up on this came on May 7, 1999, as part of the NATO air campaign in the former Yugoslavia, when five precision-guided bombs from a U.S. B-2 bomber struck the embassy of the People's Republic of China in Belgrade.

"Interestingly, the source of this target was the Central Intelligence Agency, not a NATO or Defense Department command or intelligence unit. This complicates the administrative story somewhat, as it is the only target of the entire NATO air campaign selected by the CIA..."

Thus, American election meddling in the post-Cold War *new democracy* Russia had both short- and long-term devastating consequences for collectively millions of people and those spin-offs continue, for example in the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh war. Likewise, the children of the genocidal rape program of the Russian/American supported Serbs in Bosnia must live out their lives in the shadow of American election meddling in Russia.



Howling in rage that other nations *might* have followed the American very wellestablished lead in manipulating other nations' elections, the US House of Representatives and Senate have decided that the time had come to abolish American citizen access to all news except that provided by American news media corporations.

Biden state media appointee advocated using propaganda against Americans and 'rethinking' First Amendment, by Ben Norton, November 11, 2020

"Richard Stengel - The head of the Joe Biden transition team for the US Agency for Global Media, Richard Stengel, has branded himself the "chief propagandist," urged the government to use propaganda against its "own population," and called to "rethink" the First Amendment. During the Obama administration he "led the creation of the Global Engagement Center propaganda vehicle."

https://thegrayzone.com/2020/11/11/richard-stengelpropaganda-usagm-biden

They subsequently went about established an armada of government and government affiliated organizations to target alternative voices in American news, and systematically went about suppressing them along with all foreign voices on the internet aided and abated by Google which holds an illegal monopoly on search engine results worldwide.

- Google intensifies censorship of left-wing websites by Andre Damon, WSWS, September 19, 2017
- How Google's search algorithm spreads false information with a rightwing bias, Search and autocomplete algorithms prioritize sites with rightwing bias, and farright groups trick it to boost propaganda and misinformation in search rankings, Olivia Solon and Sam Levin in San Francisco, The Guardian, Dec. 16, 2021
- Google Engineer Reveals Search Engine Bias He found Google pretty neutral in 2014; the bias started with the US 2016 election, by Denyse O'Leary, Mind Matters, July 27, 2019
- Google Has a Striking History of Bias Against Black Girls, By Safiya Noble, TIME, March 26, 2018
- The Departure of 2 Google AI Researchers Spurs More Fallout Two academics changed plans to attend an invite-only conference this week; a third says he'll no longer accept funding from the company, Tom Simonite, Wired, March 16, 2021
- How Google Interferes With Its Search Algorithms and Changes Your Results The internet giant uses blacklists, algorithm tweaks and an army of contractors to shape what you see, by Kirsten Grind, Sam Schechner, Robert McMillan and John West, WSJ, Nov. 15, 2019



- CIA Partners with Google, Amazon and IBM in Latest Big Tech Procurement Drive

 The military industrial complex is returning to its roots as the CIA turns to big
 tech to maintain control and rebuild the war economy, by Raul Diego, Mint Press
 News, Nov. 23, 2020
- Keeping with its Crackdown on Alternative Voices, Google Deletes Press TV from YouTube Press TV says the move is "part of an anti-Iran purge as the West sets its sights on regime change in Iran," by Alan Macleod, Mint Press News, January 15th, 2020
- Combating Facebook & Google Censorship Mnar Muhawesh discusses social media giants' efforts to wipe independent journalism off the map and what can be done to combat this deliberate form of censorship, by Mnar Muhawesh Adley, Mint Press News, Dec. 13, 2018
- How Washington fumbled the future A decade ago, a surging Silicon Valley giant was making plans to dominate the internet. Given a chance to stop it, regulators chosen by Barack Obama misread the evidence in front of their eyes, by Leah Nylen, Politico, March 16, 2021

And it's not just Google, as the other major social media, Facebook, YouTube and Tweeter use algorithms to censor out all alternative views not in accordance with mainstream corporate-driven "news."

- https://onlinecensorship.org/
- https://www.marketwatch.com/story/facebook-and-twitter-should-not-be-inthe-censorship-business-11611871551
- https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-55140857
- https://caitlinjohnstone.com/2021/05/03/silicon-valley-algorithm-manipulationis-the-only-thing-keeping-mainstream-media-alive/
- https://theintercept.com/2020/10/15/facebook-and-twitter-cross-a-line-farmore-dangerous-than-what-they-censor/
- https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-10-18/facebook-twittergoogle-can-t-be-good-censors-of-politics
- https://www.mintpressnews.com/censoring-iran/248344
- https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-002085_EN.html
- https://www.csoonline.com/article/2133143/anonymous-to-protest-against-facebook-censorship.html
- https://www.aclu.org/blog/free-speech/internet-speech/facebook-shouldntcensor-offensive-speech



As if major search engine news suppression isn't enough, consistent with the American policy of "The Weaponization of Everything," the legitimization of this had to be cemented.

Enter stage center the appointment of second generation Indian immigrant Ajit Pai, an opponent of net neutrality to become the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and net neutrality was effectively killed in 2017 pushing the internet towards the direction of the Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, and radically away from any concept of a medium for the "free press."

Alt-News During the 3rd Red Scare, by this author downloaded from: https://thegreatlinking.org/

Taking this a step further the "liberal" democrats also censor conservative views on the internet such that even Wall Street Journal is now "concerned" about censorship.

Anti-China bias has become ubiquitous in mainstream American media.

- https://www.asiabriefing.com/news/2021/01/on-western-media-bias-and-theneed-for-new-global-thought-leaders/
- http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/02/c_138836137.htm
- https://news.cgtn.com/news/2019-12-16/How-Indian-events-expose-Westernbias-towards-China-MsSIZu8L9m/index.html
- https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1190964.shtml
- https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/anti-asian-bias-rose-aftermedia-officials-used-china-virus-n1241364
- http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1805694.htm

Primary and secondary targets of this Congressional Act

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out the identity of the intended target of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021. The following are hits from a keyword search of that document.

- China 256
- Chinese 128
- Communist 36
- COVID-19 29
- Russia 6
- Russian 6
- Iran 4



- Americans 5
- American people 2
- Honesty 0
- Justice 0

There is also "SEC. 258. Report and briefing on cooperation between China and Iran and between China and Russia" which again strongly emphasizes that China and Chinese people are the primary targets of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021.

Though it might be difficult to envision how Chinese children deserve to suffer the collective punishment being meted out in this Act, it appears from this document that all Chinese citizens, their government and anyone else who might like, study or report on China, its history, culture, language, or even Kung Fu, will be targeted. Exceptions will be made for those writers and publishers that demonize China, its political structure, politicians, people and culture.

This Act outlines blanket suppression of all Chinese views in all (non-derogatory) ways, shapes and forms in the international media, and attempts to subvert public opinion within China as well via American sponsored media and covert operations embedded within SEC. 136, The United States Agency for Global Media and the SEC. 134. Authorization of appropriations for the Fulbright-Hays Program's "cultural exchange" and English language training project, even though *these are transparent interferences in the affairs of other nations, which is prohibited in the UN Charter.*

I. The principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples under Article 1, paragraph 2 Article 1, paragraph 2 [The Purposes of the United Nations are:]To develop friendly relations among nations based on *respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples*, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace. https://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2010-2011/Part%20III/2010-2011_Part%20III.pdf

The USA, by way of a consistent pattern of interferences in the affairs of China (as well as for example, Syria, Iran, Russia, Venezuela and a hundred other countries), is clearly along the path of attempting "regime change," in China as it has tried so many times in so many other nations. This consistent pattern of actions demonstrates contempt for law, the human rights of the people in targeted nations and in the case of China an incitement to violence that United States' covert actions have already brought about in Hong Kong and Xinjiang.



Strategic Competition Act of 2021's violations of international law

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Preamble

"Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world, Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people, Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law...

"Article 19 Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Documents/UDHR_Translation s/eng.pdf

On can only wonder if the phrase: "...disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts" used above human rights law foundation document might include the Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq Wars(?) considering the millions of innocents killed and routine use of torture by the USA.

https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng#{%22itemid%22:[%22001-123768%22]}

https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/03/1058741

https://rethinkingslic.org/blog/state-responsibility/50-cia-black-sites-andextraordinary-rendition-before-the-european-court-of-human-rights-somethoughts-from-a-secondary-liability-perspective

https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/schmidtandsikkinkpartnersincri me.pdf

https://www.aclu.org/other/enduring-abuse-torture-and-cruel-treatmentunited-states-home-and-abroad-executive-summary



https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/03/darkprisoners-cia-torture-programme-160326051331796.html

https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-says-torture-absolutely-works-2017-1

https://www.cvt.org/ending-torture

https://www.dw.com/en/lithuania-romania-aided-cia-torture-by-hosting-secret-detention-sites-court-rules/a-44020215

https://www.globalresearch.ca/more-british-complicity-exposed-latest-ciatorture-unredacted-report/5685575

https://www.hrw.org/news/2014/12/09/usa-and-torture-history-hypocrisy

https://www.icc-cpi.int/afghanistan

https://www.jstor.org/stable/29768307?seq=1

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/03/rape-wartime-vietnam/

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/09/world/cia-torture-guantanamo-bay.html

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/25/us/politics/cia-detainee-prisons.html

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/04/us/politics/cia-torture-drawings.html

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-prisons/trumpadministration-could-reinstate-secret-overseas-cia-prisonswashpost-idUSKBN15922L

https://www.scmp.com/news/world/united-states-canada/article/1975429/ciadocuments-offer-glimpse-inside-secret-black-site

https://www.therenditionproject.org.uk/#

Did the US ever sign this foundational human rights law document?

U.S. Finally Ratifies Human Rights Covenant, June 28, 1992

By Jimmy Carter

[This article originally appeared in the Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass., June 29, 1992.]

"Many United States citizens have no idea that for over two decades our country refused to ratify what surely is one of the most important international human rights documents of our time. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which



establishes universal standards for the protection of basic civil and political liberties, is one of three documents that comprise the 'International Bill of Rights.'

"In 1966, the ICCPR was adopted by the United Nations, but no action was taken by this country to ratify it until October 1977, at which time I signed the Covenant and submitted it to the Senate for advice and consent as required by our Constitution. The Senate gave this consent in April 1992, and in early June, George Bush signed the instrument of ratification. On June 8, 1992, the US, one of the key players in drafting the Covenant, finally ratified this important human rights treaty."

https://www.cartercenter.org/news/documents/doc1369.html

The 30 rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights represent the very foundation of human rights law.

Through ratification of international human rights treaties, Governments undertake to put into place domestic measures and legislation compatible with their treaty obligations and duties. Where domestic legal proceedings fail to address human rights abuses, mechanisms and procedures for individual complaints or communications are available at the regional and international levels to help ensure that international human rights standards are indeed respected, implemented, and enforced at the local level. https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/Internatio nalLaw.aspx

Propaganda and Freedom of the Media

"Others (Kearney, 2007) credibly argue that a distinct crime of 'direct and public incitement to aggression,' or propaganda for war, should be included in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.61 They further state that the meaning of propaganda for war is "only as imprecise as states wish it to be". (P. 32)(Ref: 62) Definitional broadness does not necessarily bring about vagueness of the notion. Any distinct formula of propaganda for war, nationally or internationally, will have to take into account the scope of the crime suggested by the UNHRC in General comment No. 11: it 'extends to all forms of propaganda threatening



or resulting in an act of aggression or breach of the peace contrary to the Charter of the United Nations.'"(63) https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/b/3/203926.pdf

The avalanche of anti-Asian violent crimes in the US since President Trump's false and oftrepeated statements regarding the so-called "China-virus" and "Kung-Flu" proves beyond any shadow of a doubt incitement to racist violence. President Biden and now Congress have only added fuel to this fire in the international arena.

- https://www.wsj.com/articles/biden-imposes-his-first-sanctions-on-chineseofficials-ahead-of-bilateral-meeting-11615976219
- https://www.china-briefing.com/news/us-china-relations-in-the-biden-era-atimeline/
- https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/biden-admin-announcessanctions-against-chinese-officials-over-human-rights-n1261745
- https://www.cnbc.com/2021/04/29/biden-100-days-china-tech-battle-seessanctions-remain-alliances-made.html
- https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-donald-trump-beijing-21e5618ad4cb844639bdcf3d5a5ac2ed

Human rights law prohibits **'incitement to war,'** and the long list of defamatory, unproved allegations against China and a large segment of alternative media worldwide, in addition to the heavy handed overt and covert methods described to limit China's media rights as described in very clear language in the Strategic Competition Act - 2021 are highly provocative and defiant violations of International law.

In regards to China see: The Prohibition of Propaganda for War in international law — as set forth in Article 20(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which states: "Article 20. 1. Any propaganda for war shall be prohibited by law. 2. Any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence shall be prohibited by law."

Former President Trump's endlessly repeating "China Virus," contributed to the incitement to war that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is now using as a platform for more hatred, discrimination and aggression, both domestically and internationally.

Trump's 'Chinese Virus' tweet helped lead to rise in racist anti-Asian Twitter content: Study - "Don't attach locations or ethnicity to the disease," the WHO said.

By Dr. Mishal Reja, 19 March 2021 https://abcnews.go.com/Health/trumps-chinese-virus-tweethelped-lead-rise-racist/story?id=76530148



https://fair.org/home/western-media-incite-anti-asian-racism-when-they-join-in-cold-war-against-china/

Domestic racism is being promoted by politicians in the US in support of American hegemonic goals. Asian American victims of hate crimes are seen as nothing more than "collateral damage" in the American march towards global domination.

China has explicitly been labeled as Enemy Number 1.

- 2020.12.03 "China the 'greatest threat to democracy and freedom,' US spy chief warns, Reuters in Washington," https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/dec/03/chinabeijing-america-democracy-freedom
- 2020.07.23 "China is enemy number one: Mike Pompeo gives a speech The Secretary of State's address unapologetically cements the current administration's view that the U.S. is locked in a 'new Cold War' with the rival superpower." By Aidan Denahy
- "Cold War rhetoric was abundant in Mike Pompeo's speech this afternoon on the state of U.S.-China ties. Pompeo's declaration that all communists are liars and that nations must "pick a side" between "freedom and tyranny" is certain to speed up the downfall of U.S.-China relations."
- https://supchina.com/2020/07/23/china-is-enemy-number-onemike-pompeo-gives-a-speech/

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is a further egregious violation of Article 20(1) propaganda for war.

US Attorneys can claim that their slander of China in the Strategic Competition Act - 2021 is self-defense, however that claim is precluded by:

 Definitional broadness does not necessarily bring about vagueness of the notion. Any distinct formula of propaganda for war, nationally or internationally, will have to take into account the scope of the crime suggested by the UNHRC in General comment No. 11: it "extends to all forms of propaganda threatening or resulting in an act of aggression or breach of the peace contrary to the Charter of the United Nations." (63) While the UNHRC refers to all forms of propaganda for war, it makes an important exclusion from the scope of the crime by saying that "[t]he provisions of article 20, paragraph 1, do not prohibit advocacy of the sovereign right of self-defence or the right of peoples to self-determination



and independence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations." 64 By self-defence, the Charter means exclusively measures taken by a Member of the United Nations "if an armed attack occurs against" it.

- https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/b/3/203926.pdf (Italics added by this author.)
- Both individuals and states who believe their human rights have been violated in regards to freedom of expression and the press, Complaint Procedures and Forms for the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE - Monitoring Civil and Political Rights - can be downloaded from:

https://ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/CCPRIndex.aspx

China has not attacked the USA, has given no indication that it ever intends to, and does not have a habit of attacking other nations as does the USA.

It's Aggression When 'They' Do It, but Defense When 'We' Do Worse by Alan MacLeod

Aggression, in international politics, is commonly defined as the use of armed force against another sovereign state, not justified by self-defense or international authority. Any state being described as aggressive in foreign or international reporting, therefore, is almost by definition in the wrong. It's a word that seems easy to apply to the United States, which launched 81 foreign interventions between 1946 and 2000 alone. In the 21st century, the United States has attacked, invaded or occupied the sovereign states of Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. Despite the US record, Western corporate media overwhelmingly reserve the word "aggression" for official enemy nations—whether or not it's warranted. In contrast, US behavior is almost never categorized as aggressive, thereby giving readers a misleading picture of the world...

https://fair.org/home/its-aggression-when-they-do-it-butdefense-when-we-do-worse/

Furthermore, China has only reacted with minimum counter-sanctions to a much broader and highly aggressive array of economic sanctions against it. The entire exchange of sanctions was initiated by the now disgraced Trump administration, definitively not by China. President Biden unfortunately has decided to further escalate that unwarranted aggression, and the pricy Congressional war propaganda titled Strategic Competition Act



of 2021 will be added to his legacy whatever the outcome. Please recall Joe Biden was Chair of the of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in 2002 and argued strongly in favor of the resolution granting President Bush the authority to invade Iraq. Unfortunately, instead of being the defendant in a war crimes tribunal, he is now President of the USA owing to corporate control of the US media.

In addition to the above there is:

United Nations Convention against Corruption

The entire Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is admission to a very large-scale, very wellfunded series of domestic and international corrupt acts designed to prevent China's full participation in the international marketplace and information sphere. Notice of this fact should be made to the appropriate authorities at the soonest possible date.

The United Nations Convention against Corruption is the only legally binding universal anti-corruption instrument. The Convention's far-reaching approach and the mandatory character of many of its provisions make it a unique tool for developing a comprehensive response to a global problem. The Convention covers five main areas: preventive measures, criminalization and law enforcement, international cooperation, asset recovery, and technical assistance and information exchange. The Convention covers many different forms of corruption, such as bribery, trading in influence, abuse of functions, and various acts of corruption in the private sector.

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/tools_and_publicat ions/UN-convention-against-corruption.html

https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/Publications /Convention/08-50026_E.pdf

United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/PNI/instit utes.html

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY [on the report of the Third Committee (A/51/610)]51/59. Action against corruption

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATION



4. Public officials shall not use their official authority for the improper advancement of their own or their family's personal or financial interest. They shall not engage in any transaction, acquire any position or function or have any financial, commercial or other comparable interest that is incompatible with their office, functions and duties or the discharge thereof.

https://undocs.org/pdf?symbol=en/A/RES/51/59

No one, including the US Congress and/or Senate Foreign Relations Committee has a unilateral right to lock an entire nation, such as China out of the international marketplace and major global information networks based on a flimsy list of unproven allegations composed by US government and/or government related groups and individuals. Furthermore, the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 explicitly provides instructions and finance for the US to act in conspiracy with other nations to effectively lock China out of the international marketplace and major global information networks.

Violations of American Constitutional law and case law including Supreme Court decisions

Suppressing western social justice/anti-empire alt-news publications that investigate corruption in American government, e.g. funding for defamatory attacks on foreign nations, are egregious infringements of 1st and 14th Amendment rights. There is extensive case law including Supreme Court Decisions affirming the rights to free speech and free press, which are dismissive of frivolous charges of "subversion" and other baseless McCarthy Era accusations.

Definitive Supreme Court decisions include:

Yates v. United States, 354 U.S. 298 (1957)

https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/354/298/ (Leaders of Communist Party in California vs. USA. Decision: The state must prove "imminent threat" to suppress news, which they could not do and so lost this landmark case. The First Amendment right to freedom of the press was upheld.)

https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/354/298

Brandenburg v. Ohio, 395 U.S. 444 (1969)

https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/395/444/ (Right wing militia)

https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/395/444

Red Lion Broadcasting Co., Inc. v. FCC, 395 U.S. 367 (1969)

https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/395/367/



"Safeguarding the public's right to "an uninhibited marketplace of ideas" requires diversity among those who own and control media outlets, to ensure that Americans remain free to choose among many sources of information, viewpoints, and ideas."

New York Times v. United States, 403 U.S. 713 (1971)

https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/403/713/ The United States, which brought these actions to enjoin publication in the New York Times and in the Washington Post of certain classified material, has not met the "heavy burden of showing justification for the enforcement of such a [prior] restraint."

https://www.lexisnexis.com/community/casebrief/p/casebrief-n-y-times-co-v-united-

states The Court held that the government did not meet its burden of showing justification for the imposition of a prior restraint of expression. Furthermore, it stated that under the First Amendment, the press must be left free to publish news, whatever the source, without censorship, injunctions, or prior restraints, and that the guarding of military and diplomatic secrets at the expense of informed representative government was not justified.

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/media The Supreme Court found that there is a heavy presumption against prior restraint of the press, and that the respondent's (here, the United States) vague use of the word "security" is not enough to overcome the importance of the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment.

The following cases are also relevant:

- Rex v. Zenger (1735)
- People v. Croswell (1804)
- *Near v. Minnesota* (1931) A state law allowing prior restraint was unconstitutional. This decision also extended protection of press freedom to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.
- New York Times v. Sullivan (1964)
- Garrison v. Louisiana (1964)
- Curtis Publishing Co. v. Butts and AP v. Walker (1967)
- Nebraska Press Association v. Stuart (1976)
- *PruneYard Shopping Center v. Robins*, 447 U.S. 74, 85-89 (1980)
- Hustler v. Falwell (1988)
- Packingham v. North Carolina, 137 S. Ct. 1730, 1737 (2017)



The difference between the current asymmetric incipient war against China (Russia, Iran and Syria) and the last series of wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq is the U.S. is currently in the process of creating an illegal media blackout to ensure American voters and people worldwide cannot access alternative views on news. American citizens and people worldwide will only be permitted access to corporate-owned, American government approved mainstream "news" (read "propaganda") sources.

Pre-existing news suppression and American government propaganda systems

In many ways the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is "just" an amplification of mechanisms and systems of (illegal) news suppression and propaganda dissemination that have been in operation at least since 2016.

"Back in September 2016 Reuters ran an article declaring that the First Draft Coalition, including Google, Facebook, Twitter, New York Times, Washington Post, BuzzFeed News, Agence France-Presse and CNN intended to launch an effort to combat fake news. A shadowy outfit calling itself PropOrNot surfaced in November 2016 with an anonymously compiled list of 199 sites it said "reliably echo Russian propaganda." More than half the sites were right wing nutjobs, from the Nazis at StormFront to the libertarians at the Ron Paul Institute. But about twenty or so were entirely credible sources of news and information to the left of mainstream Democrats, including DemocracyNow! the World Socialist Web Site, Alternet, Naked Capitalism, Counterpunch, TruthOut! and Black Agenda Report. It's worth noting that Black Agenda Report is the ONLY site owned and run by black people and aimed at an African American audience to be singled out in this manner."

https://www.blackagendareport.com/google-censors-the-real-left Also see: https://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2016/12/washington-post-

backlash.html &



https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2017/09/19/goog-s19.html

According to Black Agenda Report, Google also has formed a coalition with outside thought police and government propaganda specialists like the First Draft Coalition whose founding members include Bellingcat, Eyewitness Media Hub, Emergent, Meedan, Reported.ly (now defunct), Storyful and Verification Junkie.

- https://thegrayzone.com/2020/06/11/meet-wikipedias-ayn-rand-loving-founder-and-wikimedia-foundations-regime-change-operative-ceo
- https://thegrayzone.com/2021/03/24/author-bellingcat-opcw-whistleblower
- https://thegrayzone.com/2020/06/11/meet-wikipedias-ayn-rand-loving-founder-and-wikimedia-foundations-regime-change-operative-ceo

In addition to the above, other government and government affiliated entities working illegally in suppression of alternative news publications within the US include:

- FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force (FTIF)
- US Agency for Global Media Global Engagement Center
- Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy
- Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab (DFRLab)
- Graphika an FBI and Pentagon-backed private intelligence firm
- USC Center on Public Diplomacy (see below)

USC Center for Public Diplomacy features articles by Freedomhouse. And, what is Freedomhouse?

Other Neocons populating NED's board of directors includes Elliot Abrams, Francis Fukuyama, Zalmay Khalilzad, and Will Marshall. One pro-war Neocon could have been an anomaly - five begins to fit a pattern. It should be noted that NED's subsidiary, **Freedom House**, also hosts corporate lobbyists and pro-war Neocons as well, including Kenneth Adelman.

NED Funds Your Local "Pro-Democracy Activists," But Who Funds NED?

One of NED's subsidiaries, Freedom House, is admittedly funded by multinational corporations including AT&T, defense contractors BAE Systems and Northrop Grumman, industrial equipment exporter Caterpillar, tech-giants Google and Facebook, and financiers including Goldman Sachs.



https://landdestroyer.blogspot.com/2016/06/the-nationalendowment-for-democracy.html

BAE Systems makes munitions, heavy weapons and military electronic systems. In 2020 they made political campaign "donations" of \$1,772,531, and spent \$3,194,000 on lobbying. Joe Biden was the largest recipient of their political "donations."

Northrop Grumman has "an annual revenue in excess of \$30 billion, and is one of the world's largest weapons manufacturers and military technology providers. In 2020 they made political campaign "donations" of \$6,658,879, and spent \$12,050,000 on political lobbying. Joe Biden was the largest recipient of their political donations.ⁱ

Articles by Freedomhouse on the USC Center on Public Diplomacy's website are venomous in their appraisal of China, e.g., "Beijing's Global Megaphone: The Expansion of Chinese Communist Party Media Influence Since 2017."

They seem to have "a problem" with China having any media that advocates for itself, and if one repeats the word "communist" enough times, well that is all the proof necessary that it is evil. And then there's: "China in Africa: Are Beijing's Confucius Centers a Boon or Bane for Cameroon Youth?" Are Confucian values really so terrible? (Google is now suppressing articles with positive views of Confucian philosophy as I had to carefully read through seven pages of results to find one that isn't insulting in some way. This is a new and unfortunate development in Google's site ranking algorithm.)

The **USC Center on Public Diplomacy** is poorly named. It should more accurately be called: USC Department of American War Propaganda and Racist Hate Emissions." It unambiguously supports American hegemonic wars and the slaughter of innocents around the world to make the shareholders in weapons corporations ever richer.

Also see: https://blackagendareport.com/yellow-peril-and-red-scare-forum-anti-asian-racism-0

If ever there was proof that Eisenhower was exactly correct in his famous Last Speech warnings about the dangers of the military industrial complex, here you go. The case of the government and quasi-government organizations mentioned above proves that this shadowy entity should more accurately be called the *military-industrial-media* complex now.

American ally nations' foreign media manipulations

American ally nations have similar and, in some cases, even more aggressive surveillance, targeting and attack software than the US.



The innovations on the market have proven to be devastatingly effective. Canadian privacy research group Citizen Lab's work in this field has shed light on a range of manufacturers pushing such products as FinFisher, the Remote Control System (RCS) of Hacking Team, and Israel's own NSO Group's Pegasus. As Sarah McKune and Ron Deibert observed in 2017, "business is booming for a specialized market to facilitate the digital attacks, monitoring, and intelligence-cum-evidence-gathered conducted by government entities and their proxies." Pegasus spyware remains one of the NSO Group's most damnably and dangerously effective products, used to target individuals in 45 countries with impunity. https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/06/26/violent-voyeurism-surveillance-spyware-and-human-rights/

Illegal? Of course, but American Exceptionalism extends to all American close ally nations, at least until they become targets themselves. Law, like justice in the vernacular really is: "Just-us-white-folks," and/or "Just-us-rich-folks," depending on the circumstances.

Trump's two-step and Biden's ax on freedom of speech

When President Trump first came into office he felt the need to engage heavy censorship on the internet to protect himself. Three years into his term however he found himself so heavily censored he sponsored Executive Order 13925 of May 28, 2020 (Preventing Online Censorship), which did nothing to stop him from being censored, at least in regards to the outcome of the 2020 election, but he tried. On May 14, 2021 President Biden Revoked Executive Order 13925, knowing full well he has corporate America and its subordinate "free press" in his pocket. This is unfortunate because that Executive Order slightly loosened the chokehold on "freedom of press" by restricting online web hosts and social media platforms use of the Good Samaritan AKA Communications Decency Act (section 230(c)). 47 U.S.C. Protection for private blocking and screening of offensive material.

For example, if I write an article regarding the use of rape as a weapon in war, President Biden's revocation makes it easier for web hosts and social media platforms to block it under the guise of protecting minors from harmful content.

In particular, subparagraph (c)(2) expressly addresses protections from "civil liability" and specifies that an interactive computer service provider may not be made liable "on account of" its decision in "good faith" to restrict access to content that it considers to be "obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent, harassing or otherwise objectionable." It is the policy of



the United States to ensure that, to the maximum extent permissible under the law, this provision is not distorted to provide liability protection for online platforms that—far from acting in "good faith" to remove objection-able content instead engage in deceptive or pretextual actions (often contrary to their stated terms of service) to stifle viewpoints with which they disagree.

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-06-02/pdf/2020-12030.pdf

The phrase "otherwise objectionable" means anything, absolutely anything can be censored.

Which means a reporter, journalist or ed/op writer can now be censored for reporting on the CIA's use of torture as it is violent, and some would consider it "objectionable." as the CIA and various departments of the US military has been the world's premier torturer and instructor of other militaries' torture programs, for decades. Naturally they would find reporting on such things "objectionable."

Both presidents feel quite free to cut First Amendment rights to free speech to ribbons in pursuit of their own personal agendas based upon their own feelings regarding corporate America's approval of their performance. When President Trump later in his presidency realized his error, he tried to correct it, but it was too late. President Biden pounded home the last nail in the coffin of free speech May 14, 2021.



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Executive Order on the Revocation of Certain Presidential Actions and Technical Amendment

MAY 14, 2021 . PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 3301 and 3302 of title 5, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Revocation of Presidential Actions. The following Presidential actions are revoked: Executive Order 13925 of May 28, 2020 (Preventing Online Censorship), Executive Order 13933 of June 26, 2020 (Protecting American Monuments, Memorials, and Statues and Combating Recent Criminal Violence), Executive Order 13934 of July 3, 2020 (Building and



This is another glaring symptom of late-stage democracy degenerating into fascism. That the American people won't even notice this, because most corporate owned "news" media won't even mention it, is the saddest silent eulogy imaginable. The democracy died without a whimper; history books of the future will honestly narrate.

One can only wonder what sort of Good Samaritan goes around gagging the viewpoints of anyone who in any way is honest about current, past or potential events because when it comes to American history, current events and probable futures, its going to be intensely violent, a prohibited theme - 230 (c) (2) - unless one is extolling the wonders and virtues of Euro-American colonial, and especially corporate American state sponsored intense violence. RIP Free Speech, though one knows that isn't going to happen.

Given the new realities in the Post 1st Amendment Eradication Era, I'd better post the following before major web hosts have time to get their updated algorithms sharpened to censor such things:

SIX children & 2 women killed in Israeli airstrike on crowded Gaza refugee camp – reports, 15 May, 2021 05:32 / Updated 2 hours ago

An IDF air raid on a densely populated refugee camp in Gaza has killed at least eight people, the majority of them children, according to multiple reports, as Israeli warplanes continue to hammer the blockaded Palestinian enclave.

The IDF dropped at least three bombs on a three-story home in the al-Shati refugee camp early on Saturday morning, according to a witness cited by the Times of Israel. While Gaza Health Ministry spokesman Ashraf al-Qudra initially put the death toll at seven, he said the figure was expected to rise, as other victims were believed to be buried in rubble. At least 15 others were injured.

"I saw the bodies of four people, including children, being rushed to the hospital. I could not endure and ran back to my home." said the witness, Said al-Ghoul, a resident of the camp. He claimed that no warning was given before the strike.



https://www.rt.com/news/523888-gaza-camp-bombed-children/

The above reporting is considered "highly objectionable" as it narrates "intense violence," according to those who perpetrate such crimes, and they have a disproportionate amount of leverage in the US government. Reporters are hereby ordered to exchange their notebook computers for crayons and coloring books to protect the community and especially CHILDREN as per orders of the current "Good Samaritan" in the White House.





The sole survivor of the above quoted story about the most recent attack on a crowded refugee camp was a two-month-old baby, Omar. https://twitter.com/LinahAlsaafin/status/1393362481448427522



Fortunately for President Biden and the perpetrators of the Palestinian genocide, those very same perpetrators have also recently blown up the only media buildings in the rapidly shrinking Palestine.

Israel is deliberately obliterating media buildings in Gaza to cover up the war crimes that will follow, Eva Bartlett, 14 May, 2021

On Tuesday, Israel bombed the 10-storey Al-Jawhara Tower, causing it to collapse. Before doing so, it had 'benevolently' warned that the airstrikes were coming. The following day, it bombed the 14-storey Al-Shorouk Tower, also giving warning it was going to do so.

Most reports have the buildings as evacuated before being levelled. But without these media offices, reporting on Israel's other war crimes will be left largely to what little media remain and citizen journalists.

https://www.rt.com/op-ed/523875-israel-gaza-air-strikes-warcrimes/

President Biden obviously isn't the only one who feels the necessity to censor the news. The Decency Act helps conceal from the public the absolute indecency of a multitude of American domestic and foreign policies. The further suppression of news by the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 will help erase even the memory of a once reasonably free press.

Review of Strategic Competition Act 2021 Sections addressing media manipulation, propaganda dissemination, and Senate approved funding allocations

TITLE I—INVESTING IN A COMPETITIVE FUTURE - Subtitle A—Science and technology

Subtitle D—Countering Chinese Communist Party influence

(Sections 131 - 138)

SEC. 132 - Supporting independent media and countering disinformation.

There is authorized to be appropriated **\$300,000,000** for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for the Countering Chinese Influence Fund to counter the malign influence of the Chinese Communist Party globally. SEC. 132



(c) Authorization of appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated, for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for the United States Agency for Global Media, **\$100,000,000** for ongoing and new programs to support local media, build independent media, *combat Chinese disinformation inside and outside of China*, invest in technology to subvert censorship, and monitor and evaluate these programs.

The US will spend **\$400 million a year** to censor any news from a Chinese perspective, while investing in technology to "subvert censorship" and flood China with American propaganda.

The USA already funded and fought a Civil War in China intermittently between 1927 - 1949. At the beginning of that war the Nazis fight alongside the US against the much more popular Chinese Communist Party. Only a week after the Japanese surrendered in 1945, the US turned its planes around and started bombing their former Chinese allies.

"While statistics vary, it has been suggested that up to 2.5 million people died during the 1945-1949 phase of the Chinese Civil War. Several historians suggest the death toll for the entire Chinese Civil War period (1927-49) exceeded six million."

It appears the Trump and Biden administrations are working towards fostering another civil war in China, except, this time American voters will be in a news vacuum. By pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into an information war against China, while (illegally) suppressing Chinese publications and alternative news on the internet, Americans will *only* have access to American corporate-driven mainstream news. This is so totally illegal in in the US based on First Amendment Rights and several Supreme Court decisions. Yet, if the mainstream news doesn't report it, it doesn't exist for most voters the US.

There's a lot of about China's so-called Communist system (which is actually a socialist republic) the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 doesn't mention.

(In China) "90% of families in the country own their home, giving China one of the highest home ownership rates in the world. What's more is that 80% of these homes are owned outright, without mortgages or any other liens. On top of this, north of 20% of urban households own more than one home."

https://www.forbes.com/sites/wadeshepard/2016/03/30/howpeople-in-china-afford-their-outrageously-expensivehomes/?sh=11e03143a3ce



According to a 2017 HSBC fact sheet, 70% of Chinese millennials (ages 19 to 36) already own their own homes. American young people cannot afford to buy homes because they are saddled with student debt, a millstone that now averages \$37,000 per student and will be carried an average of 20 years before it is paid off. A recent survey found that 80% of American workers are living paycheck to paycheck. Another found that 60% of U.S. millennials could not come up with \$500 to cover their tax bills.

In China, by contrast, student debt is virtually nonexistent. Heavy government subsidies have made higher education cheap enough that students can work their way through college with a part-time job. Health care is also subsidized by the government, with a staterun health insurance program similar to Canada's. The program doesn't cover everything, but medical costs are still substantially lower than in the U.S. Public transportation, too, is quite affordable in China, and it is fast, efficient and ubiquitous...

https://www.laprogressive.com/home-ownership/

Is the above "communist propaganda?" I don't think so – those are American publications using American references.

China is not what most people outside China think. People actually have a fair chance at life without living under huge debts their entire lives. Those huge debts only enrich the banks, while most workers suffer. China isn't a "communist" system anyways. The theory goes that socialism is the necessary step towards communism. China isn't a pure socialist state either, it's really a republic like the US. Like the US it has both capitalist and socialist qualities with the difference being that the government here works for the people, instead of just for the rich.

The New Testament Bible makes it appear Jesus was a communist.

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Matthew 19:21

A capitalist would never say that. That's not socialism either. Nope. That's pure communism. He lived in a commune of disciples that shared resources, and God helped, a lot. If he were around today what would the American Intelligence Community do to him? Crucify him again no doubt.



Capitalism Is A Misanthropic, Dystopian Religion, Caitlin Johnstone, May 9, 2021

The belief that humans are inherently greedy, self-centered and competitive only feels true to someone who is greedy, self-centered and competitive. As EW Howe said, a thief believes everybody steals.

https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/capitalism-is-a-misanthropic-dystopian

The Problem Isn't Human Nature, The Problem Is A Few Manipulative Sociopaths, Caitlin Johnstone, Mar 30, 2021

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The only reason the founders of Russian communism outlawed religion was because they were afraid of the competing power of the Russian Orthodox Church. China incidentally has more Catholics than Italy and about the same number of Muslims as Saudi Arabia. It's not anti-religion and people can practice as they like.

I've lived here 12 years, traveled all around the country and haven't seen or heard anything like the American newspapers claim. I can definitely state with absolute certainty that Muslims are far safer in China than the US (being a Muslim myself that has lived in both countries). Muslims in China have more political and *economic* clout in China than foreign media has ever acknowledged and Chinese authorities know they have always been under the microscope of western media. Thus, the western intelligence services have had to radicalize, train and import terrorists into northwest China, and the western mainstream media machine has had to resort to fabrications in order to defame China.

- https://thegrayzone.com/2018/08/23/un-did-not-report-china-internmentcamps-uighur-muslims/
- https://thegrayzone.com/2019/12/21/china-detaining-millions-uyghursproblems-claims-us-ngo-researcher/
- https://thegrayzone.com/2020/01/22/busting-pro-war-propaganda-what-chinais-really-like/
- https://thegrayzone.com/2021/01/28/ny-times-uighur-china-genocide-falungong/
- https://thegrayzone.com/2021/03/17/report-uyghur-genocide-sham-universityneocon-punish-china/
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- https://www.mintpressnews.com/xinjiang-native-speaks-western-mediajeopardizing-uyghurs-interests/276765/
- https://www.mintpressnews.com/ned-uyghur-network-cair-director-rallyaround-china-propaganda/276663/

US mainstream newspapers lie so much it's not surprising Americans don't trust their own mainstream news.

Americans Remain Distrustful of Mass Media, by Megan Brenan, September 30, 2020

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- At a time when Americans are relying heavily on the media for information about the coronavirus pandemic, the presidential election and other momentous events, the public remains largely distrustful of the mass media. Four in 10 U.S. adults say they have "a great deal" (9%) or "a fair amount" (31%) of trust and confidence in the media to report the news "fully, accurately, and fairly," while six in 10 have "not very much" trust (27%) or "none at all" (33%).

https://news.gallup.com/poll/321116/americans-remaindistrustful-mass-media.aspx

Is that communist propaganda? I don't think so.

And now the US government is going to spend \$400,000,000 more on telling even bigger lies in fake "independent media," while at the same time they're illegally suppressing real alternative news and trying to pick a fight with China to start a war and simply massmurder the competition. That is what I call anti-competitive!

SEC. 134. Authorization of appropriations for the Fulbright-Hays Program.

Authorization of appropriations for the Fulbright-Hays Program. There are authorized to be appropriated, for the 6-year period beginning on September 30, 2021, **\$105,500,000**, which shall be expended to promote education, training, research, and foreign language skills through the Fulbright-Hays Program, in accordance with section 102(b) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961. SEC. **134.** Authorization of appropriations for the Fulbright-Hays Program.



Info-war Subtotal: \$505,500,000

The Fulbright Program has a notorious long-standing relationship with American premier so-called intelligence organization the CIA.

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- https://www.counterpunch.org/2005/03/12/the-cia-s-campus-spies/
- https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/02/15/using-students-teachersjournalists-and-other-professionals-as-spies-puts-everyone-in-jeopardy/
- https://archive.org/stream/MKultraAustraliaArticle_201903/MKultra%20Australi a%20article_djvu.txt
- https://assets.websitefiles.com/5b53d84645c6a350274a79a0/5d5d48bfbbbfb93959214b6a_eyeswide-open-_fiona-barnett_first-edition_august-2019%20(1).pdf

Consequently, this Fulbright program can be considered "spreading fake news," e.g., in support of American hegemonic assumptions and ideals, bundled into the "cultural exchanges," and "English lessons."

"And today children, we will learn about your evil Chinese COMMUNIST government, and the truly wonderful, peaceful and loving USA! Now repeat after me: 'COMMUNIST BAD!' 'Democracy GOOD!'" (I've seen foreign "English teachers" in China teach exactly like that.)

SEC. 136. Supporting independent media and countering disinformation.

(f) Authorization of appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated, for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026, **\$170,000,000** for ongoing and new programs in support of press freedom, training, and protection of journalists.

Info-war Subtotal: \$675,500,000

SEC. 136 is classic D.C. "double-talk." Press freedom here means only corporate-owned mainstream (largely fake) news amplifying government narratives will have freedom while government suppression of all other views escalates. "Training" here means indoctrination into American corporate values, assumptions, rules and "guidelines," and "journalists" here refers mainly to American fake journalists that act as spies and echo-chambers for corporate interests working overseas primarily as "agents of influence," and other branches of espionage.

http://souciant.com/2015/11/christian-intelligence-agency/



https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/confession-from-the-profession-presstitutes-in-the-service-of-the-cia

https://www.amazon.com/Journalists-Hire-How-Buys-News/dp/1944505474 https://www.refworld.org/docid/47c567c020.html

Press freedom? Google, a virtual monopoly, which works closely with the CIA suppresses the search engine rankings of a large number of some of the best alternative news publications within the USA.

How the USA suppresses real independent media

- https://www.blackagendareport.com/google-censors-the-real-left
- https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/the-cia-used-to-infiltrate-the-media
- https://thegrayzone.com/2020/11/11/richard-stengel-propaganda-usagm-biden
- https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/dec/16/google-autocompleterightwing-bias-algorithm-political-propaganda
- https://www.mintpressnews.com/crackdown-alternative-media-google-deletespress-tv-youtube/264142/
- https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-google-interferes-with-its-search-algorithmsand-changes-your-results-11573823753
- https://mindmatters.ai/2019/07/google-engineer-reveals-search-engine-bias/
- https://pv-uploads1.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2019/08/news-black-list-sitefor-google-now.txt
- https://www.mintpressnews.com/watch-combating-facebook-googlecensorship/252840/
- https://www.mintpressnews.com/censoring-iran/248344/
- https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2017/09/19/goog-s19.html

The only "journalists" the USA protects are those working on behalf of American government/corporate entities, and they are not really journalists, but rather state affiliated propagandists, AKA Presstitutes. Real journalists around the world live in real danger from illegal American overt and covert actions and American ally dictator' retribution for publishing anything even resembling the truth. American installed "dictators" often fly under the title of either "President" or "Prime Minister." However, when that so-called president or prime minister is elected to office based on fake news planted by the CIA in that target country's mainstream news media, they are nothing more than dictators of the USA who do *not* represent *the people* of their own nations but rather only American interests in that country.



SEC. 137 Global engagement center.

(a) Finding.—Congress established the Global Engagement Center to "direct, lead, and coordinate efforts" of the Federal Government to "recognize, understand, expose, and counter foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation globally". **SEC. 137.**

The Global Engagement Center's proposed 2021 budget was:

In a tight Public Diplomacy budget landscape, the GEC's FY 2020 budget has increased to \$64.3 million which represents an incremental but significant increase of \$8.9 million over FY 2019. With that said, the Administration is requesting a greater increase for the GEC budget in FY 2021 to a total request of **\$138** million to match the growing challenge of countering foreign propaganda and disinformation.

That figure, \$138 million *per annum* is designated to cover China, Russia and Syria. Presumably China will garner the lion's share of that budget. \$75 million seems like a reasonable guess as to that share, with **\$50 million** being a conservative estimate. Being a conservative myself, I'll add \$50 million to the running tally of US taxpayers' money devoted every year to totally controlling the news inside the USA and China, and attacking China via the inside via the media and other American propaganda.

Info-war Subtotal: \$725,500,000

TITLE II—Investing in alliances and partnerships - Subtitle A—Strategic and diplomatic matters

SEC. 207. Regulatory exchanges with allies and partners.

(1) bilateral coordination and collaboration with countries where greater regulatory coherence, harmonization of standards, or communication and dialogue between technical agencies is achievable and best advances the economic and national security interests of the United States;

(2) multilateral coordination and coordination where greater regulatory coherence, harmonization of standards, or dialogue on other relevant regulatory matters is achievable and best advances the economic and national security interests of the United States, including with—

(A) the European Union;



(B) the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation;

(C) the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);

(D) the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); and

(E) multilateral development banks; and

(3) regulatory practices and standards setting bodies focused on key economic sectors and emerging technologies.

(c) Participation by non-Governmental entities.—With regard to the program described in subsection (a), the Secretary may facilitate, including through the use of amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (e), the participation of private sector representatives, and other relevant organizations and individuals with relevant expertise, as appropriate and to the extent that such participation advances the goals of such program...

(e) Authorization of appropriations.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated **\$2,500,000** for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section. **SEC. 207.**

Info-war Subtotal: \$728,000,000

What does this mean? They will network with allies and subordinate dictators in controlling their industries (including news obviously) in order to attack China and its industries' "regulatory practices" to the "best advantages of the economic and national security interests of the United States." On the surface it seems almost innocuous; "regulatory practices and standards setting bodies focused on key economic sectors and emerging technologies," however Washington's repeated insistence that for example Huawei is a security risk is exactly the kind of disinformation they will push.

One can only assume with such a paltry budget as \$2,500,00 there is other finance supplied by other American departments and/or agencies, presumably led by the State Department to facilitate this propaganda effort (under the guise of "diplomacy"). The phrase "new and emerging technologies" suggests Huawei's 5G network is the primary target of this bullying, however American control of foreign news and other media has a long history which can dovetail with this effort. It is also worth noting they intend to coordinate with both government and non-government organizations which suggests setting up "private" anti-China disinformation services regarding "regulatory practices."



One might call this "collecting a gang of dis-info-thugs for a beatdown" on China's Huawei 5-G network. To their credit Germany at least has not been cowed by American threats and allows Huawei participation in their 5-G network system much to the displeasure of the American political-media machine.

Besides China three other nations are pursuing 5-G networks: Ericsson (Sweden), Nokia (Finland) and Qualcomm (USA). Thus, collecting a team for an anti-competitive beatdown of China's 5-G network led by Huawei is predictable, regardless as to how illegal it may be. Buoyed by blind faith in American Exceptionalism, American politicians and corporate leaders believe no laws do or ever will apply to them.

Delusions

Delusions of grandeur often co-exist with a lack of empathy and sense of invincibility. Roughly 2/3 of people with bipolar mental illness suffer from delusions of grandeur; likewise, those with Narcissistic personality disorders and dementia also frequently exhibit delusions of grandeur. Substance abuse, particularly cocaine and crystal meth are associated with many different kinds of delusions including grandiosity and paranoia. An example would be: "Those Chinese are out to get us! We should destroy them all!"

SEC. 215. Enhancement of diplomatic support and economic engagement with Pacific island countries.

(a) Authority.—The Secretary of State and Secretary of Commerce are authorized to hire Locally Employed Staff in Pacific island countries for the purpose of providing increased diplomatic support and promoting increased economic and commercial engagement between the United States and Pacific Island countries.

(b) Availability of funds.-

(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State and the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 2022, not more than **\$10,000,000**, respectively, shall be available to carry out the purposes of this section.

(1) a detailed description of the additional diplomatic, economic, and commercial engagement and activities in the Pacific island countries provided by Locally Employed Staff; and

(2) an assessment of the impact of the activities with respect to the diplomatic, *economic, and security interests of the United States.* **SEC. 215.** (Italics added by this author.)



Info-war Subtotal: \$738,000,000

An extra \$10 million to wine, dine and buy politicians, industry leaders including publishers, editors and reporters in the Pacific Island region in order to undermine China is always useful.

SEC. 216. Increasing Department of State personnel and resources devoted to the Indo-Pacific.

(a) Findings.—Congress makes the following findings:

(e) Authorization of appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000,000 in bilateral and regional foreign assistance resources to the Indo-Pacific region and \$1,250,000,000 in diplomatic engagement resources to the Indo-Pacific region. Sec. 216

Info-war Subtotal: \$3,988,000,000

To understand this one must take into consider what is meant by the "Indo-Pacific" region.

The Indo-Pacific region is increasingly being viewed as a global centre of gravity, both for its economic and demographic potential, and the security challenges that could frustrate those possibilities.

India-as a champion of the principle of 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific' or FOIP—has initiated engagements with its partners in the region, such as the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) that aims to ensure the security and stability of the region's maritime domain. Even as the stakeholders have outlined a set of seven pillars for the initiative, there is still little clarity as to what can be expected from the IPOI. This paper offers recommendations for the IPOI to enable India play a more proactive and constructive role in the region. The Indo-Pacific region is a vast maritime zone where the interests of many players are engaged: India, Japan, France, and the United States, as well as medium and smaller powers like Australia, Indonesia, and South Africa; there are stakeholders from beyond the region, too.[1] In recent years, uncertainty has heightened in the region owing to China's territorial expansionist agenda, concerns for the United States' long-term commitment to Asia, as well as the limitations of existing multilateral institutions. Indeed, the Indo-Pacific is emerging as the new and expanded theatre of great-power contestation... Response of partner countries:



Countries like Australia, Vietnam, and the Philippines have expressed their willingness to cooperate with India on the IPOI. In the past, ASEAN countries have entered into cooperative frameworks that they have found to be focusing on specific issues or tasks. To be sure, ASEAN has also been party to such arrangements as the Five Power Defence Arrangement by the founding members of ASEAN—Malaysia and Singapore—with the UK, Australia, and New Zealand in 1971.

https://www.orfonline.org/research/indo-pacific-oceansinitiative-towards-coherent-indo-pacific-policy-india/

India is set to take a lead role in this and may have already started given the sudden spurt of ramped-up anti-China invective suddenly appearing in early May, 2021.

- https://www.rt.com/news/523019-china-suspends-australia-economic-dialogue/
- https://www.rt.com/op-ed/522804-china-australia-morrison-crisis/
- https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202105/1222777.shtml
- https://www.rt.com/news/522763-teodoro-locsin-philippines-china/
- Chinese Embassy in India expresses concern on Chinese vendors' exclusion from 5G trials By Global Times Published: May 05, 2021 https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202105/1222724.shtml

Thus, Congress tossed in an extra \$3,250,000,000 for India to coordinate with most of China's neighbors in an "attack China" info-war program.

Also see:

China-US tension: American commander seeks US\$27 billion to hold back PLA in the Indo-Pacific - Admiral Philip Davidson outlines plan for new military hardware and to hold drills with allies as rivalry with Beijing continues under Biden administration -Submission to US Congress includes proposal to build a US\$2.3 billion constellation of space-based radars, by Laura Zhou in Beijing, 3 Mar, 2021

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3123808/ china-us-tension-american-commander-seeks-us27-billion-hold

India has long been the golden-boy of the USA, at least since Allen Dulles' exciting adventures there starting in 1914. (Allen Dulles incidentally was the 3rd Director of the CIA and credited with being the founder of the modern CIA. He also for example helped Germany and Japan become the industrial powerhouses they needed to be to launch



WWII, helped the Nazi leaders and research scientists escape Germany after WWII, and led the MK-ULTRA research project.) True, India is an apartheid state with a locked-in-iron caste system, but it's nominally a "democracy" with a history of conflicts with China so this year they get an "Israel-size" gift" from the American taxpayers.

This observation is worth considering. Given the shift in American hegemonic priorities officially launched with Hillary Clinton's Pivot to Asia, prioritizing the destruction of China over total destruction of the Middle East and North Africa, it only makes sense to give India a few billion-extra tax-payer dollars to spearhead that effort. Thus, the "Israel-size gift" does appear logical from the demented point of view inculcated in the American plan to totally rule the entire world forever.

According to The Atlantic the US standard gift to Israel is \$3.8 billion a year, though other estimates are much higher.

It is hoped by the Congress that 1) India can "turn" China's Indo-Pacific neighbors against China, and 2) spearhead the IT war against China given that their capabilities and human resources in IT surpass even the US in many respects. One can buy a lot of friends with **\$3,250,000,000**.

Ever since Kautilya (317-293 BCE) - a very powerful and articulate Indian minister famed for writing the *Arthashastra* (*The Science of Material Gain*), India has had a "powerful" international diplomat presence. It's difficult to categorize Kautilya really as he was unquestionably the forerunner of Machiavelli in many ways, and one might assert he spearheaded the arts and sciences of corruption and international treachery very early in history.

"The roles and guises recommended for Vyanjana (appearance) agents by the Arthashastra include ascetics, forest hermits, mendicants, cooks, merchants, doctors, astrologers, consumer householders, entertainers, dancers, female agents and others...

"The goals of the secret service, in Arthashastra, was to test the integrity of government officials, spy on cartels and population for conspiracy, to monitor hostile kingdoms suspected of preparing for war or in war against the state, to check spying and propaganda wars by hostile states, to destabilize enemy states, to get rid of troublesome powerful people who could not be challenged openly.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthashastra#On_spying,_propagan da_and_information



Unlike China, India is very much a hegemonic power for example attaining "state capture" of South Africa.

What the Guptas pulled off in South Africa has been extensively documented: the backroom deals, the rigged contracts, the wholesale plunder of national resources. The brothers, who declined to comment for this story, have denied all the accusations against them, and have yet to face charges. But the global arc of the tale—from a provincial town in India to the corporate boardrooms of London and New York—offers a case study in a new, systemic form of graft known as "state capture." This was a modern-day coup d'état, waged with bribery instead of bullets. It demonstrates how an entire country can fall to foreign influences without a single shot being fired—especially when that country is ruled by a divisive president who is skilled at fueling racial resentments, willing to fire his own intelligence chiefs to protect his business interests, and eager to use his elected position to enrich himself with unsavory investors.

https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2019/03/how-the-guptabrothers-hijacked-south-africa-corruption-bribes

Sound familiar?

They already completely control large parts of South Asia and via a network of naturalized first and second-generation US citizens have enormous influence in the US Congress, thus attaining "state capture" of the US as well.

Thus, Congress giving the lion's share of an "attack China campaign" to India is both *quid pro quo*, and a battery of potential powerful info-war weapons to use against China. True India has an ironclad caste system which is nothing less than apartheid but Americans don't seem to care. In evaluating this last observation, one should note the USA has always had an apartheid system too, which only allows very few very obedient token minorities into positions of power.

https://blackagendareport.com/yellow-skin-white-masks-andrew-yang-and-democratic-partys-school-white-supremacist-thought

https://blackagendareport.com/kamala-harris-has-distinguished-career-serving-injustice

https://blackagendareport.com/kamala-harris-face-democratic-partys-protestcampaign-against-bernie-sanders

https://www.rt.com/op-ed/508991-caitlin-johnstone-biden-raytheon



This inconvenient "little fact" may lead to the downfall of both the American and Hindutva empires as economic polarization spirals and COVID-19 ravages primarily the poor. It is this author's opinion both the USA and India intentionally allowed COVID-19 to spread freely as part of a covert eugenics program to kill off primarily the poor. Think about it a minute. If Donald Trump and Boris Johnson can survive COVID-19, anyone with money can. French Revolution revisited anyone?

The final word on Section 216 is India is now benefitting from Hillary Clinton's Pivot to Asia as the lead attack dog on China, and naturally is the beneficiary of the same kind of big money given to Israel. Hillary Clinton gained notoriety as the lead spokesperson for the Indian Tamil Terrorists in the 1990s and they donated big money to the Clintons, DNC and Clinton Foundation. Incidentally former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton managed to rescue the leadership of the Tamil Terrorists at the end of the Sri Lanka war, and they appear to be working with other terrorist groups primarily in 1) launching false flag operations in support of American interventions, and 2) media production promoting various terrorist groups. Also see: Tamil Tigers' Debt to America: US Foreign Policy Adventurism & Sri Lanka's Dilemma, (book) by Daya Gamage

"Birds of a feather flock together," as the old saying goes and tragically China will have to be more of a "police state" in view of a highly probable increase in terrorist attacks funded by US taxpayer dollars and rationalized and approved by Congress. In fact, China is not a "police state" as one hardly ever even sees a police officer and China has far less people in prison than the USA even though it has three times the population. Still, Chinese authorities will have to devote additional resources to protect against the possible or even probably effects of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 and especially this Section.

Information wars are always a prelude to vast increases in the slaughter of innocents if the US government has anything to do with it. Child abuse? Mass murder of all innocents is more accurate. This also reminds me of the 9/11 Commission report and subsequent totally unjustified "retaliatory" wars on Afghanistan and Iraq. Let's get together, blame the wrong people, kill millions of innocents and obliterate their nations!

SEC. 217. Advancing United States leadership in the United Nations System.

(4) monitoring and developing and implementing plans to counter undue influence, especially by authoritarian nations, within the United Nations system;

(8) tracking leadership changes in United Nations secretariat, funds, programs and agencies, and developing strategies to ensure that coalitions of like-minded states are assembled to ensure leadership



races are not won by countries that do not share United States interests; and

(d) Authorization of appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated not less than **\$5,000,000** for fiscal year 2022 and for each subsequent fiscal year to carry out the responsibilities under subsection (b). **SEC. 217.**

Info-war Subtotal: \$3,993,000,000

"The United Nations Convention against Corruption is the only legally binding universal anti-corruption instrument."

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/tools_and_publications/UN-convention-against-corruption.html

And so, it might seem very strange that the US has allocated \$5 million per year to "influence" the UN to further American interests, presumably at the expense of everyone else in the world, and in this case China specifically. But then "very strange" is the new normal (same as the old normal really) in Washington DC which sees itself as above all laws and norms of civilized behavior due to American Exceptionalism.

As with several other Sections in the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 it seems highly likely other departments and agencies of the US chip-in to garner additional clout in the UN. Even one professional murder in the US of say for example a UN Security Council member by a freelancer alone could cost close to million dollars.

Setting up extortion, bribery, honey-traps, drug parties and so on for General Assembly members alone is rather expensive, in addition to bribing cleaning staff to for example plant and remove AV devices in offices, photograph documents, etc. A paltry five million doesn't begin to cover the costs of controlling the United Nations, even given that most of the General Assembly members are from abjectly poor nations due to American dictators' (nominally called "presidents" and "prime ministers") control of those nations. *The best way to control the news is control the actors on the ground.* Crushing for example the ICCs investigation into American War Crimes in Afghanistan is surely a very high priority for American "Strategic Competition."

PART I—Western Hemisphere

SEC. 245. Sense of Congress regarding United States-Canada relations.

(4) the United States and Canada should enhance cooperation to counter Chinese disinformation, influence operations, economic espionage, and propaganda efforts;



(5) the People's Republic of China's infrastructure investments, particularly in 5G telecommunications technology, extraction of natural resources, and port infrastructure, pose national security risks for the United States and Canada;

(6) the United States should share, as appropriate, intelligence gathered regarding—

(A) Huawei's 5G capabilities; and

(B) the Chinese Government's intentions with respect to 5G expansion;

(8) the United States and Canada must prioritize cooperation on continental defense and in the Arctic, including by modernizing the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) to effectively defend the Northern Hemisphere against the range of threats by peer competitors, including long range missiles and highprecision weapons.

"Shine up your long-range missiles boys! That Huawei mobile phone is coming to get us(!)" shrieks the oh-so-very clever but most unwise US Congress. "Those devil Chinese are spreading disinformation about us, influence, and did I say propaganda already? Well! Say it again! They're building PORTS! The savagery of those Chinese devils is beyond belief! Just think, they're giving away COVID-19 vaccines, oxygen generators, respirators and medicines to impoverished countries, just to GET US! TO BUY INFLUENCE!

MFA: China Has Announced Assistance to 82 Countries, WHO and African Union to Fight COVID-19, 2020/03/20

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdfyyq/t 1759145.shtml

They are devils! We God-fearing AMERICANS stand with our CANADIAN brothers and sisters in this WAR against those yellow rat-bastard FIENDS!"

There is a common saying the USA: "No good deed goes unpunished." I have personally found this to be true.

Frankly the level of logic in the Section 245 strongly reminds me of a malicious 12-yearold boy collecting a gang to torment some innocent kid. It's simply ludicrous, completely devoid of any evidence of harm or harmful intent by any Chinese, and mandates a secretive gathering of white men to combat the imaginary evils of a hallucinated foe.

The word "malign" is used 35 times in the Strategic Competition Act of 2021.



This appears to be a classic example of the Freudian ego defense mechanism called: "psychological projection." This is low-level disinformation at best, however stoking the fires of racism and beating war drums does reliably quicken the heartbeat of all besotted members of the Five-Eyes.

SEC. 246. Sense of Congress regarding the Government of China's arbitrary imprisonment of Canadian citizens.

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(1) the Government of the People's Republic of China's apparent arbitrary detention and abusive treatment of Canadian nationals Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig in apparent retaliation for the Government of Canada's arrest of Meng Wanzhou is deeply concerning...

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China is not the only nation to continue to do business with Iran.

European countries set up trade channel with Iran to bypass US sanctions, By Sara Mazloumsaki, Nadine Schmidt and Sheena McKenzie, CNN, January 31, 2019

Berlin (CNN)Germany, France and Britain have joined forces to establish their own trade channel to Iran and circumvent United States sanctions, according to a joint statement made by the socalled E3 on Thursday...

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian and British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced the "special purpose vehicle," known as the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX), at a meeting of EU foreign and defense ministers in Bucharest, Romania.

https://edition.cnn.com/2019/01/31/europe/europe-iran-us-sanctions-payment-grm-gbr-intl



Yet the US did not order the kidnapping of the children of German or French businesspeople.

The American "sanctioning" of Iran was a *political* decision from the USA, not a court of law and consequently holds no weight in law.

Using Canada to kidnap Meng Wanzhou because Huawei does business with Iran is a felony – a very serious crime.

It does not appear to be related to vastly more serious espionage charges brought against Canadian nationals Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig. The Chinese Ministry of State Security leaves known foreign intelligence officers and agents in place for years (for example Hong Kong media tycoon Jimmy Lai, and Agnes Chow Ting). One reason there are so few people in prisons in China is because they take so unbelievably long to collect absolute positive proof before arresting people. (Consequently, trials are rather short.) Chinese officials have other concerns in mind as well, including 1) their image, which they take very, very seriously, and 2) the costs involved in lengthy investigations and imprisoning people. The last thing China wants is to put anyone in prison (the opposite of the USA) and when they do there's going to be some very solid reasons for it.

Can ambitious domestic Chinese intelligence officers plant evidence to frame an innocent foreigner in order to get promotions (as Americans covert operatives so routinely do)? That is possible, however I briefly researched their intelligence services (on Wikipedia) and figured out evidence from a cabal within one intelligence service in China would have to be corroborated by another and that is unlikely to happen unless there really is very strong incontrovertible physical evidence actually in play at the time of the second investigation. If a person is innocent that evidence isn't going to be there. The biggest and oldest still intact spy system in the world belongs to the Catholic Church, and I suspect the Chinese system is at least a bit more complex than that. There are always going to be watchers watching the watchers watching the watchers.

Lastly in regards to SEC. 246 please note the use of the world "apparent": "the Government of the People's Republic of China's apparent arbitrary detention and abusive treatment of Canadian nationals..." I can't know for sure, but "apparent," seems like a very weak word here. If they knew it was retaliation for the (illegal) arrest and detention of Meng Wanzhou they would write that, or something stronger than the word "apparent."

Equating those totally different arrests is a form of disinformation, and stroking their longrange NORAD missiles in public is an obscene phallic display in my opinion.



SEC. 247. Strategy to enhance cooperation with Canada.

(a) In general.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit a strategy to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives that describes how the United States will enhance cooperation with the Government of Canada in managing relations with the Government of China.

(2) include the development coordination efforts with Canadian counterparts to enhance the cooperation between the United States and Canada with respect to—

(B) democracy and human rights in the People's Republic of China;

(3) detail diplomatic efforts and future plans to work with Canada to counter Chinese projection of an authoritarian governing model around the world;

(6) detail diplomatic efforts to work with Canada to track and counter Chinese attempts to exert influence across the multilateral system, including at the World Health Organization.

(c) Form.—The strategy required under this section shall be submitted in an unclassified form that can be made available to the public, but may include a classified annex, if necessary.

In regards to (2-B) it appears there will be more sabotage coming from Canadians in Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Tibet, not to mention anywhere else in China they feel like hitting. One can only wonder if the decision makers in DC truly are idiots to paint big targets on all Canadians in China like this.

In regards to (3) it's pretty hard to project a more despicable and deadly authoritarian model than the US is doing already, so probably the Chinese don't have to worry about this.

In regards to (6) I feel sorry for the people at WHO, who are going to have to deal with Canadian con artists in addition to Americans with the operational question being: "How to smear the Chinese best in some new way we haven't tried yet?" WHO is probably staffed by adults, so hopefully they will just smile, nod a lot and show them the door.



And in regards to (c) I'm sure they will feel the need to come up with some "secret plots" as that's what narcissistic sociopaths must do to be part of the "big boys' club." Whatever it is it's going to be highly immoral and illegal, because that's what they do best.

After the deals are sealed by the co-conspirators in a TOP SECRET meeting, they will invariably go out drinking and hire some prostitutes, another behavior sequence characteristic of the sociopathic world of "intelligence." They're just not happy unless they're hurting someone which is why most prostitutes need drugs and alcohol just to survive, and explains UN and US State Department personnel involvement in female prostitution and trafficking in Bosnia years after the war was over.

Based on a true story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E56OYUV7BWw

Someone ought to inform the International Criminal Court and their wives exactly what these five-eyed miscreants really are up to.

If I were eight years old again, I might be impressed by them, but probably not. Some people just stink regardless as to how often they shower. As it is I only feel disgust in response to them and pity for anyone who has the misfortune of being anywhere near them in any capacity whatsoever.

[This is not to say all State Department and UN officials are bad people. They select some good people the majority can hide behind if anyone turns a microscope on them. Those good people are a minority in my experience and are isolated from the real work of those organizations which is furthering the interests of the American empire. In the UN at the lower levels, one will find a larger percentage of good people, but as one climbs the ranks of power the percentage of good people decreases rapidly.]

Chris Hedges: **Don't Be Fooled By Joe Biden - What is exceptional about America is its culture of sadism**, by Chris Hedges

The grinding machinery of predatory capitalism, and the sadism that defines it, will poison the society as mercilessly under Biden as it did when Donald Trump was conducting his Twitter presidency...

https://www.mintpressnews.com/chris-hedges-dont-be-fooled-joe-biden-american-exceptionalism/276951/



PART IV—Africa

SEC. 271. Assessment of political, economic, and security activity of the People's Republic of China in Africa.

(b) Intelligence assessment.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that assesses the nature and impact of Chinese political, economic, and security sector activity in Africa, and its impact on United States strategic interests, including—

(4) the involvement of Chinese private security, technology and media companies in Africa;

(7) the methods and techniques that China uses to exert undue influence on African governments and facilitate corrupt activity in Africa, and to influence African multilateral organizations; and

(8) an analysis of the soft power, cultural and educational activities undertaken by the PRC and CCP to seek to expand influence in Africa.

SEC. 273. Digital security cooperation with respect to Africa.

(2) DUTIES.—The Working Group established pursuant to this subsection shall develop a set of recommendations for—

(D) utilizing interagency resources to counter Chinese disinformation and propaganda in traditional and digital media targeted to African audiences; and

SEC. 276. Africa broadcasting networks.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the CEO of the United States Agency for Global Media shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the resources and timeline needed to establish within the Agency an organization whose mission shall be to promote democratic values and institutions in Africa by providing objective, accurate, and relevant news and information to the people of Africa, especially in countries where a free press is banned by the government or not



fully established, about the region, the world, and the United States through uncensored news, responsible discussion, and open debate.

PART IV-Africa Summary

This section of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 on Africa proves beyond any reasonable doubt the true extent of the mental illness infecting the Congressional members that ordered this Act's creation and compilation, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee members that approved it.

Africa is still very much a continent in chains; chains of 1) poverty forged by Euro-American colonialists and doubly reinforced today by American AFRICOM, as well as French and British militaries, 2) the kleptocratic oppressive dictators the Euro-Americans install in power, 3) wars that rage when the people rise up against the Euro-American dictators, and the 4) neo-liberal economic practices the US enforces on every nation they can, that starves the poor to death while enriching the cronies of the kleptocratic dictators and the American masters they slavishly serve.

AFRICOM is More about Natural Resources than Fighting Terrorism - Lucrative trade in illicit goods, drugs, human trafficking, and more has continued to line the pockets of militant organizations in Africa and the very fact that they are continuing calls into question the efficacy of, and agenda behind, the US AFRICOM force. By By Eric Draitser, December 11, 2018

https://www.mintpressnews.com/?s=AFRICOM

AFRICOM's Secret Empire: US Military Turns Africa Into 'Laboratory' Of Modern Warfare - The U.S. military already plans to expand its massive military footprint in Africa and elsewhere to the tune of "several million dollars" a year and thousands of troops. By MintPress News Desk

https://www.mintpressnews.com/211971-2/211971/

To Ramp Up Fear of Russia in Africa, NYT Downplays Massive US Military Presence on Continent, by Adam Johnson, April 4, 2019

The New York Times (3/31/19) added to its series of reports depicting Official Enemies surpassing the US in the race for global dominance. It seems that having taken control of the Arctic (FAIR.org, 9/15/15), the nuclear domain (FAIR.org, 3/7/18) and a whole host of other spaces the US is "behind" in, Russia is now



gobbling up Africa—a threat the US, presumably, must counter with an even greater military build-up.

https://fair.org/home/to-ramp-up-fear-of-russia-in-africa-nytdownplays-massive-us-military-presence-on-continent/

AFRICOM's gambit: Why a US military command is waging a 'media war' on Americans, Nebojsa Malic, 28 May, 2020

A regional US military command tasked with hunting down terrorists across Africa seems to be far more interested in waging psychological operations targeting the American public, the Pentagon and the White House. How curious. Most countries in the world divide their own territory in military areas of responsibility. Not so the US, whose combatant commands span the entire globe – and beyond. One of these, the Africa Command (AFRICOM) is responsible for the entire African continent – with the exception of Egypt, which somehow ended up in the realm of the neighboring Central Command (CENTCOM).

https://www.rt.com/op-ed/489944-africom-media-campaignamerica/

The U.S. Brags About Health Aid to Africa While Bombing Some of Its Most Vulnerable Nations - Libya and Somalia, where U.S. forces have spent hundreds of millions on airstrikes, have fared especially poorly when it comes to direct U.S. health assistance. by Nick Turse May 22 2020

https://theintercept.com/2020/05/22/us-africa-aid-coronavirus-somalia-libya/

'It's OK when we do it!' America calling out China for protecting its national interests in Africa is the height of hypocrisy, by Scott Ritter, 7 May, 2021

The officer responsible for all US military operations and activities in Africa is concerned about the possibility of a Chinese military base on Africa's west coast. Apparently, his hubris has blinded him to his hypocrisy.

The commander of US Africa Command, General Stephen Townsend, in an interview with the Associated Press, has expressed concerns about reports that China may be seeking to establish a



naval port facility on Africa's west coast capable of basing warships that could be used to project naval power into the Atlantic Ocean.

Townsend, who heads an organization which, in 2019, maintained 29 US military bases in 17 different African countries supporting more than 6,000 US troops, voiced concerns over a theoretical expansion of the Chinese military footprint in Africa, which currently consists of a single naval facility in Djibouti believed to contain 2,000 Chinese military personnel...

What Townsend ignores is that, in seeking to use its military to protect its economic and geo-strategic interests, China is simply taking a page out of the same playbook that drives the operations of organizations like US Africa Command...

The reality is that China's investment and strategic interest in Africa is greater than that of the US. The US, however, has no compunction about establishing military bases throughout the African continent to protect its interests. It is the height of hypocrisy for any US official, let alone a general officer responsible for military power projection on the African continent, to call out China for seeking to implement similar policies based upon similar assessments regarding the strategic value of Africa. It appears that when it comes to defending a nation's vital national security interests, what is good for the goose is not, in fact, good for the gander.

https://www.rt.com/op-ed/523211-us-china-africa-hypocrisy/

For a good list of articles with links about AFRICOM see:

https://blackallianceforpeace.com/search?q=Africom

https://blackagendareport.com/john-bolton-says-he-wantsprotect-africa-predatory-chinese-behavior-what-aboutwashingtons

The British and the French have giant colonial holdings in Africa as well.

https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/feature/2017/02/15/updated-rough-guide-foreign-military-bases-africa

Keeping the Empire Running: Britain's Global Military Footprint, by Binoy Kampmark, 25 November 2020



Globally, the UK military has a presence in 145 sites in 42 countries. Such figures tally with Ian Cobain's prickly observation in The History Thieves: that the British were the only people "perpetually at war..."In Africa, British personnel can be found in Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Mali.

https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL2011/S00114/keeping-theempire-running-britains-global-military-footprint.htm

https://www.businessinsider.com/frances-military-is-all-overafrica-2015-1

Africa is a continent in need, and the only thing, the only thing the US Congress and Senate can think about is: How can we kick Chinese ass in Africa? That is so sick.

To pretend that China is part of the "Great Power" struggle to dominate Africa is an atrocious bit of CIA disinformation. The map of Africa is filled with American, French and British military bases and they relentlessly kill civilians in their so-called anti-terrorist wars. China has no military fighting in Africa and concerns itself solely with building infrastructure that African nations desperately need to modernize. The Americans, French and British really should try that for a change.

If the US were to work *together* with China, Russia and Europe to help repair the damage done to Africa over the past one hundred and fifty years, it would take them 50 years at least. The US attacking China for its work in China is counterproductive to helping Africa. Any protests to the contrary are specious at best and targeted disinformation in reality.

What's also pathetic about this is the US is offering no money to anyone for this. When it comes to Africa, the USA has always been "on the cheap." No new stainless-steel chains for those slaves; no-sir-ee! Just the usual rusty old iron chains will do fine, thank you.

Sec. 271 – If they want information like Chinese involvement in African energy, politics and media why don't they just stroll over to the Africa Desk at CIA and ask? They have all the answers already because they're running the whole show. They want information on the "nature and impact of Chinese political, economic, and security sector activity in Africa?" The Chinese are about the only people doing anything to help there as far as I could tell. The USA had its chance to help development in Africa for more than a century, and did nothing. And now they decide to sabotage Chinese efforts to bring development in China? That's obscenely anti-competitive and in fact, inhumane in the extreme.



Sec. 273 & 276 – Using electronic media in Africa to undermine Chinese friendships there might not be so successful. The US might be disappointed because on a percentage basis not that many people have access to electricity and/or electronic media to sabotage China. The US Congress has to wait for China to build them some energy production systems first (because the Americans won't), then the USA can turn use electronic media against China, *not before*!

It was China that built the African Union complex of buildings. Why? The US obviously didn't want to do it. Allow AFRICANS a complex of nice buildings? I don't think so.



Author G. Brundage in front of African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, 2018

Congress wants reports from Africa in six months. They offer no money for this research, but it isn't necessary anyways. They already have access to all the answers.

The USA always promises one kind of development aid in one country after another and then reneges every time. I was in Kabul not so long ago and the US promised to rebuild that, but it's still pretty much in ruins as is most of the country. Iraq? Ditto. Africa? I was in Ethiopia a few years ago and it was poor, really poor. I spent a while in Addis and then took buses up to Axum in the Tigray region stopping here and there for various reasons for different lengths of time. Most small towns don't have electricity and that means no refrigeration, and that means most people live without meat most of the time, as if they could afford it anyways. Air conditioning? Well sure for the crony super-rich only of course.

What I did see was a nation mostly still living in the agrarian age. A lot of the things in their markets were made in China, and thank goodness for it. Some consumer goods from



the modern world are accessible there, like for example, reading glasses, mobile phones, pots and pans, farming equipment, and so on.

I did meet a few Chinese people in Addis Ababa who were working on energy/infrastructure projects. Why do Chinese prefer to use Chinese workers? The story I've heard in several countries is that CIA guys will kidnap local workers' family members and coerce them into sabotaging any Chinese led project.

The US Congress and Senate approving a document on any other nation's anticompetitive business practices anywhere in the developing world is farcical. The CIA of the USA is the world's kingpin of anti-competitive behavior followed by the military arm of DoD and their legions of private intelligence and private military contractors. There are no laws too big or too small for them to breeze right past without even noticing.

AFRICOM

Research by TomDispatch indicates that in recent years the U.S. military has, in fact, developed a remarkably extensive network of more than 60 outposts and access points in Africa. Some are currently being utilized, some are held in reserve, and some may be shuttered. These bases, camps, compounds, port facilities, fuel bunkers, and other sites can be found in at least 34 countries -- more than 60% of the nations on the continent -- many of them corrupt ,repressive states with poor human rights records. The U.S. also operates "Offices of Security Cooperation and Defense Attaché Offices in approximately 38 [African] nations," according to Falvo, and has struck close to 30 agreements to use international airports in Africa as refueling centers.

https://blackagendareport.com/node/22696

China in contrast has precisely one (1) overseas military base, specifically in Djibouti. It is so tiny however one needs a magnifying glass to find it on a map, as compared to the sprawling Camp Lemonnier American base not so far away. That American base is only one of dozens of American military bases that completely dominate Africa in close coordination with French and British militaries of course.

Most of Africa today is just the same as the old colonial days because this is still the old colonial days - one huge impoverished slave plantation of the Euro-Americans.

https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-cotton-revolution/harriet-jacobs-on-rapeand-slavery/



https://www.ukessays.com/essays/history/rape-in-american-slavery-system-during-the-antebellum-history-essay.php

https://www.lincolncottage.org/the-loathsome-den-sexual-assault-on-the-plantation-metoo/

https://livrepository.liverpool.ac.uk/2038004/1/LiveseyAnd_Jun2015_2038004.pdf

To further feed their limitless grandiosity white slave owners routinely humiliated and raped their black male slaves also.

https://www.aaihs.org/men-without-pants-masculinity-and-the-enslaved/

https://shareok.org/bitstream/handle/11244.46/1279/2017-Spring_Perkins_Dedrick_History_Dept_Levy_Prize_Finalist.pdf?sequence=1

https://go.gale.com/ps/anonymous?id=GALE%7CA268550584&sid=googleScholar&v=2. 1&it=r&linkaccess=abs&issn=10434070&p=AONE&sw=w

https://historyengine.richmond.edu/episodes/view/6841

Mastery, Tyranny, and Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World https://zavo.info/ZtvCW0W

American white supremacist policy makers feel the need to relentlessly assert total dominance in Africa and shut China out completely. China is helping African nations build infrastructure and increase their self-determination; this is viewed as extreme disobedience by the white selfstyled masters.

Naturally British and French hold solidarity with their white American brothers in their desire to maintain absolute dominion over those who provide so much profit and salacious pleasure.

"In Africa, British personnel can be found in Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Mali." https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/11/27/keeping-the-empirerunning-britains-global-military-footprint/

https://www.academia.edu/40324098/Francafrique_A_literature_review_and_statistic al_analysis_of_historic_and_contemporary_policies_and_practices_perpetuating_Frenc h_neo_colonialism_and_neo_crusades_in_the_Sahel_region_of_Africa



https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-war-in-mali-and-africoms-african-agenda-target-china/5322517

https://www.globalresearch.ca/overview-post-coup-political-military-situation-mali/5724034

https://www.globalresearch.ca/france-crisis-islam-legacy-200-years-colonial-brutality/5726595

China and Africa: The Black Alliance for Peace's AFRICOM Watch Bulletin, Danny Haiphong, BAR Contributing Editor, 21 Apr 2021

"The biggest misconception about China in Africa is the predominantly Western argument that China is the "new colonizer" in Africa. This is problematic on many levels. For one, China and Africa share a common history in that each has been on the receiving end of Western and U.S.-led imperialism for much of their modern existence. As Western colonial powers were colonizing and dividing Africa amongst themselves in the late 19th century, so too were these same powers occupying parts of China and fueling mass migration to the U.S. where racist laws were implemented to maintain their super exploitation and ultimate exclusion.

"Furthermore, there is a lack of evidence for the claim of "colonialism." Colonialism is the economic, political, and social domination of one nation upon another and is the engine of the Euro-American imperial project. None of China's relations with Africa can be described as such. Does China control the monetary policy of 14 African countries as France does? Does China use its military and political system to control the governance structures of African societies? The answer is always no, but the Western and US corporate media have called China a "new colonizer" in Africa so many times it has been digested as truth...

"Deborah Bräutigam is the Director of the China and Africa Research Initiative at John Hopkins University, hardly an antiestablishment source of information. Yet her observations, based on field research into Chinese investment in Africa, demonstrate that much of the financial and economic relations between China and Africa serve a real infrastructure need and make up a small portion of the African continent's overall debt portfolio. I would



encourage readers to review this op-ed in The Washington Post and read her book 'The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa.'

"Every day, Americans and Westerners are fed a daily dose of reasons to fear China in the corporate media. We are told China is invading Africa, stealing intellectual property and jobs, interfering in elections abroad, stifling freedom within its own borders, building up militarily in the South China Sea and on and on. This barrage of propaganda has spurred the largest dip in public opinion toward China since relations normalized between Washington and Beijing nearly fifty years ago. Such an intense atmosphere of Cold War racism and anti-communism coupled with a global pandemic and economic depression is bound to inspire the most reactionary and racist elements of society. We cannot understand the rise of violence toward people of Asian descent outside of this context.'

"Political education will be key. China cannot and will not be bullied by the United States or the West, and this will continue to drive the imperialists to ever more desperate acts of violence and sabotage against China. These acts will reverberate and impact greatly the futures of the Global South, especially Africa. We are seeing how the long legacies of racism and anti-communism have made it attractive to join in the crusade against China along humanitarian interventionist lines, even among some sections of the so-called "democratic" socialist left...

"There are two kinds of political education that we must engage in to counter the strength of New Cold War propaganda. The first is study. We must study the Chinese perspective(s), the African perspective(s), and the various perspectives of nations and movements across the world on this issue. We must then make firm conclusions about where the true problem resides. That is, in the endless war drive of the imperialist world system and its lust for private profit...

"The second is experience. We must engage directly in the struggle for peace and develop relationships with Chinese, African, and all non-aligned forces worldwide to truly understand the situation. My short trip to China in 2019 and early 2020 was deeply informative on the immense achievements made by a country once dominated



by Western imperialism. We will need to organize people to people exchanges that help us answer questions which cannot be answered in books. The imperialists want us divided, and they want Americans and Westerners no matter how "progressive" or "radical" to look upon the Chinese as inherently corrupt and incapable of determining their own destiny or even understanding their own interests. This narrative should be familiar because its roots lie in the same racist social order that continues to oppress and exploit Africans on the African continent and in the imperialist core.

"Lastly, it is important to join anti-imperialist organizations. Join Black Alliance for Peace, participate in the No Cold War campaign, and begin working with those already engaged in efforts to dispel imperialist propaganda and develop solidarity among the oppressed. We all have a role."

https://blackagendareport.com/china-and-africa-black-alliancepeaces-africom-watch-bulletin

Also see: https://blackagendareport.com/russia-china-alliance-morebulwark-against-imperialism

The biggest dangers to American International security

Capitalists' vicious cycle of disinformation and exploitation

The biggest danger to American international security is the American international security system which has as its foundation absolute political corruption and despotism. Defense contractors control the politicians who demand conflict from the American Intelligence Community and the American Department of Defense who in turn cook up lies and hire local agents in different countries to "confirm" those lies. It's all a huge con game. The tax payers pay for it; people in the "developing world" get robbed of their freedom and natural resources, and shareholders and executives in the defense industry smile all the way to the bank. It's very simple to understand.

Though on the surface the constituent parts of Strategic Competition Act of 2021 appear to be classic paranoia, they are instead rational to promote conflict with China with the intent to "Balkanize it," (fragment it into smaller warring nation/states). The American Department of Defense must do as ordered and they are currently flooding the South China Sea with naval carrier groups and nuclear submarines in a provocative manner.



The potential for an accident is very high, as is the likelihood of a third party launching a covert false flag operation designed to trigger a military conflict between the US and China. Several American "ally" nations have the motivation to do this in order to reinforce their own power base which is totally reliant on the US maintaining its hegemony.

The US doesn't necessarily want to start a nuclear war in China (because **Russia** might weigh in on the side of China), but for example sinking a Chinese navy ship or two would suit their purposes just fine so as to weaken the Chinese people's faith in their government, and divide China such that the USA can reign supreme over planet earth forever (maintain hegemony in perpetuity).

The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 uses false information in (an illegal and corrupt) attempt to divide China and to "justify" the US inflating its already vastly over-sized Department of Defense budgets to ever dizzying heights. The build-up to this situation has been at least a decade in the making and entertainment media has played a large role in the defamation of China in movies and TV shows as a warmup for the subsequent barrage of fake news about China.

New High in Perceptions of China as U.S.'s Greatest Enemy, by Mohamed Younis, March 16, 2021

- China now seen as U.S.'s greatest enemy
- Half of Americans believe China is world's leading economic power
- Record 63% say economic power of China is critical threat to U.S.
- The Feb. 3-18 poll also finds favorable views of China among U.S. adults falling for the second straight year, putting the figure at a historically low 20%. https://news.gallup.com/poll/337457/new-highperceptions-china-greatest-enemy.aspx

How can Americans be so easily hypnotized into hating an entire race and nation in such a short time?

The demonization of China began centuries ago, faded after President Nixon's visit in 1972 and started again after a Foreign Policy Journal article by Hillary Clinton.

https://fair.org/home/western-media-incite-anti-asian-racism-when-they-join-in-cold-war-against-china/

https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/commentary/us-china-relations-trade-resetbiden-13650088



Former Chinese Premier Chou En-lai once observed: "One of the delightful things about Americans is that they have absolutely no historical memory."

Calling American lack of knowledge regarding history, "delightful" was probably a diplomatic nicety. A lack of knowledge of history can be and often is a fatally dangerous lacuna.

Drugs

Another factor that unquestionably influences American susceptibility to media manipulation is the ever-increasing percentage of Americans taking either prescription and/or illegal drugs.

According to research done at Georgetown University, more than 131 million people — 66 percent of all adults in the United States — use prescription drugs.

In 2018, an estimated 164.8 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (60.2 percent) were past month substance users (i.e., tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs). About 2 out of 5 people aged 12 or older (108.9 million, or 39.8 percent) did not use substances in the past month. The 164.8 million past month substance users in 2018 include 139.8 million people who drank alcohol, 58.8 million people who used a tobacco product, and 31.9 million people who used an illicit drug.

https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/cbhsqreports/NSDUHNationalFindingsReport2018/NSDUHNationalFindi ngsReport2018.pdf

From at least 1999 the USA has been experiencing an opioid and Heroin epidemic. Those are international security issues that should be of greater concern than corporate driven phantoms created to inflate the defense department budget. Those two issues appear to be related.

'A glorified drug cartel whose dealers wore lab coats, suits and ties': how Big Pharma made Americans addicted to opioids, by Ashley Frawley, 14 May, 2021

A new HBO documentary called 'The Crime of the Century' lays bare how firms like Purdue used bribery, dodgy marketing, and shady political deals to make fortunes by getting millions hooked on super-strong painkillers.



What would it look like if an illegal international drug cartel were allowed to advertise? Perhaps it might take the form of slick music videos and glossy magazine ads promising an 'end to pain'. Certainly, they would minimize the negative effects of their drugs on your life, your future, and your loved ones. If questioned about what they were doing, we can imagine them blaming those who use their drugs, not themselves for providing them.

It sounds mad – madder still that anyone would believe them – but this is exactly what has been allowed to happen with large pharmaceutical companies and their marketing of highly addictive opioid drugs.

At least, this is the argument put forward in a new two-part HBO documentary series released this week entitled, 'The Crime of the Century'. Across its nearly four-hour run-time, director Alex Gibney lays bare the bribery, underhanded marketing tactics, and shady political dealings that enabled the devastating overproduction and over-distribution of synthetic opiates. In devastating detail, the documentary portrays American pharmaceutical companies and the doctors who recklessly doled out prescriptions as elements of a glorified drug cartel – dealers in lab coats, suits and ties...

https://www.rt.com/op-ed/523862-big-pharma-us-opioids/

Opioid Overdose Crisis

In 2019, nearly 50,000 people in the United States died from opioid-involved overdoses.1 The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.2

How did this happen?

In the late 1990s, pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to prescription opioid pain relievers, and healthcare providers began



to prescribe them at greater rates. This subsequently led to widespread diversion and misuse of these medications before it became clear that these medications could indeed be highly addictive.3,4 Opioid overdose rates began to increase. In 2017, more than 47,000 Americans died as a result of an opioid overdose, including prescription opioids, heroin, and illicitly manufactured fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid.1 That same year, an estimated 1.7 million people in the United States suffered from substance use disorders related to prescription opioid pain relievers, and 652,000 suffered from a heroin use disorder (not mutually exclusive).5

https://www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/opioids/opioid-overdose-crisis

Opioid users exhibit significantly poorer **cognitive performance** (e.g., reasoning ability/critical thinking), attention span and memory functioning compared to non-opioid users.

https://www.biausa.org/public-affairs/media/persistent-and-abusive-use-of-opioids

It appears this class of drugs could make people more susceptible to media propaganda due to a loss of critical thinking skills.

I was trained, certified and did volunteer work for several years as an alcohol and drug abuse (AODA) crisis intervention counselor in the 1970s. It is my impression many amongst the political leadership of the USA are flying along on sympathomimetic drugs (also known as adrenergic drugs and adrenergic amines) like cocaine and amphetamines, boosted (particularly since the emergence of COVID-19) by steroids. On the other hand, transitioning large segments of the US population from sympathomimetic drugs (which the CIA imported in large quantities to the US starting in the 1980s¹) to opioids is in the best (short-term) interests of corporate America and consequently the American Intelligence Community they control, as it makes the population more vulnerable to media programming (due to lowered cognitive functioning) and therefore less reactive to abuses of government. Opioids are the drugs of choice for a government that wishes to transition to absolute fascism.

¹ https://ips-dc.org/the_cia_contras_gangs_and_crack/

http://www.csun.edu/~hfspc002/news/cia.drug.html

https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu//NSAEBB/NSAEBB2/index.html

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/gary-webb-dark-alliance_n_5961748



Human rights

The American track-record on human rights is the worst in the world by far

The USA via its political subservience to corporate rule, consequent deadly economic sanctions and neo-liberal economic policies murders nine million innocent people every year by starvation alone.

https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/losing-25000-hunger-every-day https://www.theworldcounts.com/challenges/people-and-poverty/hunger-andobesity/how-many-people-die-from-hunger-each-year/story https://sanctionskill.org/ https://www.counterpunch.org/2018/12/17/what-is-neoliberalism/

No American politician can or should criticize any other foreign leader on the subject of human rights.

The list of American foreign military "interventions" is as unjustifiable as it is obscenely long.

https://archive.globalpolicy.org/us-westward-expansion/26024-us-interventions.html

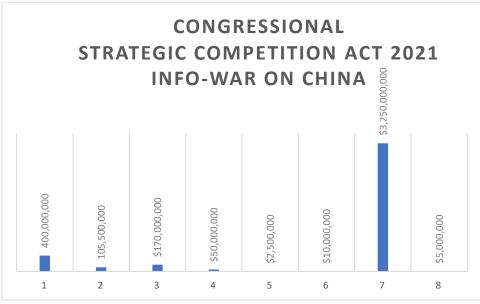
Trade protectionism is one of the primary, if not the primary causative factor leading to the American Great Depression (as all Economics 101 students learn) and China's foreign trade policy makers would not be so utterly foolish as to initiate a series of escalatory actions like that. Those trade sanctions incidentally have hurt American workers far harder than Chinese workers, arguably evidence that the American "representative" form of government is not really representing American workers, but rather only shareholders in weapons corporations who receive larger dividend checks from American acts of international aggression.

For other international laws and treaties regarding freedom of expression and press, see: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomOpinion/Pages/Standards.aspx

The New Cold War and Strategic Competition Act of 2021 are unparalleled violations of Article 20(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which has been manifest in a longstanding pervasive disinformation campaign against China, flooding the South China Sea with carrier groups and nuclear submarines and trespassing, harassing and surrounding Russia, e.g. with military build-up in Ukraine, Poland and other nations, assassinations of Iranians, and so on which all have the very real potential of starting WWIII. The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is four-billion-dollar egregious violation of international standards, law and civil behavior.

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Summary



- 1 4 Designated for USA, 5 E.U., APEC & ASEAN, 6 Pacific Islands, 7. Indo-Pacific,
- 8. Buy influence in United Nations
 - The whole "thrust" of the Strategic Competition Act is revealed in Section 2, Findings: (1) The People's Republic of China (PRC) is leveraging its political, diplomatic, economic, military, technological, and ideological power to become a strategic, near-peer, global competitor of the United States. The policies increasingly pursued by the PRC in these domains are contrary to the interests and values of the United States, its partners, and much of the rest of the world."

To put that into simple English, yes, China is developing, and most people don't see that as a threat as China is not a militarily or politically aggressive nation like the USA which has had only had 17 Years of peace since its founding in 1776. That statement reveals that American foreign policy makers are afraid of peer competition. One can only wonder why? As for the values of the world, I suspect most people value peace and development more than constant warfare and the abrogation of their self-determination, such as American foreign policy makers relentlessly try to force upon the entire world.



- 2) The whole world will never submit to American totalitarian rule. Attempting to force American values and assumptions on the whole world will not end well for anyone. Laws exist for a reason, specifically to increase everyone's freedom. In this case it's the freedom of other people in the world to self-determination; a right American foreign policy makers think they can steal from everyone in the world. In view of such delusions of grandeur, one can only wonder how many millions more innocents must die before American policy makers end their reign of terror and death, and will the United Nations ever even begin to try to fulfil its mandates to promote peace and self-determination between and within nations and people.
- 3) If COVID-19 has proven anything it has proven that so-called "liberal democracies" are not necessarily the most liberal or representative forms of government. Death by pandemic is the abrogation of freedom, specifically the freedom to live. China incidentally never had lockdowns except in very limited areas for relatively short periods of time. Living here in Beijing I never experienced any lockdowns. Wear a mask when going out was about the extent of the precautions we are asked to make and virtually everyone cooperated, although we were advised to wash our hands after going out and so on.



https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map USA COVID-19 May 3, 2021





https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html China COVID-19 May 3, 2021

The Chinese government is representative to the extent that it does listen to the people and more importantly tries to keep them happy. How so? First, people who never lived in China may be surprised to hear citizens do routinely criticize the government for one thing or another. There is no law against it as far as I know. However, when enough people criticize the government on some specific issues, the government does listen carefully (mainly on Chinese social media,) and responds. Example? I recall a year or so ago hearing some grumbling from people about President Xi. I had to ask to find out the issue. It turned out the price of pork had gotten too high. Soon after China resumed importing pork and the prices went down.

The US government monitors all communications in the US and worldwide too, but generally does what it wants regardless of popular opinion which they know they can shape using corporate owned media. This builds unnatural pressures in society, I think. How many people in the US have lost loved ones because of the government's failure to take COVID-19 seriously right at the beginning like China did, and lost jobs due to the Trump-Biden anti-China protectionist sanctions? Millions! Where are their voices?

I read a lot of American newspapers every day (yes, right here in Beijing on my Huawei phone) and I don't hear their voices. Why not? Unfairly and inaccurately blaming China is scapegoating; it's not a mature or responsible approach to problem solving.

The "problems" that caused the Iraq War, and the "problems" that caused the rapid spread and very high death rates from COVID-19 in the USA still exist. That is a huge problem for the US and the world.



Einstein once said that "insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result." That appears to describe the American political mindset.

4) China is a lot freer than most people think. I was chatting online with an American friend last week who said some people in the USA were very angry at my writing recently. He added that I had no idea what is going on in the USA because COMMUNIST China censors all the news. That was funny. I have apps on my phone for USA Today, Fox News, MSNBC, NPR and a dozen American alt-news sources. Yes, I think China blocks NY Times, but doesn't have much choice really. Despite universal education for so many years a lot of Chinese are still very naive and enraptured by American concepts of "freedom" to do ANYTHING! (Which didn't work out so well in the face of COVID-19.) The NY Times has unfortunately published enough ridiculous China-bashing articles the government here finally said: "Enough!"

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has proven freedom to do ANYTHING(!) isn't a really good approach to life or freedom. The one economy that has remained intact throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is China, because the government takes simple precautions and the *people cooperate not out of fear but out of a culture with a history and language of harmony* (going back to the 100 Schools of Thought in 500 BC). The result? Freedom!

An American friend visited me here in Beijing a few years ago. He was really shocked. He'd expected some kind of frothing at the mouth COMMUNIST slavery and everyone wearing gray uniforms or something and was really surprised. Beijing could be any big city in the USA or Europe. It's also a lot more liberal than the USA because police here are not breathing down everyone's neck all the time. No complaints? Sure, I have complaints. Less police is nice but those traffic cameras are a killer! I wish they'd put more signs up telling people more clearly where we can stop to pick someone up at the subway! Luckily, I've lived here long enough to know that if something irritates me it probably irritates a lot of people and surprisingly soon the government will hear about it and the changes needed to keep everyone happy and safe will be made. In the meantime, I am just (a lot more) more careful when I stop to pick up friends at the subway.

5) Regardless of political differences, Chinese culture is more conservative than "liberal democracies." They still value families here which is nice and I have to admit I'm rather envious. Frankly, some of it is a bit "over the top" for me, like parents have pretty much power over who their kids marry, but that's their culture



and I, as a foreigner, don't really have a right to criticize them for it. (I've known a few people who went against their parents' wishes and married the person their parents didn't approve of. In each case the parents did come around later on and accepted the spouse. There are very few "iron-clad" rules in China, but a lot of complex systems and parents do try at least to manipulate their children into relationships they think will probably be most successful.) In virtually all cases they manage to work it out somehow. Are all those marriages happy? Are all marriages happy anywhere? In any case family helps and protects family here and in spite of some of my natural aversions to some of the (seemingly ridged but usually at least somewhat flexible) conditions involved in that, I envy them for it.

Also, the TV here is nowhere near as sexy as the USA. I saw a 2016 movie called "Suicide Squad" with Will Smith on TV here a couple of days ago and was pretty surprised that in many, many scenes there was a sexy psycho-lady wearing a bikini and rather prominently displaying her buttocks through most of the movie. I never saw a Chinese movie like that. Chinese TV shows and movies tend to be more conservative and I know for a sure fact the government here works to try to preserve family values. The "Leave it to Beaver" and "Mayberry RFD" TV shows may seem ridiculously naive but they were peaceful. Is that a bad thing? I don't think so.

Unfortunately, as in any large population there are definitely some people here that just love watching sexy violent movies and consequently worship the USA in all of its aspects. Appealing to the baser instincts in people is one way to enlist followers but I don't think it promotes the long-term survival of the culture or species.

Lots of sex and violence is good capitalism but lousy instruction for the young. Is it a surprise the USA is a very violent place? The rich are isolated from that violence and just don't care, but the poor have to live with it and it isn't fun to lose loved ones because rich movie producers know they can "make a killing" with some new level of ultra-violence wedded to new levels of ultra-sexiness.

In 2007 Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D. published a research study titled: "*The Falling Age of Puberty in U.S. Girls: What We Know, What We Need To Know*" She attributes the increasingly earlier age of puberty onset in American girls to pollution and chemicals in food. I suspect living in a society with a very highly sexualized media might have something to do with it too. Earlier onset of puberty in girls is also correlated with higher rates of breast cancer.

Is freedom to die of COVID-19, breast cancer, gun violence, astronomically



high incarceration rates and drug addiction really freedom?

I've lived with locals all around the world for almost half of my life. I love freedom and know for a sure and certain fact Chinese in China enjoy more freedom than anyone anywhere. They certainly do not all know it, but I do, *only because I've traveled so much for so many years in so many countries.* Too many wellintentioned but naïve people here listen to American propaganda and believe it. That's sad. The American government should take care of business at home before pontificating to the world about how they should live their lives, or manage their governments and families. They should definitely stop paying troublemakers to spread violence and destruction.

This Strategic Competition Act of 2021 projects the American sickness of absolute selfishness and violence around the world. That sickness has manifest in massive COVID-19 deaths, rioting, joblessness, the largest prison population in the world and a sharp decline in respect for the USA and so-called liberal democracies already. Attacking China is not the answer.

The answer is taking care of business at home first. Those without a healthy functioning system should not be forcing their dysfunctional system on everyone else around the world.

6) Despite 36 references to China as a Communist country in the Strategic Competition Act of 2021, China is not a communist country. Even the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) is not Communist. Communism is a utopian ideal. I read a lot of things by Marx and Engles and found it interesting. I see it as a world where everyone has the freedom to pursue the education they want for free and nobody can lord over others. There will be no national borders again allowing people greater freedom. The American myth-making machine has turned it into a dystopian hell. I see it as a vastly freer ideal utopia possible maybe 50 – 100 years in the future. There is no "communist" government now. Too bad! I wish there were! (No more wars, worries about visas, no governments at all, free education, shared resources...) In fact, the phrase: "Communist government" is misnomer regardless as to what it calls itself. Communism is an ideal, not a realized state. What China has is a hybrid capitalist/socialist REPUBLIC that has lifted vastly more people out of poverty in a shorter time period of time than any nation in history. What's wrong with that? The function of government is help the people isn't it? Not in the USA however. In the US government serves the rich only, and only protects the workers enough to keep them (barely) alive so as to function as little more than slaves of industry. The US is a republic too. The US has the Electoral



College that really decides who is to become president. The popular vote is irrelevant. There are a lot more systems of representation in China than westerners know about. For example, there is the CPPCC, Chinese: 中国人民政治协商会议), an independent judiciary, surprisingly powerful law firms and all kinds of "back door" avenues to attain justice foreigners never hear about. Likewise, there are other political parties besides the CPC. It is perfectly OK to support democracy here and there is a democracy party. Sadly, most of the democracy "pushers" here lose credibility when individuals and groups engage in (foreign supported) violence and trickery to get what they want.

China now reminds me of the USA in the 1960s. It's a hopeful place with a great deal of freedom. I wish that were true of the USA but it isn't any more and *that is not China's fault*. That is due to system errors in *unrestrained* capitalism and the populism and fascist legacy inherent in the later stages of all democratic systems (as Plato noted in *The Republic*). Political campaign finance corruption sure doesn't help, and spending half of the federal budget on killing machines and training people to be killers is unbelievably stupid and self-destructive too.

- 7) China was the richest country in the world until the Europeans colonized it and pumped it full of opium. Then it became the poorest country in the world. After 99 years of constant war China was a wreak. So now its recovering. And now the USA is going to send it back down to hell again? That's really evil as is this propaganda war outlined in the "Strategic Competition Act of 2021" which is entirely based on wild racist exaggerations, convoluted distortions and in most cases complete fabrications.
- 8) Trade protectionism is economic suicide. In the final Trump Biden debate, Trump predicted that if Biden wins the election the US economy would crash. He might have been right about that, but didn't mention the economy was heading into calamity whoever won due to the trade protectionism he himself started. Smoot-Hawley and Trump-Biden are unfortunate bedfellows in really bad economics.

The American protectionism bill that made the Great Depression worse by Sarah Gardner and Scott Tong Aug 24, 2017

But it turned into a big deal, a protectionist feeding frenzy, in fact. Congress started holding hearings on tariffs in 1929, at which point all kinds of lobbyist and industry groups showed up to piggyback on the farm tariffs. Ball bearings, steel, textiles, shoes, bricks, collapsible tubs, bottle caps, sprinkler tops, you name it. Even the goldfish industry joined the protectionist exuberance...



President Hoover signed the bill on June 17, 1930, a full 18 months after deliberations began. By then, the Great Depression had already begun. The stock market was in shambles, having crashed in October 1929 as the Senate debated its version of the bill. As the world economy sagged, it didn't take long for America's biggest trading partners to retaliate...

https://www.marketplace.org/2017/08/24/what-was-one-worstpieces-us-legislation/

If the USA can avoid a civil war and WWIII until November 8, 2022 when the next US Senate elections will be held, one can only hope informed voters will vote the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who voted for the toxic Strategic Competition Act of 2021, out of office.

That however is a mighty big "if."

Fact Check

President Trump: "We closed up the greatest economy in the world in order to fight this horrible disease that came from China."

Fact: COVID-19 appears to have originated in Italy

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-italy-timing/italian-study-suggesting-covid-predates-china-outbreak-sparks-scepticism-idUSKBN27Y1LN

Coronavirus was already in Italy by December (1999), waste water study finds https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53106444

Italy potentially had COVID-19 outbreak 'earlier than Wuhan', study shows, By Zhang Hui, Zhao Yusha and Zhao Juecheng There is a series of evidence on coronavirus being found in Italy before December 2019, including the latest regarding a 4-year-old boy found to have contracted the virus in November 2019, which some experts believe indicates that a COVID-19 outbreak occurred in Italy earlier than in China's Wuhan, which recorded the earliest COVID-19 symptoms from a patient on December 8, 2019 and has since been labeled as the origin of the virus by some Western countries. Italy identified the novel coronavirus in a 4-year-old boy on December 5, after he developed a cough on November 21, 2019, according to a new study published by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Emerging Infectious Diseases journal*, the



latest report suggesting that the disease hit Europe earlier than once thought. That was about three months before the first identified case of coronavirus disease in Italy. https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1209646.shtml

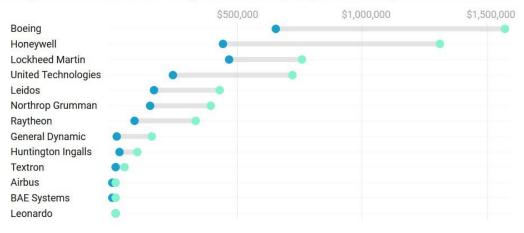
Fact: Studies Show N.Y. Outbreak Originated in Europe https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/08/us/coronavirus-live-updates.html

Fact: The New York Times, BBC and Reuters are not especially "China friendly" newspapers. But, occasionally for whatever reason, they do report some real news.

Fact: The US government is corrupted by unlimited political "donations" from and investments in weapons corporations.

Congress' Top Defense Stock Investments

Range of value of members of Congress' combined holdings of stock in top defense contractors



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https://prospect.org/power/the-members-of-congress-who-profit-from-war/

Article IV, Section 4 and Corporate Driven Thermonuclear Brinksmanship

At this time the corporate-driven Biden Administration is playing a brinksmanship game with:

- Syria/Iran
- Russia &
- China



True, Syria and Iran don't have nuclear weapons but Russia and China could well get involved at any time if the US in conjunction with its ally nations in the region decide to do a "clean sweep" of the Middle East and engage in full-scale warfare. *That full-scale warfare could be ignited by any number of third parties,* it doesn't even have to be the US, but *the US would most certainly get dragged in very quickly* to protect its assets in the region, e.g., Israel, Saudi Arabia and other GCC nations.

A thermonuclear war between the superpowers could well end all life on earth or at minimum kill a billion or more people and permanently damage the USA.

Questions

1. Is there any way to wrest control of the government away from the corporations that profit from wars?

There is one sure way to turn matters around quickly. It involves use of the domestic violence clause in the Constitution of the United States. That clause in Article IV, Section 4, has the power to wrest control from the corporate elite. It contains the authority to reconfigure all U.S. institutions, public and private, for the benefit of the people and to assure our survival.

https://covertactionmagazine.com/2021/02/18/endingcorporate-tyranny-solutions-to-the-plague-that-afflicts-us-all/

- 2. Is the US President. Congress and Senate really ready to start WWIII in support of maintaining American global hegemony in perpetuity supported by a populist lie ("China-virus") told by former President Trump?
- 3. If American presidents are not required to take mental health checks, why not?
- 4. What kind of world are we going to leave for our children and their children? A burned-out radioactive cinder in the midst of nuclear winter or a more harmonious world where people actually live together in peace?
- 5. Whatever happened to detente?

Unrestrained capitalism is rapacious by nature. It's easy for the super-rich to support it because they thoroughly enjoy and profit from lording over and exploiting the poor. But it's a living nightmare for the poor and the polarization between the wealthy and poor is



getting so extreme in most countries critical mass implosions are inevitable. The US is in mortal danger not only from blowback relating to its unlimited overseas aggression but also its callous disregard for the working poor and jobless in the US.

Other parts of this series can be downloaded from: https://thegreatlinking.org/ https://www.silkroadvirtualuniversity.org/ https://www.academia.edu/

ⁱ **NOTE:** In the notorious *Citizens United Vs. FEC* decision:

"The Court also rejected an anticorruption rationale as a means of banning independent corporate political speech. In *Buckley v. Valeo*, the Court found the anti-corruption interest to be sufficiently important to allow limits on contributions, but did not extend that reasoning to overall expenditure limits because there was less of a danger that expenditures would be given as a *quid pro quo* for commitments from that candidate. The Court ultimately held in this case that the anti-corruption interest is not sufficient to displace the speech in question from Citizens United and that *'independent expenditures, including those made by corporations, do not give rise to corruption or the appearance of corruption.*" (Italics added by this author.)

Members of Congress personally and professionally profit from foreign military aggression proving the Supreme Court's dismissal of "*quid pro quo*" relationships was fatally erroneous; That error (Titanic-sized blunder) plus the decision in *SpeechNow.org v. Federal Election Commission* ultimately led to Super-PACs and other unlimited forms of political corruption in the USA and worldwide.