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*Most of What Gets Reported About China Is Rhetoric and BS*

I usually hang back from predictions but I did it again, assuring readers that a red-tide would sweep across the Midwest to DC, taking both the Senate and the House with it. At the same time, I've been stalwart in my view that Russia would defeat Ukraine by summer. Today, doubt was raised, with Russia withdrawing from Kherson—but I'll stay with my Ukraine prediction, notwithstanding how badly I missed the 'midterm' reality.

I heard some theories today: if the minority party (the republicans), didn't offer something for the opposition-undecided to grab onto, 80% would vote the straight party ticket. That certainly happened. At a time when 75% of Americans are unhappy with the direction of the nation, and the president has the lowest polling numbers, maybe ever, the midterms not bringing a red wave were at least a perception win for the left.

If the republicans had won, it would've been a hollow victory because both sides of the aisle are bought and sold by the likes of Pharma and General Dynamics. Neither side legislates limits on the size of government—they simply redirect the checkbook.

Because China is the primary threat to the US (Russia a secondary threat), the war in Ukraine portends a much larger conflict—with China. To that end, President Xi advises Chinese citizens to prepare for war. The US would do well to not take him lightly.

NATO, more-so the US, is responsible for the Russian invasion of Ukraine—which is now a war—a war that follows the pattern of the Spanish Civil War, which led into WW2. There, what became the 'Allies' went up against the Nazis ('Axis'), in a prelude to the world war to come. Now, Zelensky/AZOV plays the role of Franco/Fascists, allied with NATO/US, against Russia. Notice the similes for who are the 'good' and 'bad' guys.

Since US/NATO troops, so far, are not put at risk (similar to Americans backstopped by the Fed), the US can act-out in cavalier fashion. Jake Sullivan warns the Russians against using nukes, letting it be known that 90K NATO troops are massed and ready to intervene if Russia were to expand its original mission—say towards Odessa. Russia may be forced to expand its mission—and blame for that also belongs to the US.

When summer comes and Russia has accepted unconditional Ukraine surrender (unless 'Dr. Strangelove', Part 2, unfolds), Western concerns about China will then be a 'moot point' because US/NATO will be like a boxer, who in his tune-up fight before a long-awaited championship bout, first gets knocked-down—then knocked-out cold.

Another concern: Joe Biden ran on nuclear arms functioning 'solely as deterrent'.

Now 'official policy' expands conditions for a nuclear 1st-strike. Rather than the US appearing unpredictable (a la Reagan), this policy shows us for what we are—'nut-jobs'.

Until summer comes, what about China? How can it be, with many Americans skeptical of 'Pfizer and Co.', and beginning to see the Fed as the destroyer of our economy, while judging RussiaGate as BS, yet continue to buy-into propaganda that Russia is the bad guy in Ukraine; China, the bad guy in Hong Kong and Taiwan, and, there is no way for 'democracy to survive' if we enter into 'frank talks' with either Xi or Putin?

Everything we get from the elite is packaged for 'banal consumption'—so everything needs to be viewed through a 'jaundiced eye and challenged. We need be skeptical of an elite take that our biggest threat is: not a looming economic collapse—not a digital or viral lockdown—but China. Everywhere we look we are subject to 'reality alteration' intended to undercut China through mendacious guile admixed with misinformation.

Socially and politically, China is communist (free men detest them for that). But, isn't the US its own 'crony collective'—where the preservation of democracy is lauded as its most important value, when, in fact, we are nothing more than subjects to a tyranny?

Evidence for that? Intelligence hacks playing roles of media spokesmen, justifying BS such as cell phone giant Huawei having to be stopped because it has potential to hack into our information. These same people did that, then raised the fear-bar lying to Congress over US citizen surveillance, then had the Huawei CFO arrested, in Canada.

China uses a 'social credit score' (the 'stuff of despotism'), but there's more to it. Independent polls suggest upwards of 90% of Chinese generally support their government. And a majority of young Chinese see the social score as a kind of meritocracy—one they support. It goes without saying—I don't support anybody telling me what to do, but given there are 1.5 billion Chinese, don't anticipate support for regime change.

China's leaders are seen by most Chinese as 'benevolent caretakers', having genuine concern for needs of citizens and governing from that place. Meanwhile, 'back in the States', our leaders do 'journeyman work' to strip-away our freedoms. And, although China is governed by a 'command/control' political structure, it has a less-regulated, capitalistic economy—the thing that made America great—that no longer exists.

US media presents us with a world that views China and Russia as 'pariahs', if not 'sponsors of terrorism' states (but one can get that for having voted for Trump—right?).

But, are they global pariahs? When seeking support for new sanctions on either China or Russia, the US fights against secret ballots, holding a 'you are next' card over everyone's head. What is the global support breakdown for sanctions on Russia? US propaganda moguls try to sell a notion that only North Korea and rogue states are against sanctions, when support for sanctions total only 16% of global population. And, nations totaling 2/3s of global population refuse to condemn Russia's UKR invasion.

China stole our technology. No, we gave it to them. China's Belt/Road attempts to control the world by inflicting crushing debt on participating nations. No. Belt/Road is global connectivity: for it to work, each nation involved has to trust China and benefit.

Covid, of course was China—ain't that right, Fauci? But what about Xinjiang and the Uyghur genocide? Described as the 'who's who' of rogue states, 90 nations reportedly support China's policy. What am I missing? There are 90 rogue nations in the world and the US is not on that list? Any who support the US position—did you do research?

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