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A paramilitary police officer stands guard in Tiananmen Square in a file photo.

Leaked Document: Calgary Mayor, Other Officials Target of Chinese Regime Influence

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THE EPOCH TIMES

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, a number of Calgary city officials, several academics, and a former mayor of St. John's are all on a list of targets that Chinese officials hope to influence to further the communist regime's interests.

The list, disclosed in a leaked government document recently obtained by The Epoch Times, reveals names spanning a wide range of sectors and countries in which the Chinese regime seeks to "cultivate talent."

The 2019 document was issued by the Foreign Affairs Office of the municipal government of Daqing, a city in northeastern China.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole.

How Chinese Data Trove on 2 Million People, Including Canadians, Serves Beijing's 'Unrestricted Warfare'

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News Analysis

A Chinese database containing the personal information of millions of people around the globe—including at least 5,000 Canadians, among them Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole—was recently leaked to Western media, offering a glimpse into the regime's effort to harvest data on targeted foreigners.

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Communist China's Silent War Against the West

For decades, the CCP has been using 'unrestricted warfare' to weaken allied Western nations, including Canada, from within

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News Analysis

Stealthily and with sweeping precision, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been waging a decades-long war against the West to achieve world domination by utilizing a military strategy known as "unrestricted warfare."

Unbeknown to most of the population, the CCP has infiltrated almost every major avenue of life in countries like the United States and Canada—leaving virtually no industry untouched. While this threat has largely existed undetected, the effect it has had on the targeted nations, as well as its geopolitical

consequences, are far-reaching.

Skirting the traditional, direct military confrontation offensives that have become somewhat outdated in modern times, this unconventional strategy has become central to the communist regime's approach to warfare.

The strategy is highlighted in the 1999 book "Unrestricted Warfare," authored by two Chinese air force colonels—Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui—and published by the People's Liberation Army, the armed forces of the CCP. The book, which has been translated into English, is based on the original army documents.

Beijing uses an array of subversive tactics, including but not

[Beijing is] using attacks below the threshold that would prompt a war-fighting response.

Nick Carter,
Britain's chief
of the defence staff

limited to propaganda warfare, culture warfare, memetic warfare, front operations, political infiltration, technological and telecommunications warfare, legal warfare, economic espionage, education espionage, cyberwarfare, and sanctions warfare. The regime employs all of these to varying degrees simultaneously in multiple sectors of society in order to undermine or influence the targeted country.

In 2014, Chinese state-sponsored hackers infiltrated the computer networks of Canada's National Research Council. The attack cost Canada hundreds of millions of dollars.

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'Generational Threat': US Taking Unprecedented Steps to Counter Communist China

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News Analysis

In its efforts to counter the threat of an increasingly belligerent Beijing regime, the United States has been pulling out all the stops. A slew of extensive measures in recent months to oppose the Chinese Communist Party's growing hostility signify a sea change in Washington's China policy.

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U.S. Attorney General William Barr.

In this new era of direct U.S. confrontation of the CCP, speeches by several top U.S. officials, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien, and Attorney General William Barr strongly lashed out at Beijing and its increasingly aggressive and hostile actions toward the United States and the world.

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The Ties Between Canada's Elite and Powerful and Beijing

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Commentary

For decades, high-level Canadian leaders, well-connected elite, and powerful corporations have pushed for closer ties between Canada and China.

According to the 2020 book "Hidden Hand" by scholars Clive Hamilton and Mareike Ohlberg, the Chinese Communist Party's "wide-ranging campaign of subverting institutions in Western countries and winning over their elites has advanced

much further than Party leaders might have hoped."

The Chinese regime has an ambition to become the world's number one global power, Hamilton and Ohlberg write. Its implementation strategy, they say, is to "target elites in the West so that they either welcome China's dominance or accede to its inevitability, rendering resistance futile."

Canada has been one of the countries Beijing has targeted for elite capture for decades.

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Introduction

DANA CHENG

When I was growing up in China a few decades ago, we were told the communists were going to liberate the whole world. In the 1950s, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) directed the entire country to make quality steel. China would catch up with the United Kingdom in 5 years and America in 10 years. Instead, this movement brought the Chinese economy to near collapse and, in the three years from 1959 to 1962, 40 million people died due to famine.

Yet the CCP has never given up on the idea of catching up and taking over (or "liberating," as it would say) the world. Under Deng Xiaoping, China began doing business with the rest of the world and the door to China was opened wide. The CCP has been systematically infiltrating other countries ever since, and it has used its propaganda media to influence public opinion in the West.

The regime seeks to muddle the concepts of the CCP and China, so that any criticism of the Party is said to be a criticism of China and the Chinese people. In this way, the CCP takes advantage of people's generosity and kindness toward the Chinese people. The CCP is not a political party or regime in the normal sense. It does not represent the Chinese people; it is a small group that seized power illegitimately and holds onto it by tyranny.

The CCP has stolen military technology from other countries to build its own military, with the clear goal of global domination.

It developed the Thousand Talents Plan and many other such programs to bring advanced technology from overseas to China, and it has gradually lured manufacturers and high-tech companies from other nations to China. It has used its century-old "united front" strategy to infiltrate international organizations and think tanks and

to influence politicians and elites in every field. It has gradually shaped mainstream opinion in the West in favour of the Chinese communist regime.

The CCP uses Confucius Institutes and Chinese student organizations to influence the academic system in other countries, while stealing innovation and research ideas in their initial stages.

The way the CCP handled the coronavirus outbreak clearly showed its true nature. It covered up information about the virus from the Chinese people until more and more cases were found in nearby countries among travellers from China. It does not care about its own people. Why should it care about people in other countries?

Oct. 13 marked the 50th anniversary of the start of Canada's diplomatic relations with the CCP.

In this special edition, we present a few aspects of how the CCP has targeted Canada, especially its elites. Perhaps more important than understanding these details is understanding the nature of the CCP itself and its threat to the world.

We're also including an excerpt of the new book "How the Spectre of Communism Is Ruling Our World," published by The Epoch Times to shed light on how China replaced the Soviet Union as the primary threat to the free world. The West got China wrong for many reasons.

This special report also covers recent unprecedented efforts by Canada's allies to counter the CCP threat.



Dana Cheng grew up in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. She earned her doctorate in physics in the United States. One of the founders of The Epoch Times, she is currently senior editor of China news.

Leaked Document: Calgary Mayor, Other Officials Target of Chinese Regime Influence

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Daqing's Foreign Affairs Office states in the document that it would start an initiative called the "100 overseas talent cultivation plan."

It's a program found in many other local governments in China, as well as within the central government. A 2019 report by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) listed several national-level talent programs that have "recruited or repatriated tens of thousands of individuals to China." The same report stated that hundreds of such programs exist at the local government level as well.

In the leaked document, although the Daqing office doesn't explain how it would carry out its plan or what the plan's specific goals are, it listed 129 "overseas" individuals it wished to recruit.

The document contains only the first name for some of those individuals, but each entry states the person's current or former job positions, career fields, and contact information.

The list consists of 19 people in Canada, 13 of whom are based in Calgary. Besides Nenshi, the list includes a number of other senior city officials as well as an individual who at one point was in charge of the China initiative at Calgary Economic Development, a not-for-profit corporation partly funded by the city and other government partners. Other targets are academics, a University of Calgary senior administrative official, and senior executives with a number of Calgary-based businesses.

The City of Calgary is a sister city of Daqing, also an energy hub.

A spokesperson for Nenshi told The Epoch Times that the mayor was not aware he was on any list.

"While Daqing has been one of Calgary's sister cities since 1985, Mayor Nenshi has had no personal contact with city officials," Adam Noble-Johnson, the mayor's communications strategist, said in an email.

The document also lists officials from the Atlantic provinces. Included are former St. John's mayor Dennis O'Keefe as well as an official with Halifax Partnership—the city's public-private economic development organization.

The Epoch Times contacted Calgary Economic Development and



Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi in a file photo.

the mayor's office in St. John's but didn't hear back.

The list has targets that span the globe, including people in the United States, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Spain, and the current mayor of the small city of Esbjerg in Denmark. The Epoch Times contacted the Esbjerg mayor but received no reply. Two former mayors of the Australian city of Perth were also included.

The CCP will carefully identify where the centres of political, economic, and cultural power lie, and who are the most powerful people in those areas.

CLIVE HAMILTON academic and author

According to China commentator and Epoch Times contributor Heng He, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) dubs its city partnerships as "citizen diplomacy."

Heng says that the Chinese organization in charge of promoting ties between Chinese and foreign cities—the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)—has senior Party officials among its ranks and "is a proxy of

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

"In this way, in addition to the official embassy and consulate, CCP foreign affairs agencies have added a quasi-diplomatic organization that isn't on the list of diplomatic envoys and isn't regulated by foreign governments," he says.

According to Heng, the friendship city can be "co-opted" to perform tasks that further the CCP's interests without being noticed. This includes "united front work," the CCP's term for efforts to influence people and organizations overseas to promote its agenda, Heng says.

CCP Influence

Scholars Clive Hamilton and Ma-rike Oehlberg write in their new book "Hidden Hand" that Chinese officials use sister city arrangements to build personal relationships. These can then be "weaponized" when a city plans activities that go against CCP positions, such as deals with Taiwan or meetings with the Dalai Lama.

The CCP uses a strategy dubbed as "using the countryside to surround the cities," note Hamilton and Oehlberg. This strategy originates from the time before the CCP came to power in China in 1949, when the Party retreated to the countryside and surrounded the cities in its fight against the rival Nationalist Party.

"This slogan should not be understood only in the literal sense; the idea is to go to areas where the CCP's enemies are weak or not well represented, organize the population there, and then use them to encircle the enemy's strongholds," the book says.

Connections with these local politicians can then be leveraged to pressure national governments.

In 2010, when Richard Fadden was head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, he said that a number of provincial and municipal politicians in Canada were suspected of being under the influence of foreign governments.

Other security experts and China analysts also support that position.

"The CCP will carefully identify where the centres of political, economic, and cultural power lie, and who are the most powerful people in those areas," Hamilton, a professor of public ethics at Charles Sturt University in Canberra, told The Epoch Times in a previous interview.

"It will then attempt to create a profile of each person and find a way to approach them to draw them into the CCP world."

Hamilton said the CCP is very good at "disguising its operations," hiding behind ideas such as "people-to-people exchanges" or "win-win cooperation and building economic linkages."

"Mostly the elites themselves are duped by this strategy, because the CCP plays on their weaknesses. It appeals to their desires and their hopes."

With reporting by Cathy He

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Table with 5 columns: 序号 (Serial Number), 姓名 (Name), 专业特长 (Specialty), 毕业院校和工作单位 (Graduation School and Work Unit), 联系 (Contact). It lists 11 individuals from the leaked document.

A section of the list maintained by the Daqing city government's Foreign Affairs Office, partly redacted to protect identities.



The logo of social media video sharing app TikTok on Nov. 21, 2019.

CHINA INFILTRATION

Communist China's Silent War Against the West

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Canadian telecom giant Nortel, which filed for bankruptcy in 2009, was the subject of massive years-long IP theft by Chinese hackers, according to the company's former senior security adviser Brian Shields. Shields is convinced that the beneficiary of the IP theft was Chinese telecom giant Huawei, which started to prosper in global markets around the same time Nortel was going bankrupt.

In a recent speech, Britain's Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir Nick Carter said Beijing is aiming to defeat the West "using attacks below the threshold that would prompt a war-fighting response."

The Chinese regime, for example, has "harnessed technologies and tactics that have outpaced the evolution of international law to avoid their actions being classified as conflict under the current definitions of international law," Carter said.

To counter this threat, Carter said the British Armed Forces have adopted a new "Integrated Operating Concept." The strategy, which marks a significant shift in military thinking, is a response to the advancing technology and non-traditional tactics, such as disinformation campaigns, used by adversaries.

A 2018 report on a workshop organized by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says Beijing is utilizing a "multi-dimensional strategy to lift China to global dominance."

"This strategy integrates aggressive diplomacy, asymmetrical economic agreements, technological innovations, as well as escalating military expenditures," the report says.

The Canadian parliamentary watchdog that oversees national security, the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians, said in its 2019 annual report that Beijing maintains "significant and sustained foreign interference activities" in Canada. This includes targeting the diaspora, seeking to corrupt political processes, manipulate

Canadian media, and influence discourse on Canadian campuses in its favour.

The committee pointed out similar threats in its 2018 annual report, saying China is conducting "espionage and foreign influence activities in Canada." The report added that China is among the most active foreign state actors trying to access Canadian government networks and the communications of federal government officials.

According to Conservative MP Garnett Genuis, the gravest security threat the free world faces is ongoing efforts by the Chinese regime and other non-state actors to influence elites and take over control of democratic institutions for their own purposes.

"There's a need for a broader recognition of the risk... a recognition of the fact that elites at every level are subject to efforts at this kind of co-opting, whether it's school boards, small-town mayors, university presidents, individual members of Parliament—there's a lot of attempt at this kind of influence," said Genuis, a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, an international cross-party group of legislators, in a recent interview.

Liberal MP John McKay describes China as the "colonial power of the 21st century."

"While this may not be a cold war, it is in some respects an asymmetric war with a front on intellectual property, academics, trade, human rights, and pretty well the entire panoply of relational elements between one nation and another as China asserts its colonial status," said McKay, chair of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, in a parliamentary session in December 2019.

Tactics

While some of Beijing's tactics such as its long history of intellectual property theft and unfair trade practices are more obvious, others that use what Chinese officials have called "soft power" are harder to detect.

One such avenue is its CCP-backed Confucius Institutes, which infiltrate and operate on university and college campuses in Canada and other countries in order to boost the regime's image. It also aims to push a foreign policy goal of making the regime not only an economic superpower, but also a cultural one.

Other examples are more blatant, such as a former chair of Harvard University's chemistry department being recently indicted for making false statements about funding he received from China, and a Chinese citizen in the United States who was found guilty of economic espionage, theft of trade secrets, and conspiracy.

Canada has not made a decision on whether to ban Huawei from its 5G networks.

In the latter case, a man identified as 41-year-old Hao Zhang was found to have attempted to steal trade secrets from two U.S. companies "for the benefit of the People's Republic of China," according to the U.S. Justice Department. Zhang stole information specifically related to the performance of wireless devices.

The Thousand Talents Plan, one of the more widely known CCP talent recruitment or "brain gain" programs, encourages theft of intellectual property from government institutions, according to the FBI. By offering competitive salaries, state-of-the-art research facilities, and honorific titles, these programs lure talent from overseas to China, "even if that means stealing proprietary information or violating export controls to do so," the bureau states.

The Globe and Mail said in an August report that it has found at least 15 Canadian academics who have taken part in the Thousand Talents Plan. These experts specialize in the fields of quantum computing, advanced electronics and engineering, vaccines, chemistry, and artificial intelligence.

One of the key organizations the CCP uses for influence operations abroad is the United Front Work Department. This unit coordinates

thousands of groups to carry out foreign political influence operations, suppress dissident movements, gather intelligence, and facilitate the transfer of other countries' technology to China, according to a June report by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

FBI Director Christopher Wray testified in 2018 that the bureau was attempting to view the danger posed by China "as not just a whole-of-government threat, but a whole-of-society threat on their end." To counter China's strategy effectively, Wray said the United States must also employ a "whole-of-society response."

U.S. officials have also begun to realize the national security threats posed by Chinese telecom giants Huawei and ZTE. In June, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) formally designated Huawei and ZTE as national security threats, thus banning access to money from the FCC's US\$8.3 billion a year Universal Service Fund to buy or modify any equipment or services produced or provided by these two suppliers.

Chinese-owned TikTok, which has seen meteoric growth in North America, was also recently found to be secretly reading users' clipboard data, although the app now claims that it has fixed the issue. There are similar concerns about Zoom, as researchers with the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab found that encryption keys were being transmitted to servers in China.

This summer, Washington announced that it is banning TikTok as well as Chinese social media WeChat, citing national security concerns. TikTok is racing against time to sell its U.S. business to an American firm, while both companies have launched legal challenges on the ban.

Meanwhile, Canada has not made a decision on whether to ban Huawei from its 5G networks. Three of Canada's five allies in the Five Eyes intelligence group—the United States, Australia, and New Zealand—have already banned Huawei from their 5G networks, while the U.K. has established a plan to phase it out.



The seal of the FBI.

How Chinese Data Trove on 2 Million People, Including Canadians, Serves Beijing's 'Unrestricted Warfare'

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The list included influential Canadians in politics, technology, and trade, and even children of politicians, including the 11-year-old daughter of Trudeau, according to The Globe and Mail. The Globe is part of an international consortium of media outlets that obtained the list.

The Zhenhua data leak provides but a small window into the Chinese communist regime's extensive overall data-harvesting activities.

"The scope is beyond most people's comprehension," said Casey Fleming, CEO of intelligence and security strategy firm BlackOps Partners.

According to Fleming, the intelligence gathered in the database is used to support the Chinese regime's "unrestricted hybrid warfare" operations. This includes espionage, covert overseas influence campaigns, and stealing foreign innovation and military technology.

Michael Shoebridge, director of defence, strategy, and national security at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute think tank, likened the database to a single plastic ball in a large ball pit. This dataset would be combined with data compiled by other Chinese entities

to be used in a range of operations to further the regime's interests.

Files on 2.4 Million People

Chinese company Shenzhen Zhenhua Data Technology amassed the database with files on 2.4 million people, compiled mostly from open-source material such as social media posts and online data but with a substantial portion of information that was not publicly available. A reconstruction of about 10 percent of the database by Australian cybersecurity firm Internet 2.0 revealed that it includes records on some 52,000 Americans, 35,000 Australians, 9,700 Britons, and 5,000 Canadians, according to ABC News.

The ultimate goal of unrestricted hybrid warfare, Fleming said, is to 'destroy democracy for the takeover of Chinese communism globally.'

In response to The Guardian, Zhenhua said that "there is no database of 2 million people" and denied any links to the Chinese



An unidentified Chinese hacker at an office in Dongguan city, China, on Aug. 4, 2020.

government or military. A representative of the company said Zhenhua's customers are "research organizations and business groups."

Experts told The Epoch Times that such a denial is unsurprising.

Shoebridge said the statement "cannot be taken at face value" given that Chinese laws compel the country's companies to assist Chinese security and intelligence agencies and require them to publicly deny doing so.

Unrestricted Hybrid Warfare

Unrestricted hybrid warfare refers to a strategy crafted by two Chinese air force colonels

in the 1990s, which espouses using a series of unconventional tactics designed to accomplish the objectives of war without engaging in actual combat.

The ultimate goal of this strategy, Fleming said, is to "destroy democracy [to prepare] for the takeover of Chinese communism globally."

Zhenhua's majority owner, Wang Xuefeng, a former IBM engineer, has previously posted on Chinese social media about waging "hybrid warfare" by manipulating public opinion and "psychological warfare," according to ABC.

Shoebridge points out that the database includes profiles on children of powerful people such as politicians and business executives, allowing the regime to target these individuals through vulnerabilities found in their offspring.

"That's a pretty disturbing potential use of data like that," he said.

At the same time, many of these children may themselves become influential people later in life. And so "the ability to exploit and influence those individuals is much greater because you've got a much more comprehensive understanding of them over time," he said.

With files from Cathy He

The CCP's Influence Over International Groups

Current and former Chinese Communist Party officials hold key positions in international organizations

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)
Ren Minghui, *assistant director-general for communicable diseases*
 Ren worked for nearly three decades at the CCP's Ministry of Health before joining the WHO. He was director-general for international cooperation at the CCP's National Health and Family Planning Commission.



INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)
Zhang Tao, *deputy managing director*
 Zhang previously was the deputy governor of the People's Bank of China. He also worked in other high positions at the bank including director-general of the Legal Affairs Department, director-general of the International Department, and director-general of the Financial Survey and Statistics Department.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)
Wang Binying, *deputy director-general, Brands and Designs Sector*
 Wang worked at the CCP's Ministry of Communication and Transportation, after which she joined the CCP's State General Administration for Industry and Commerce.



WORLD BANK
Yang Shaolin, *managing director and World Bank Group chief administrative officer*
 Yang was the director-general for international economic and financial cooperation at the CCP's Ministry of Finance.

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO)
Wenjian Zhang, *assistant secretary-general*
 Zhang previously was director-general of the CCP's National Satellite Meteorological Center, as well as deputy administrator of the CCP's Meteorological Administration. Zhang was responsible for developing the 10-year plan of the Chinese Meteorological Satellite Program.



WORLD BANK
Hua Jingdong, *vice president and treasurer*
 Hua previously worked in China's National Chemical Construction Corporation. The corporation's parent company is China National Chemical Engineering Group Corp., a state-owned enterprise.

UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (UNHRC)
Jiang Duan, *Asia-Pacific representative, consultative group of the Council*
 Jiang was previously a Chinese diplomat and minister of China's mission to the United Nations in Geneva.



ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK (AIIB)
Jin Liqun, *president*
 Jin previously spent nearly two decades at the CCP's Ministry of Finance, reaching the rank of vice-minister.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)
Zhao Houlin, *secretary-general*
 Before joining the ITU, Zhao was an engineer at the Design Institute of the CCP's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. He assisted the CCP in creating "telecommunication standards" and "national plans."



ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK
Zhang Wencai, *director for China*
 Zhang concurrently holds the position of director-general of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the CCP's Ministry of Finance. He has served at the CCP's Ministry of Finance in various senior roles, including as the director-general of the Department of External Economic Cooperation.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)
Liu Fang, *secretary-general*
 Liu held a number of key posts, including director and deputy director-general, at the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China over a 20-year period. Liu was the chief negotiator for the CCP's bilateral and multilateral transport agreements.



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
Chen Shixin, *vice president for operations*
 Chen previously headed the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the CCP's Ministry of Finance.

UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)
Li Yong, *director-general*
 Li was the vice-minister at the CCP's Ministry of Finance as well as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the People's Bank of China. Li also was the first secretary of China's mission to the United Nations.



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
Cheng Zhijun, *executive director for China*
 Cheng was the deputy director-general of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the CCP's Ministry of Finance. He also served as deputy director-general of the Finance Department in the same ministry.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)
Qu Dongyu, *director-general*
 Qu was the CCP's vice-minister of agriculture and rural affairs. He also was the vice governor of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and the vice president of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.



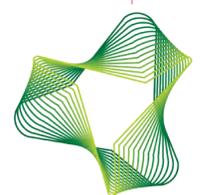
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)
Yi Gang, *governor*
 Gang concurrently serves as the governor of the People's Bank of China. Previously, he served as the bank's vice governor and as director of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange.

UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (UN DESA)
Liu Zhenmin, *under-secretary-general*
 Liu was previously vice-minister for foreign affairs of China. He began his career at the CCP's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1982. He also was the ambassador and permanent representative to the CCP's mission to the United Nations in Geneva.



NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK (NDB)
Zhu Xian, *vice president and chief operating officer*
 Zhu previously worked at the CCP's Ministry of Finance as director-general of the International Department. He also worked in other departments including external finance, World Bank operations, and sovereign debt management.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)
Xue Hanqin, *vice president*
 Xue was the Chinese ambassador to the U.K. and the Netherlands. She was also a member of Chinese delegations in treaty negotiations in fields of international law such as outer space, human rights, nuclear safety, law of the sea, international criminal law, and diplomatic privileges and immunities.



NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK
Liu Kun, *governor*
 Liu represents the CCP on the NDB Board of Governors. He concurrently serves as the CCP's minister of finance. Previously, he served as director of the Budgetary Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress, vice-minister of finance, and vice governor of Guangdong Province.

UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP)
Liu Jian, *UN environment chief scientist and acting director of the science division*
 Liu previously was the deputy director-general of the Bureau of Resources and Environment at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the CCP's national academy for the natural sciences.



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)
Yi Xiaozhun, *deputy director-general*
 Yi was previously the CCP's assistant minister and subsequently vice-minister of commerce in charge of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and cooperation. He also served as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in the United States for more than four years.

UN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAM (UN-HABITAT)
Yang Rong, *officer-in-charge, regional programs division*
 Yang was the director-general of the Department of Building Energy Efficiency and Science & Technology at the CCP's Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development. He also served as the deputy permanent representative of the CCP's mission to UN-Habitat.



WTO APPELLATE BODY
Zhao Hong, *member*
 Zhao previously was vice president of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, a research institution under the CCP's Ministry of Commerce. She had been commissioner for trade negotiations at the Department for WTO Affairs at the CCP's Ministry of Commerce.

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)
Wu Guoqi, *associate vice president, Corporate Services Department*
 Wu previously worked for the CCP's Ministry of Finance in various positions, including chief of the G20/BRICS Division.



INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)
Yang Dazhu, *deputy director-general and head of technical cooperation*
 Yang was previously the CCP's director-general for international cooperation at the China Atomic Energy Authority. He had also been the minister-counsellor of the Permanent Mission of China to the IAEA.

WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (UNWTO)
Zhu Shanzhong, *executive director*
 Zhu was previously vice chairman of the CCP's National Tourism Administration, which has since been dissolved. As vice chairman, he oversaw the composition and editing of key tourism documents such as the Mid- & Long-Term Planning of Inbound Tourism in China and the 12th Five-Year Plan of Tourism Information Construction.



ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (OPCW)
Chen Kai, *director of external relations*
 Chen previously held posts at the CCP's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was also China's deputy permanent representative to the OPCW. He also served as vice president and secretary-general of the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association.

COMMENTARY

The Ties Between Beijing and Canada's Elite and Powerful

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We're seeing the results of this now, as Ottawa continues to dally in responding to Beijing's hostilities as it holds Canadians Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor hostage, blocks Canadian imports, persecutes Chinese people, and creates instability on the world stage.

Setting a Course

In 1970, the government of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau became one of the first Western governments to establish diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) as the ruler of China. Canada's recognition of the regime paved the way for other Western countries to follow suit and for the CCP to join international bodies such as the United Nations.

Establishing relations with communist China and bringing it into the United Nations was one of Trudeau's primary foreign policy objectives after he became prime minister in 1968.

While on a visit to Moscow to attend a propaganda conference in 1952, long before becoming prime minister, Trudeau, then a political activist from Quebec, reportedly told the wife of the U.S. chargé d'affaires that he was a communist and a Catholic and had come to Moscow to criticize the United States and praise the Soviet Union, according to the 2013 book "The Truth About Trudeau" by Bob Plamondon.

Referring to the episode, columnist and author Mark Milke wrote in Maclean's that Trudeau "may not have actually been a communist in 1952 but his remarks revealed an inclination even then to skip over the brutality of communist countries."

Trudeau had travelled to China in 1949 as a young man, and again in 1960 on a trip sponsored by the regime. He chronicled the latter trip with co-author Jacques Hébert in their book "Two Innocents in Red China."

During their visit, the two witnessed scenes of one of the darkest periods of the communist regime, the Great Leap Forward, as noted in an article in "The Globe and Mail." During this period, lasting from 1958 to 1962, Chairman Mao Zedong wanted to quickly bring industrialization to China and forced farmers to produce steel rather than crops, with those deemed not complying facing torture and even death. The Great Leap Forward led to a devastating famine that killed tens of millions of people.

In their book, however, Trudeau and Hébert write, "We are convinced that we are witnessing the beginning of an industrial revolution."

During his official visit to China as prime minister in 1973, where he met with Mao and Premier Zhou Enlai, Trudeau praised the regime for its governance, saying the system it had developed "in comparison with all previous Chinese social systems, is striving to provide human dignity and equality of opportunity for the Chinese people."

Trudeau's comment came at a time when Mao was in the middle of his disastrous and bloody Cultural Revolution, which resulted in an estimated death toll ranging from hundreds of thousands to 20 million, with millions of Chinese suffering from torture and humiliation, seizure of property, and the destruction of the economy and traditional culture.

At Beijing's insistence, Trudeau refused to issue permits to allow Taiwan to take part in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, even though the team was recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). To refuse entry to a country recognized by the IOC was unprecedented and met with strong objections by the United States.

Trudeau's admiration for the CCP had long-term implications and set in motion decades of China-appeasing policies.

In 2013, when his son Justin Trudeau, then the leader of the Liberal Party seeking to become the next prime minister, was asked which country he admired most, he said: "There's a level of admiration I actually have for China. Their basic dictatorship is actually allowing them to turn their economy around on a dime."

Corporate Ties

Behind some of the most aggressive lobbying efforts for stronger Canada-China ties is a handful of big corporations with extensive business operations in China.

The Montreal-based Power Corporation, a multibillion-dollar financial services company, has been described as "the premier gatekeeper of [Canada's] formal relations with China" by author Jonathan Manthorpe in his 2019 book "Claws of the Panda."

In 1968, the company came under the control of Paul Desmarais Sr. and was run by his sons Paul Jr. and André serving as co-CEOs until last year, when they announced they were stepping down from their roles as CEOs but staying on as chairman and deputy chairman respectively.

Some of Canada's most influential people have links to Power Corp., including four former prime ministers.

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien's daughter is married to André Desmarais. Chrétien, Pierre Trudeau, and former prime minister



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Brian Mulroneo all served as advisory board members of Power Corp. after leaving office. Former prime minister Paul Martin was president of one of the company's subsidiaries, Canada Steamship Lines, and later bought it with a partner in the 1980s.

In 2019, Chrétien said Canada's justice minister should use his authority to stop the extradition of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou, who was arrested in Vancouver in December 2018 on a U.S. extradition request. Mulroneo advised that Chrétien and André Desmarais be sent to China on behalf of Canada to negotiate the release of two Canadians arrested by Beijing in retaliation for Meng's arrest. In a reversal of position, Mulroneo said this year he regrets making the suggestion, telling the Globe that Canada should rethink its relations with China.

Several other prominent Canadian politicians, including former cabinet ministers, have also worked for Power Corp.

Another influential executive at the company was Maurice Strong, who later worked as the under-secretary-general of the United Nations. Strong is the nephew of prominent pro-communist reporter Anna Louise Strong. According to the Epoch Times series "How the Spectre of Communism Is Ruling Our World," Maurice Strong was deeply influenced by his aunt and described himself as "a socialist in ideology and a capitalist in methodology."

After retirement, Strong moved to Beijing, where he lived for the rest of his life. In a 2010 interview with the Guardian, he said he still maintained some cooperation with the United Nations "in particular to China and that region."

Power Corp. is a founding member of the Canada China Business Council (CCBC), which was spearheaded by Paul Desmarais Sr. The business mogul once remarked that Mao was one of the four historical figures he respected most.

Canada China Business Council

The CCBC advocates for strong relations with China and has counted among its ranks former politicians or individuals who went on to become politicians.

Paul Desmarais Sr. was the founding chair of CCBC. His son André is an honorary chair of the organization, and the current chair is André's son, Olivier.

CCBC, formerly called the Canada China Trade Council, was founded in 1978 by eight major Canadian corporations and the Chinese state-owned company CITIC.

Half of the Canadian founding members—namely Power Corp., BMO Financial Group, Bombardier, and SNC-Lavalin—are based in Montreal. The other founding members are Barrick Gold Corp., Export Development Canada, Manulife Financial, and Sun Life Financial, the latter based in Montreal until 1978.

The book "Claws of the Panda" says the founding CCBC members "became a persuasive lobby for enhanced relations with China, for which the benefits of trade were held to be of paramount concern."

The Canada-China business community has strong links with a once-powerful Chinese official, Bo Xilai.

Bo was a rising star of the CCP until he was removed from his post as Party chief of the megacity of Chongqing after a scandal involving Chongqing official Wang Lijun. Wang gave the American Consulate in



Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau shakes hands with Chairman Mao Zedong in Beijing on Oct. 13, 1973.

Canadians Michael Kovrig (L) and Michael Spavor, who have been in captivity in China since December 2018.

Chengdu accounts of the involvement of Bo and Bo's wife, Gu Kaikai, in the murder of a British businessman.

Bo was part of a faction loyal to former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, a rival of current leader Xi Jinping. According to some accounts, Bo and some other officials in Jiang's faction had been plotting to overthrow Xi, and this was one of the main reasons Bo was removed from power.

Both Bo and wife Gu were heavily involved in—and profiting from—the state-sanctioned harvesting of organs from Falun Dafa prisoners of conscience.

Chrétien once called Bo an "old friend," and he was called "one of our key bridges" by Sergio Marchi, a former Liberal trade minister and a past president of the CCBC, according to The Globe and Mail.

The relationship between Bo and the business community is rooted in the close ties he had with the Desmarais family.

The Globe reported last year that Bo's son, Bo Guagua, is working for Power Corp. But the ties go all the way back to the time of Paul Desmarais Sr. and Bo Xilai's father. According to the Globe, Bo's father, Bo Yibo, at that time vice-premier of the CCP, visited Paul Desmarais Sr. in the 1970s while en route to Washington to lay the groundwork for U.S. President Richard Nixon's trip to China.

Shortly after Bo became China's commerce minister in 2004, Power Corp. was one of the first foreign companies receiving designation to buy and sell yuan-denominated shares on Chinese stock exchanges, the Globe notes.

CITIC-Power Corp. Ties

CITIC Group Corporation, the only China-based founding member of the CCBC, is one of the Chinese entities that Power Corp. has deep ties with. The company is a state-owned investment company established to bring in Western investment to China.

According to "Hidden Hand," Paul Desmarais Sr. was the main force behind bringing CITIC into the CCBC, "and thus into the most senior levels of Canada's business elite."

CITIC was founded with the personal approval of Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader of the Chinese regime after Mao's death. Its founder, Rong Yiren, later a vice-president of the People's Republic of China, was known as "the red capitalist."

According to the 2019 book "Chinese Spies," the leadership of CITIC "is known to harbour within its ranks a large number of Chinese secret agents. 'Hidden Hand' adds that the company has close links with the People's Liberation Army.

André Desmarais was a board member of CITIC Pacific, a subsidiary of CITIC, from 1997 to 2014. During this period, Power Corp. bought stakes in CITIC Pacific.

Power Corp. also has 13.9 percent ownership in China Asset Management, an affiliate of CITIC. Mackenzie Financial Corporation, an indirect subsidiary of Power Corp., has a 13.9 percent stake in China Asset Management as well.

CITIC has included many CCP "princelings"—children of Party leaders—in its leadership ranks, including Wang Jun, who is the son of one of the CCP's eight elders, and Bo Xicheng, the brother of Bo Xilai and son of Bo Yibo, one of the Party's most senior political figures.

Paul Desmarais Sr. and André first met Rong during a business mission to China at the invitation of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, according to La Presse. Before Power Corp. bought a stake in CITIC, the Desmarais-Rong relationship had resulted in another joint venture in 1986: an investment in a pulp mill in British Columbia.

'Expanding the Relationship'

Former prime minister Mulroneo, who has provided professional services to Power Corp. on different occasions, also sat on the board of CITIC after leaving office. According to a Globe article, Paul Desmarais Sr. was one of Mulroneo's two main mentors as a young man. Power Corp. regularly used Mulroneo as a labour lawyer.

According to the 2014 book "Engaging China," after a 1986 official visit to China as prime minister, Mulroneo wrote, "Much remains to be done in expanding the relationship but persistent work by successive Canadian prime ministers, principally Pierre Trudeau, is clearly paying off."

Following the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, when much of the Western world shunned diplomatic ties with Beijing, Mulroneo told Zhu Rongji, China's vice premier at the time, that Canada "would be prepared to fully engage with China in the years ahead" but would need to be cautious because of Canadians' concerns about human rights.

Mulroneo played a key role in forging a partnership between Desmarais and entrepreneur Peter Munk to invest in gold deposits in China in 1994, a year after the end of his prime ministership. During a trip to China, Munk was impressed that Mulroneo was able to arrange a dinner with Zhu Rongji, then head of China's central bank, without whom they wouldn't be able to get access to China's gold deposits.

"This is a good example of how Brian [Mulroneo] uses his connections and contacts and turns them into international business opportunities for the companies he's involved with," Munk told the Globe.

'Pro-Beijing Turn'

Under the leadership of Chrétien, Canada became much more pro-Beijing.

Chrétien once told the Chinese state-owned news network CGTN that he visited China "many, many" times when he was prime minister.

"For the 10 years as the prime minister, I met the president of China 17 times, so I was close to China," Chrétien told CGTN. The Chinese leader during Chrétien's tenure was Jiang Zemin, who came to power following the Tiananmen Square massacre, as the previous leader, Zhao Ziyang, was deemed too sympathetic to the protest movement. Jiang went on to launch a brutal campaign of persecution against the traditional meditation discipline Falun Dafa in 1999.

After the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, Chrétien was one of the first world leaders to bring China out of isolation, re-booting relations with Beijing after the West had shunned the regime for its killing of unarmed protesters.

Chrétien made a trade visit to China in

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard attends a signing ceremony between Canadian companies and their Chinese counterparts in Beijing on Oct. 29, 2014. Couillard said that he wouldn't raise the issue of human rights during his trip.



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For the 10 years as the prime minister, I met the president of China 17 times, so I was close to China.

FORMER PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRÉTIEN in interview with Chinese state-owned media CGTN

1994, bringing along premiers, foreign affairs officials, and some 400 business executives. The delegation signed \$9 billion in trade deals while in China.

Ahead of the trip, Chrétien and other officials said they would be using the visit to discuss the issue of human rights. But that issue was put aside, a Maclean's article notes. "We do not practise megaphone diplomacy, but we do not practise doormat diplomacy either," a senior Foreign Affairs Department official told Maclean's at the time.

The article notes that the closest Chrétien came to discussing the issue was in a meeting with Chinese premier Li Peng.

"Chrétien raised the issue so briefly that a Chinese foreign affairs ministry official later insisted it had not come up at all, and Nova Scotia Premier John Savage, who was at the meeting, did not initially recall any mention of the subject," the article says.

The approach of sidelining human rights in favour of business interests has been far too common a theme among many political leaders.

During a trip to China in 2014, then-Liberal Quebec premier Philippe Couillard said he would not be bringing up the issue of human rights, saying, "you have to listen to the point of view of your hosts on these questions."

After leading another delegation to China in 2018, during which he signed 40 agreements worth \$262 million, Couillard said he didn't want to "defeat" the purpose of the mission with "misguided comments." He said others shouldn't "dictate to China how they govern themselves internally."

Former Progressive Conservative deputy prime minister Jean Charest, who was premier of Quebec from 2003 to 2012, criticized the Harper government in 2014 for not pursuing trade ties more aggressively with China.

Charest is now providing consulting services to Huawei to help the company in Meng's extradition case and in its bid to be involved in Canada's 5G network. The former premier, as well as Eddie Goldenberg, former senior political advisor to Chrétien, were among several Canadian politicians whose name was in a dossier of key Canadian influencers Beijing provided to Huawei to advance its interests in Canada, according to the Globe, which obtained a copy of the dossier.

During Chrétien's tenure, Canada withdrew its support for a U.N. resolution censoring China for human rights abuses in 1997. Instead, any talk of human rights was reserved for private meetings, where Chinese representatives simply brushed off the issue.

The year 1997 was also a key year for Power Corp.'s foray into CITIC, as that was when it acquired a significant stake in the company's subsidiary CITIC Pacific and André Desmarais became a board member of the subsidiary.

Chrétien also supported China's admission to the World Trade Organization, which was instrumental in enriching the regime's coffers.

Martin, who succeeded Chrétien as prime minister, maintained his predecessor's China policy. During a 2005 trip by Chinese leader Hu Jintao to Canada, Martin and Hu agreed to build a "strategic partnership" between the two countries.

Some of the biggest orders for Martin's shipbuilding business before he became prime minister came from China. According to an article published in the Walrus, in 1995 his Canada Steamship Lines company commissioned three new self-unloader vessels from the Chinese state-owned Jiangnan shipyards.

Resuming Close Ties

When Stephen Harper became prime minister in 2006, there was a considerable change

in Canada's China policy, with Harper more vocally calling out Beijing's human rights violations. He also refused to go to the 2008 Beijing Olympics, which angered the CCP.

However, in the later years of his tenure, his government began to ease its tone on China. Manthorpe writes in "Claws of the Panda" that behind this warming up in tone was "a major lobby operation mounted using the CCP's agents of influence in business and academia to get the Harper government to change its attitude toward China."

After the Liberal Party won the 2015 federal election, it almost immediately began a policy of seeking closer ties with China, at one point even considering an extradition treaty with the regime. The government also spent money on public relations initiatives to warm up Canadians to having closer ties with China.

Trudeau visited China in 2016 and 2017, pursuing preliminary talks toward a free trade agreement, despite a \$50 billion imbalance in trade between the two countries in China's favour. The talks failed in 2017 due to the Chinese side not wanting to entertain Trudeau's request to consider progressive values in the deal.

The same year, Canada committed hundreds of millions of dollars in investment in Beijing's prestige-building initiative, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, meant to rival other multilateral development banks such as the World Bank.

Despite a clause in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) preventing member countries from forming free trade deals with "non-market" economies—a clear reference to China—Trudeau said in 2018 that Ottawa intends to pursue deeper trade ties with the Chinese communist regime.

The Liberal government was criticized by the opposition and U.S. politicians for allowing the takeover of two security-sensitive high-tech companies by Chinese companies. One was Norsat, a Vancouver-based satellite communications firm, and the other was ITF Technologies, a Montreal-based laser technology company.

In 2016, Trudeau's attendance at cash-for-access events became a source of controversy after it was revealed that some of the guests had ties to the Beijing regime. One of the guests was Zhang Bin, an adviser to the Chinese regime. The event was held at the mansion of Benson Wong, president of the Toronto Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The cost of attendance was \$1,500 per person. Zhang, together with a partner, donated \$1 million to the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation and the University of Montreal Faculty of Law, where Pierre Trudeau had taught.

Also in attendance at one of the events was Liu Meng, chairman of the Yangtze River International Chamber of Commerce and a member of the CCP, according to the Globe. Another attendee was Shenglin Xian, founder of Wealth One Bank of Canada, who at the time was waiting for approval from federal regulators to start his bank operation in Canada.

The Liberal government has yet to rule out including Chinese telecom giant Huawei's equipment in Canada's 5G networks, despite security concerns from the intelligence community and the United States, which has warned it would limit intelligence sharing with Canada if it allowed Huawei in the country's 5G.

According to scholar Hamilton, untangling the CCP's influence in Canada is a 10-year struggle, as "the influence of the CCP runs very deep in Canadian institutions."

If our leaders want to seriously put the interests of Canadians first rather than those of a few among the business elite, they should make the effort to start today—and achieve it much sooner than 10 years.



Prime Minister Jean Chrétien meets with Chinese leader Jiang Zemin before their bilateral talks in Shanghai on Oct. 20, 2001.

Two men chat next to the offices of CITIC Pacific in Hong Kong in a file photo. Power Corp. bought a significant stake in CITIC Pacific, a subsidiary of CITIC, in 1997, and André Desmarais was a board member of the subsidiary from 1997 to 2014.



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'Generational Threat': US Taking Unprecedented Steps to Counter Communist China

As Washington pushes back against an increasingly hostile Beijing, a number of countries are also taking action against the threat posed by the regime

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"The days of American passivity and naivety regarding the People's Republic of China are over," O'Brien said in a speech in June about the CCP's ideology and global ambitions, noting that "the Chinese Communist Party does not equal China or her people." Because the CCP threat is worldwide, Pompeo has been working to create a bloc, what he has termed "a new grouping of like-minded nations—a new alliance of democracies," to stand together against the regime. As part of building such an alliance—as well as persuading countries to avoid Chinese telecom giant Huawei for their



The FBI headquarters in Washington on April 3, 2019.

5G—he has met with officials in Europe and Israel. On Oct. 6 in Tokyo, he met with his counterparts from Japan, Australia,

and India, which, along with the United States, form the so-called Quad alliance. "This is not a rivalry between the United States and China—this is for the soul of the world," Pompeo told Japan's public broadcaster NHK. "This is about whether this will be a world that operates [as] a rules-based international order system, or one that's dominated by a coercive totalitarian regime like the one in China." He called on the group to collaborate against what he called Beijing's "exploitation, corruption, and coercion." In his groundbreaking speech in California in July, Pompeo said it needs to be recognized that the CCP is fundamentally

2,000 INVESTIGATIONS

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a Marxist-Leninist regime, saying that "it's this ideology that informs [Chinese leader Xi Jinping's] decades-long desire for global hegemony of Chinese communism." He asked democracies to work together to defend against the expansive threats posed by the CCP, calling it a choice "between freedom and tyranny." "We, the freedom-loving nations of the world, must induce China to change ... in more creative and assertive ways, because Beijing's actions threaten our people and our prosperity," he said. Internal U.S. counteractions have also ramped up. FBI Director Chris Wray said in July that the bureau currently has more than 2,000 active investigations that trace back to the CCP, marking a roughly 1,300 percent increase in economic espionage probes with links to the Chinese regime. He said the bureau opens "a new

counterintelligence investigation that ties back to China every 10 hours." Wray has called the Chinese regime "the greatest long-term threat" to the United States. The China Task Force, made up of House Republicans, released a report on Sept. 30 that they described as a "comprehensive blueprint" to counter a range of threats posed by the CCP. The report made more than 400 recommendations to respond to the regime's malign actions against the United States and the free world, dubbing the CCP a "generational threat." "Now the greatest challenge for this generation is the Chinese Communist Party. It is a generational struggle. And this is a generational document that will guide the Congress for many years to come," said the task force's chair Rep. Michael McCaul. On Oct. 1, Republican Rep. Scott Perry introduced a bill to designate the CCP as

a "transnational criminal organization" and eliminate sovereign immunity for CCP officials—which would allow them to be tried in U.S. court for criminal prosecution. If the legislation passes, it would add the CCP to the Department of Justice's Top International Criminal Organizations Target list. In its first-ever report on security threats to the United States released on Oct. 6, the Department of Homeland Security identified Beijing as a state actor that poses a "significant threat." Among a list of concerns were disinformation campaigns, diplomatic pressure, and counterfeit medical products exported to the United States. As Washington pushes back against the CCP for its technology theft, human rights violations, and military aggression, a number of other countries are also taking action to counter the regime. For example, Australia called for an

investigation into Beijing's handling of the COVID-19 outbreak that allowed it to spread around the world, and didn't back down in the face of the CCP's threats; and the U.K. is planning to phase out Huawei equipment from the country's 5G networks. Measures similar to those taken by the United States or other countries to counter Beijing are not in the works in Canada, despite the fact that Canada faces the same situation. Canada still hasn't made a decision on whether to exclude Huawei equipment from its 5G networks, making it the only member of the Five Eye intelligence alliance that hasn't yet done so. Our infographic below takes a look at some of the key actions the United States and other countries have taken against the Chinese regime.

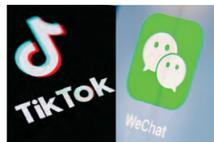
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World Actions Against Beijing's Threats

US has taken the most actions by far in recent months against threats posed by the Chinese regime



A Hikvision camera at a shopping mall in Beijing.



The logos of TikTok and WeChat.



The Huawei logo.



NYPD officer Baimadajie Angwang.



The Department of Justice sign in Washington.



People move items in bags from the Chinese Consulate in Houston.



A sign for Wall Street in New York.



U.S. Navy fighter jets in South China Sea in October 2019.



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.



Xi Jinping inaugurates a Confucius Institute in Australia in 2010.

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US Takes Action on Chinese Companies, State Media

Washington has labelled nine Chinese state-owned outlets, including CGTN and People's Daily, as foreign missions, identifying them as propaganda organs of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The U.S. Senate has also introduced a bill to limit Chinese state media journalists' presence in the United States. In August, Washington designated the Confucius Institute U.S. Center as a foreign mission of the CCP. On Sept. 1, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he is hopeful the Beijing-controlled Confucius Institutes will be gone from U.S. university campuses by the end of the year. In February, U.S. prosecutors charged Huawei with conspiracy to steal trade secrets. Hundreds of Chinese companies and government entities, including Huawei and 114 of its non-U.S. affiliates, have been placed on the Commerce Department's "entity list," meaning that American firms need to obtain special licences in order to do business with them. Dozens of the Chinese companies were

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Continued added to the list because of their links to the Chinese military or human rights abuses. In April, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) threatened to bar four Chinese state-controlled telecom firms—China Telecom, China Unicom, and Pacific Networks Corp. and its subsidiary ComNet—from operating in the United States unless they can show they are free of influence from Beijing. In June, the FCC designated Huawei and ZTE as national security threats, as both are subject to Chinese law, which obligates them to cooperate with Beijing's intelligence agencies. The same month, the Pentagon named 20 Chinese companies that are either owned or controlled by the Chinese military. These companies include mobile operators China Mobile and China Telecom, rail car manufacturer CRRC, and video surveillance manufacturer Hikvision. In August, the White House issued executive orders to ban WeChat and TikTok from the United States if they are not sold by their Chinese-owned parent companies.

US Slaps New Export Rules on China

In April, the U.S. Commerce Department control rules to prevent efforts by entities in China to acquire U.S. technology that could aid the Chinese military. The rules require U.S. companies to obtain licences to sell certain items—including semiconductor equipment and sensors—to companies in China that support the military, even if the items are indicated to be for civilian use. In May, the United States blocked Huawei from buying semiconductors from global chipmakers that are made with U.S. technology. This action cut off supplies to Huawei and closed a loophole that the company had been exploiting after being placed on the U.S. entity list last year. In September, Washington imposed export restrictions on China's biggest chipmaker, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. and its subsidiaries, over concerns about its alleged connections to the Chinese military, requiring U.S. firms to apply for a licence to export certain products to that company.

US Cracks Down on Chinese Espionage

U.S. federal prosecutors announced new China-related espionage cases almost every week in the last few months. Some notable examples include the arrest of a New York City police officer accused of spying for the Chinese Consulate; five Chinese nationals charged with hacking more than 100 companies and entities worldwide; a Chinese researcher at the University of California, Los Angeles, charged with destroying evidence (a hard drive) to hamper an FBI investigation into whether he had transferred sensitive software or data to China; a former CIA officer arrested for allegedly spying for China for a decade; a NASA researcher arrested and accused of hiding his funding from China; and a former chair of Harvard University's chemistry department indicted for making false statements about funding he received from China. FBI Director Chris Wray said in June that the bureau had more than 2,000 active investigations opened to the CCP. He said the bureau opens "a new counterintelligence investigation that ties back to China every 10 hours."

US Targets CCP Members

Washington, on national security grounds, has banned anyone "who is or has been a member of or affiliated with the Communist or any other totalitarian party" from immigrating to the United States, with two categories of exceptions covering involuntary membership and past membership. Members of the CCP and its affiliated organizations are expected to be affected most by the new policy, as the CCP is the world's largest communist party. As of the week of Sept. 8, U.S. authorities had revoked more than 1,000 visas of Chinese nationals over military links, following a proclamation issued in May by President Donald Trump. The proclamation was to limit Beijing's ability to leverage Chinese graduate students and researchers to steal U.S. technology, intellectual property, and information to develop advanced military capabilities. On Oct. 1, lawmakers introduced a bill to designate the CCP a "transnational criminal organization" and eliminate sovereign immunity for Chinese officials.

US Closes Chinese Consulate, Sanctions Chinese Officials

In an unprecedented move this summer, the United States ordered the Chinese Consulate in Houston to close, with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accusing the facility of being a "hub of spying and intellectual property theft." In September, the United States said it now requires senior Chinese diplomats to get State Department approval before visiting U.S. university campuses or holding cultural events with more than 50 people outside mission grounds. In June, the State Department imposed visa restrictions on certain CCP officials deemed responsible for undermining Hong Kong's autonomy. In July, the department imposed sanctions and visa restrictions on Chinese officials linked to rights abuses in Xinjiang, and also imposed visa restrictions on certain employees of Chinese technology companies, including Huawei, that aid the regime in rights abuses. In August, the U.S. Treasury Department imposed sanctions on Hong Kong and Chinese officials for undermining the city's autonomy and freedoms.

US May Delist Chinese Companies From Stock Exchanges

Washington announced in August a proposal to delist Chinese companies from U.S. stock exchanges if they fail to comply with U.S. securities laws and investor protection requirements. In a report by the President's Working Group on Financial Markets, the U.S. Treasury recommended that companies from China and other countries that do not comply with U.S. auditing and accounting standards be delisted from U.S. stock exchanges starting on Jan. 1, 2022. The U.S. Senate had passed a bipartisan bill in May to force Chinese companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges to open their audit books to U.S. regulators or face delisting. The bill would require companies to certify that "they are not owned or controlled by a foreign government," according to U.S. Rep. John Kennedy who sponsored the bill. Speaking about the bill on the Senate floor in May, Kennedy said he wanted "China to play by the rules."

US Strengthens Presence in Indo-Pacific

The United States said in July that China has no legal grounds for most of its maritime claims in the South China Sea. In August, the Pentagon warned Beijing over its ballistic missile launches in the South China Sea, saying it has destabilized the situation in the region. The U.S. Navy stated that its guided-missile destroyer USS Mustin conducted "routine operations in the waters" near the Paracel Islands to ensure a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific." On Oct. 7, Defence Secretary Mark Esper said the Pentagon plans to have more than 500 Navy ships in its fleet by 2045 to counter China's growing military ambitions and other threats. The United States has also taken a series of moves to strengthen relations with Taiwan, including stepped-up arms sales and support for the island's participation in international forums, such as the WHO and the United Nations.

US Holds CCP Accountable for Pandemic

Several lawmakers have proposed bills targeting Beijing's role in the pandemic. In July, six Republican senators jointly introduced a bill allowing affected Americans to file lawsuits against the Chinese government in U.S. courts. The states of Missouri and Mississippi as well as individuals and businesses in multiple states including Florida, Texas, California, and Pennsylvania have filed lawsuits against Beijing, seeking trillions of dollars in compensation. On Sept. 22, President Donald Trump told the U.N. General Assembly that the world "must hold China accountable for their actions" that led to the global pandemic. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in May that China did everything it could "to make sure the world didn't learn in a timely fashion" about the virus outbreak. "China behaved like authoritarian regimes do, attempted to conceal and hide and confuse," Pompeo told ABC.

Global Actions on Huawei, Confucius Institutes

In July, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he plans to phase out Huawei equipment from the country's 5G networks. The United States, Australia, New Zealand, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Japan, and Sweden have all banned Huawei from their networks. Huawei was also ousted from the heart of the European Union after competitor Nokia won two major Belgian 5G contracts. EU members have been stepping up scrutiny of high-risk vendors. This subjects Huawei's governance and technology to critical examination and is likely to lead other European operators to strip it from their networks. Beijing's Confucius Institutes (CIs) have also faced backlash in several countries for alleged efforts to advance the authoritarian regime's agenda. Since McMaster University closed its CI in 2013, more than 50 other universities in other parts of Canada, the United States, Australia, Germany, France, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, and Denmark have severed their ties with the program.



Japanese soldiers train on a beach by the South China Sea.



A paramilitary police officer stands guard in Beijing in May.



Riot police chase demonstrators in Hong Kong on July 1, 2020.



Police violently detain a Falun Gong adherent in Beijing in 2000.



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne.



Lena Hallengren, Swedish minister of health.



Zdenek Hrib, mayor of Prague.



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.



British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab.

Global Actions to Counter China in Indo-Pacific

In July, India and the United States held a joint military exercise in the Indian Ocean. The U.S. Navy says its presence was to "provide security throughout the region while building partnerships with friends and allies." The two countries are part of a four-member forum dubbed the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, or Quad, along with Japan and Australia. Quad nations have vowed to step up coordination to keep the Indo-Pacific open and free, countering what Washington has called China's "exploitation, corruption and coercion" of smaller states in the region. Also in July, the United States, Australia, and Japan held joint naval exercises in the Philippine Sea. Warships from the three countries joined forces in a show of strength as Beijing reportedly continued live-fire drills in the South China Sea in the region.

Global Actions to Hold CCP Accountable for Pandemic

All 194 WHO member states have unanimously adopted a resolution to investigate the international response to the pandemic. Lawmakers in many countries, including opposition MPs in Canada, have pushed their governments to revisit their China policy as well in light of the CCP's handling of the pandemic. In April, over 200 China experts and politicians from around the world, including several Canadian MPs, signed an open letter expressing concern over the Chinese regime's coverup of the pandemic, saying that its rule by fear endangers not only Chinese citizens but also the world. Legal action against the Beijing regime for its handling of the virus outbreak has been launched in several countries, including the United States, India, Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Argentina, and Nigeria.

Global Actions to Support Freedom in Hong Kong

In July, the U.K. began offering a path to citizenship to eligible Hongkongers following the passing of Beijing's draconian national security law for Hong Kong on June 30. Canada has also started accepting Hong Kong pro-democracy activists as refugees. In response to Beijing's measures, multiple countries, including Canada, have suspended their extradition agreements with Hong Kong. In May, the United States and U.K. had already called on the United Nations to take action against Beijing's clampdown on freedoms in Hong Kong. And the United States, U.K., Canada, and Australia expressed "deep concern" over the proposed security law in a joint statement. In June, Washington announced an end to exports of U.S.-origin defence equipment to Hong Kong. Two months later, the United States suspended or terminated three bilateral agreements with Hong Kong covering extradition and tax exemptions.

Global Actions on Human Rights in China

In June, 50 U.N. experts called for decisive measures to protect fundamental freedoms in China. In July, marking 21 years since the start of the persecution of Falun Gong adherents by the CCP, over 640 lawmakers from 32 countries including Canada signed a joint statement calling on the Party to immediately stop the persecution. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Alberta Premier Jason Kenney issued similar statements. The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China also called for an end to the persecution. In October, 39 nations called on China to respect the human rights of Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Hongkongers, and a coalition of over 150 groups in some 90 cities around the world held rallies to protest the Chinese regime's human rights abuses as it celebrated its 71st year of rule. In July 2019, a coalition of 22 countries asked China to end its mass detentions of Uyghurs in Xinjiang.

India Toughens Stance on China

India toughened its stance on China following deadly clashes at its disputed border in the Himalayas in mid-June, when 20 Indian soldiers were killed by Chinese troops. Since then, Indian politicians, traders, and ordinary citizens have initiated campaigns to boycott Chinese products. The Indian government has also banned 118 Chinese phone applications, including TikTok and WeChat. In April, the Indian government enacted stricter rules on investments from companies based in countries that share a land border with India, requiring those investments to first obtain its approval. The trade minister said the aim was to curb "opportunistic" takeovers and acquisitions of Indian companies under financial distress due to the pandemic. Recently, Indian media reported that the government is considering banning Chinese tech giants Huawei and ZTE from providing equipment to the country's state-run telecommunications companies.

Australia Criticizes Beijing's Handling of Pandemic

The Australian government has been one of the most forceful critics of Beijing for its mishandling of the pandemic, including pushing for the establishment of an independent inquiry into the virus outbreak, which has garnered the support of over 100 countries. Australia has also made significant changes to its foreign investment laws. The changes were driven in part by concerns that financially distressed Australian assets were being targeted by foreign takeovers, particularly by China, as a result of the pandemic. In mid-June, Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne called out Russia and China for spreading disinformation about the pandemic. On July 1, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced 270 billion Australian dollars in additional spending on defence over the next decade to address economic and strategic uncertainty in part due to tensions between China and the United States.

Sweden Closes All Confucius Institutes

Sweden has closed all of its Confucius Institutes (CIs), making it the first country in Europe to close all of its CIs and associated classrooms, which are controlled and funded by the Chinese regime. Though billed as Chinese language and cultural centres, the institutes have drawn mounting international criticism over their role in stifling free speech and promoting Chinese propaganda and influence in academic institutions. Multiple Swedish cities have also ended their sister-city agreements with Chinese cities in the past year. In April, the federal health minister told Parliament that Sweden would push for the EU to support an "international, independent investigation" to look into the origin and the spread of the COVID-19 virus. A December 2019 Pew Research Center poll showed that 70 percent of respondents in Sweden hold unfavourable views of China.

Czech Republic Politicians Slam Beijing

The Czech Senate adopted a resolution criticizing Beijing for sending a letter with a threatening tone to former Senate speaker Jaroslav Kubera. The letter from the Chinese Embassy said his planned trip to Taiwan would create "complications for Czech companies trading with China." The current Senate speaker, Milos Vystrcil, visited Taiwan at the end of August despite threats from China. He said, "I am inclined to uphold morals and values instead of counting money." Prague Mayor Zdenek Hrib, who called Beijing an "unreliable business partner" last December, signed a sister-city agreement with Taipei in January. The friendship between the Czech Republic and Taiwan dates back to the 1990s, when former Czech president Vaclav Havel in 1995 told the U.N. General Assembly to offer Taiwan a seat in the United Nations.

EU Adopts New Strategy on China

The European Union adopted a new strategic stance on China in March 2019, labelling the country as a "systemic rival." The following month, an EU-wide framework for the screening of foreign direct investments (FDI) entered into force, under the rationale that an FDI in one member state could pose risks to other member states or the whole union. On June 17, the European Commission issued a white paper setting forth its policy of preventing foreign investors, especially from China, from using government subsidies to outbid rivals for European assets. In April, the European External Action Service issued a report on COVID-19 disinformation, in which it noted "evidence of a coordinated push by official Chinese sources to deflect any blame for the outbreak" and said there is "significant evidence of covert Chinese operations on social media" that for example sought to praise China's handling of the crisis while attacking the United States.

UK Makes a U-Turn on Huawei

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a U-turn on his decision regarding Huawei, and now plans to phase out use of the Chinese tech giant's technology in the country's 5G networks. Several British MPs have openly criticized Beijing in the past year. In June, MP Daniel Kawczynski expressed concerns about the consequences of Britain losing its claim over the Chagos Islands. "If Mauritius manages to grab these islands off us, they will leave these islands to the Chinese," he said, noting that China would then extend its influence in the Indian Ocean. MP Tom Tugendhat condemned Beijing's mishandling of the virus outbreak, saying the regime "relies on a toxic brew of lies and fear to maintain power and control over its people, and this is why it has hidden the truth from the moment the virus first hit." A poll conducted in July showed that British voters supported a tougher stance on China.

SPECIAL EDITORIAL SERIES

How the Spectre of Communism Is Ruling Our World

Editor's note: To help readers understand the objective and some of the strategies and tactics the Chinese Communist Party uses to influence, control, and subvert Western countries including Canada, we are including in our special edition an excerpt from the book "How the Spectre of Communism is Ruling Our World," published by The Epoch Times. The book explains that although the

communist regimes of Eastern Europe have disintegrated, the spectre of communism has not disappeared. On the contrary, this evil spectre is already ruling our world, and humanity must not harbour a mistaken sense of optimism. Communist China has replaced the Soviet Union as the primary threat to the free world, building up its strength in a bid for global hegemony.

Introduction

The collapse of the communist regimes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe marked the end of a 50-year Cold War between the capitalist and communist camps in the West and the East. At the time, many were optimistic, believing that communism had become a relic of the past.

The sad truth, however, is that a transmogrified communist ideology has taken hold and entrenched itself around the world. In China, North Korea, Cuba, and Vietnam, there are outright

communist regimes; in Eastern European countries, communist ideology and customs still exert a significant influence; and in African and South American countries, socialism is practised under the banner of democracy and republicanism. Then there are the nations of Western Europe and North America, which have become host to communist influences without people even realizing it.

Communism breeds war, famine, slaughter, and tyranny. These in themselves are terrifying enough, but the damage dealt by communism goes far beyond this. It has become increasingly clear that, unlike any other system in history, communism declares war on humanity itself —

including human values and human dignity.

After establishing massive dictatorships in the Soviet Union and China, communism came to rule billions of people and caused more than 100 million unnatural deaths in less than a century. In its overt attempts at world revolution, the communist bloc brought the world to the brink of nuclear war; meanwhile, leftist thinkers and activists have promoted the liberate and widespread destruction of the family, social order, and traditional morality.

What is the nature of communism? What is its objective? Why does it take mankind as its enemy? How can we escape it?

An excerpt from the introduction to "How the Spectre of Communism is Ruling Our World."

The Chinese Communist Party's Global Ambitions

The Aim of United Front Work: Disintegrating the Free World From Within

On Dec. 18, 2018, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) celebrated the 40th anniversary of China's so-called reform and opening up. It awarded the China Reform Friendship Medal to 10 influential foreigners to "thank the international community for supporting China's reform." The 10 included Juan Antonio Samaranch, former president of the International Olympic Committee, which had selected China to host the 2008 Olympics Games; and Robert Lawrence Kuhn, an American businessman who lent his name as author of a fawning biography of former CCP head Jiang Zemin.

Over the past few decades, countless politicians and celebrities have acted as accomplices to the CCP's "united front" tactics.

Mao labelled the United Front Work Department (UFWD) as one of the CCP's "three magic treasures." Western governments have been deceived and suffered losses by these tactics, but some are beginning to wake up, and a number of investigative reports about the United Front have been published.

A 2018 report by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) titled "China's Overseas United Front Work" outlines the CCP's overseas United Front work structure and operations, including how the Party uses various types of governmental and non-governmental organizations for its United Front work and the implications for the United States and other Western countries. The report states, "This elevation of the importance of United Front work has resulted in an increased number of UFWD officials assigned to top CCP and government posts, adding roughly 40,000 new UFWD cadres."

The think tank Global Public Policy Institute published a report in 2018 detailing the activities of CCP's United Front in Europe. The Hoover Institution at Stanford University released a detailed report on the same topic on Nov. 29, 2018. The report states: "China's influence activities have moved beyond their traditional United Front focus on diaspora communities to target a far broader range of sectors in Western societies, ranging from think tanks, universities, and media to state, local, and national government institutions. China seeks to promote views sympathetic to the Chinese Government, policies, society, and culture; suppress alternative views; and co-opt key American players to support China's foreign policy goals and economic interests."

The CCP's United Front primarily targets the following actors in the West: politicians

and businesspeople; academicians and members of think tanks; overseas Chinese leaders, businessmen, and students; the movie and entertainment industries; and overseas dissidents.

Politicians and Businesspeople

The USCC report says the CCP regards its United Front as an important tool to strengthen domestic and international support for the Party. This includes buying off Western politicians. Through persuasion, temptation, and relationship-building, the CCP maintains close ties with many high-level officials in Western governments. The Party treats these politicians as its "state treasures," giving them lavish gifts and conferring upon them titles such as "old friends of China." Among them are current and former United Nations secretaries general, heads of state, high-ranking government officials, senior government advisers, heads of international organizations, famous academics and think-tank scholars, and media consortium tycoons. All these people in the United Front network are expected to voice their support for the CCP at crucial moments.

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Local politicians are also targets of the United Front. These include community leaders, city council members, mayors, state senators, and others. The usual approach is to donate to local politicians through Chinese organizations or merchants, who are invited to visit China, where they receive bribes. Their family businesses get special treatment in China. Cases of sexual entrapment, known as "honey traps," often involve blackmail, and the CCP regularly uses this tactic.

Chen Yonglin, a former officer at the Chinese Consulate in Sydney, Australia, who defected in 2005, told The Epoch Times that the United Front had infiltrated the Australian government and had corrupted officials. Chen said: "The amount of private bribery for the officials far surpassed political donations. Especially those higher-ranking officials, the bribes were huge. ... Another aspect of bribery is the all-expenses-paid trips to China, where officials are treated as kings. This includes prostitution paid for by Chinese companies. Many officials changed their stances after returning from China."

With its strong financial backing, the CCP has paid communist and leftist politicians around the world to become its

agents in those nations in order to further spread communist ideology.

The CCP uses the same tactics on those in the financial sector and a number of other industries. Business people and entrepreneurs are treated as kings and given business incentives. In return, they become the CCP's voice for lobbying their governments and influencing their countries' financial and economic policies. In the U.S.-China trade war, the CCP had frequent contact with Wall Street tycoons. Many top financial companies and international corporations do business in China. To help expand their business there, these companies hire numerous children of high-ranking Chinese officials, called "princelings." In turn, these princelings act as the Party's eyes, ears, and voice in those companies.

Academic Circles and Think Tanks

Many think tanks in the West directly shape their country's policies and strategy toward China; therefore, the CCP pays them special attention. The CCP exerts control over think tanks via financial sponsorship. It has bribed, controlled, or influenced almost all think tanks related to China. The Chinese tech giant Huawei has provided financial support to think tanks in Washington, who then write positive reports about Huawei, according to a 2018 Washington Post report.

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To make things worse, over the past several decades, Western humanities scholars and sociologists have been heavily influenced by strains of communist ideology. With a small amount of CCP influence, they can go from merely supporting leftist ideology to embracing the Party's rule.

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Unrestricted Warfare

The core of unrestricted warfare is about mobilizing evil people to destroy mankind step by step. The CCP is highly skilled at tempting people to go against morality and their own conscience, and those who do so often end up as either passive in the face of the regime's abuses, or active participants. Therefore, for influential figures in the political, economic, military, media, cultural, technological, educational, and other fields, the CCP uses all means to discover their weaknesses—whether vested interests or desires—and uses them to make people willingly collaborate with the Party.

When this doesn't work, the regime uses threats and intimidation to exploit their fears or mistakes, effectively blackmailing them into assisting the Party. In some cases, the CCP has even provided transplant organs obtained by killing to buy off influential figures in need of a transplant.

The resources the CCP is able to bring to bear to infiltrate other countries defy the imagination, and the facts uncovered at present are only the tip of the iceberg. People in all walks of life, especially in politics and business, have become the CCP's pawns in its unrestricted warfare campaign. Almost all countries in the world have begun to feel the CCP's global ambitions and its evil, unrestricted means.

The above is an abbreviated excerpt of Chapter 18: The Chinese Communist Party's Global Ambitions, 3. Unrestricted Warfare With Chinese Communist Characteristics, b. The Aim of United Front Work: Disintegrating the Free World From Within.

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EXCLUSIVE

China Had COVID-Like Patients Months Before Official Timeline

Internal CCP documents show patients in Wuhan had symptoms as early as September 2019, but authorities didn't disclose it to the world

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A series of leaked documents shows that patients in China with symptoms similar to COVID-19 were hospitalized months before the regime's official timeline, throwing into question when exactly the CCP virus began spreading in Wuhan, China's epidemic ground zero.

At least one patient with COVID-19-like symptoms was treated in September 2019, according to hospital data obtained by The Epoch Times from a trusted source who has access to government documents. Dozens more were hospitalized over the following month.

Wuhan hospitals also reported several deaths in October 2019 due to severe pneumonia, lung infection, and other symptoms similar to those experienced by COVID-19 patients.

The city's health commission only publicly announced an outbreak of a novel form of pneumonia on Dec. 31, 2019—after social media posts by whistleblower doctors had gone viral.

In a letter dated Feb. 19 obtained



A health professional in a unit set up for CCP virus patients in Lima, Peru, on Feb. 27, 2020.

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by The Epoch Times, a national investigation team set up by the central government stated that it wished to trace early cases of the disease. It asked local authorities for data from all Wuhan medical institutions over the period from Oct. 1 to Dec. 10, 2019. The data requested included information on patients who visited fever clinics in the vicinity of the Huanan Seafood Market, a wet market that the officials initially identified as the outbreak origin;

details of the earliest 10 suspected cases at each medical agency rated tier two or above (three is the highest); and pneumonia deaths with COVID-19-like symptoms.

The letter stated that nine hospitals that received the most COVID-19 patients in the city were key to the investigation.

The Epoch Times had access to part of the records in response to the inquiry, those from 11 hospitals.

Despite the collected data, the Wuhan outbreak control task force told media on Feb. 26 that the earliest documented patient was a person surnamed Chen who fell ill on Dec. 8, 2019.

It's unclear whether authorities conducted any inquiries into early cases prior to February.

To some critics, the investigation appeared rather narrow and came too late. "For such a massive respiratory disease to break out in the area, how come they didn't track down all other hospitals?"

Sean Lin, former lab director of the viral disease branch at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, told The Epoch Times.

"This should have been done a long time ago," he said, calling the delayed inquiry "ridiculous."

Suspected Virus Patients

The obtained records showed nine deaths due to COVID-19-like conditions at three hospitals.

Five were severe pneumonia patients who died between November and December 2019 at the Wuhan No. 6 Hospital, one of the hospitals named in the inquiry letter. The Wuhan Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, a tertiary hospital, had three deaths in October. Wuhan No. 8 Hospital recorded one death.

Patients died within a period of several days to about four weeks after their first symptoms appeared.

Xu Zhenqian, for example, was hospitalized at Wuhan No. 6 hospital. The 82-year-old started

exhibiting symptoms on Oct. 1, 2019, including coughing fits without an apparent cause, and coughed up white phlegm, a sign of respiratory infection, according to the hospital's clinical description. The patient was transferred from another facility shortly before his death on Nov. 3.

Three other patients at the same hospital also had difficulty breathing before they died. Their CT scans showed blurred markings in their lungs—patterns that match the lesions on some COVID-19 patients.

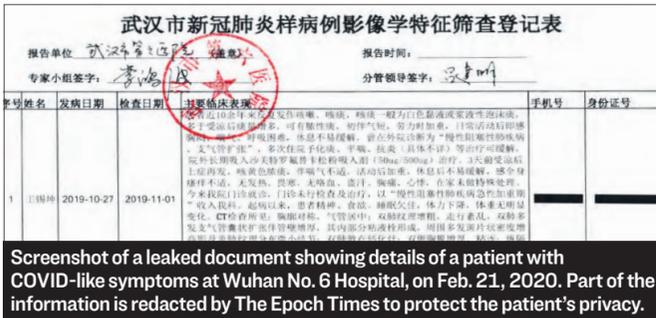
The files also identified at least 40 other suspected COVID-19 patients across eight hospitals, the earliest one being 67-year-old Xiao Niangu, who began exhibiting symptoms on Sept. 25, 2019, and was hospitalized at the Wuhan Puren Jiang'an Hospital.

Wuhan has 205 health facilities at the community and township level and 66 designated hospitals for treating COVID-19 patients, city officials said in March.

China's lack of transparency has been heavily criticized by foreign government officials. The regime consistently refused to allow in experts from the United States and the World Health Organization (WHO) to study the outbreak in the country. On Feb. 12, an official from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the agency was still unable to access "direct data" about the outbreak and "continue to be hopeful that we'll be invited to do that."

In a media interview released on May 1, a WHO representative in China also said China has excluded the organization's experts from the country's virus probe.

With reporting by Nicole Hao



Screenshot of a leaked document showing details of a patient with COVID-like symptoms at Wuhan No. 6 Hospital, on Feb. 21, 2020. Part of the information is redacted by The Epoch Times to protect the patient's privacy.

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Canada Beware the Steely Claws of the Chinese Regime

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Commentary

The Calgary Zoo is sending panda bears Er Shun and Da Mao, originally slated to remain through 2024, home to China. I say “home” because pandas are never sold to zoos. China leases pandas out in order to control their scarcity and to ensure China is the sole supplier of bamboo, pandas’ principal source of energy (about 18 kg a day each).

Given the five-fold profit China stood to make on a deal at the height of the pandemic to provide Canada with 130 million N95 masks—though failing to deliver most—I hate to think what that bamboo is costing the zoo.

Seems I’m not alone in my anger at the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for taking advantage of Canada’s vulnerability in a dire situation for which the CCP is largely responsible. An Angus Reid poll released in May tells us that Canadians’ views of China are in “apparent free fall,” with only 14 percent holding a favourable view of that country. Only 12 percent of us want closer trade ties with China, only 14 percent approve of telecom giant Huawei’s involvement in Canada’s 5G wireless network, and 75 percent prefer that human rights and the rule of law dominate our dealings with Xi Jinping’s regime rather than economic interests. These numbers are a dramatic plunge from 2017, when 48 percent of Canadians held favourable views toward China.

Ordinary Canadians are beginning to comprehend the true nature of the CCP. They understand that our government’s refusal to acknowledge the regime’s ruthless self-interest and sprawling political ambitions as a threat to our national security is making us all victims of Beijing’s “hostage diplomacy.” Many of us can see that the tactics may have changed, but the ideology of communism is as implacable as ever in its existential drive for control—and not just control of its near neighbours, as some wistful western China-watchers would like to believe—but the West itself.

The virus of communism isn’t new, but decades of sympathy with Marxism among “tenured radicals,” whose students never learn the truth about communism (they are taught it was “socialism in a hurry”), have radically weakened our cultural antibodies to its pathogens. In the early Cold War with the Soviet Union, when Marxism’s acolytes in the intelligentsia had not yet colonized the universities, the West was able to build up herd immunity to its evils. That disappeared in the next generation.

The West enjoyed certain advantages in the Cold War. Our economy was not dependent on supply chains controlled by Moscow, as we are now by Beijing. We didn’t cooperate with the Soviets in scientific projects, as we do now with the CCP. The Soviets managed to steal some research secrets through espionage, but in bits and pieces. It was nothing like the wholesale dissolution of borders in data theft that China has been effecting for years.

The Soviets did manage to infiltrate the universities, unions, intelligence services, and even presidential circles in the United States, but it happened in spite of official opposition, not with the complicity of national leaders.



▲ Members of a Chinese honour guard march in formation near the Great Hall of the People on Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Feb. 4, 2020.

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The Joseph McCarthy saga stands out as a bridge too far in the outing of Soviet fellow travellers, but that didn’t mean penetration wasn’t a problem. Moreover, we were all terrified of the Bomb and believed that there were circumstances in which the Soviets might use it.

China has the Bomb too, but the CCP doesn’t need to use it as a threat when there are so many other ways to conquer the perceived enemy. It helps when the designated enemy is so fearful of appearing racist that their leaders often walk on diplomatic eggs with the CCP.

CCP propaganda has apparently convinced many western governments, including Canada, that the regime’s rise is inevitable and irresistible. Our government seems to fear economic punishment if we criticize harsh CCP actions in Hong Kong, or press too forcefully on the subject of imprisoned Canadian hostages Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, or speak up for the persecuted Falun Gong and Uyghurs, or push back against Huawei’s 5G demands.

But economic punishment is unlikely to happen. The United Kingdom, Norway, South Korea, Sweden, and Australia have all had spats with China in the last 10 years and have all been threatened, but in each case exports to China continued to rise. Last year, China found a phoney pretext to ban imports of our beef and pork to punish Canada for detaining Chinese telecom executive Meng Wanzhou on a U.S. arrest warrant. But lo, when China found itself in a food deficit, the ban was lifted.

In the Angus Reid poll cited above, when Canadians were asked whether they agree or disagree that the “Chinese government has been transparent and honest about the COVID-19 situation in that country,” a wide majority either disagreed or disagreed strongly. They are correct in their view. The evidence is in on the CCP’s lack of transparency, to put

it mildly. But our government is not acting in accordance with what they know.

In early May, Canada’s ambassador to China, Dominic Barton, surprisingly projected a tougher tone, calling for a “rigorous review” of the WHO’s handling of the pandemic when the crisis is over. But when asked at his May 13 daily news briefing to elaborate, Trudeau undermined Barton’s message: “It’s totally normal that we be asking questions about how different countries are behaving, including China,” he said. Different countries? But China is the only country whose behaviour has been so calculatedly irresponsible as to cry out for formal investigation. In that one stroke, Trudeau assured the CCP the ambassador’s stern tone was form, not essence.

The Mandarin Chinese word “kowtow” is universally understood as an act of deep respect demonstrated by prostration. It also spells out who is the boss of whom. In refusing to express displeasure with the CCP’s handling of the coronavirus, as in so many other things, our leaders are kowtowing to the Party and acknowledging its hegemony.

Pandas look so cuddly, it’s easy to forget they are still bears, with a bear’s steely claws. The details on just how penetrating and how deeply embedded CCP claws are in Canada’s viscera can be found in veteran foreign correspondent and seasoned China hand Jonathan Manthorpe’s revelatory 2019 book, “Claws of the Panda: Beijing’s Campaign of Influence and Intimidation in Canada.” Depressing as it is, I urge Canadians to read it.

It doesn’t matter how often or how low our leaders kowtow to appease the panda. The panda’s appetite is never satiated. To the greedy CCP, Canada is nothing more than a vast unguarded forest of bamboo, theirs for the taking.

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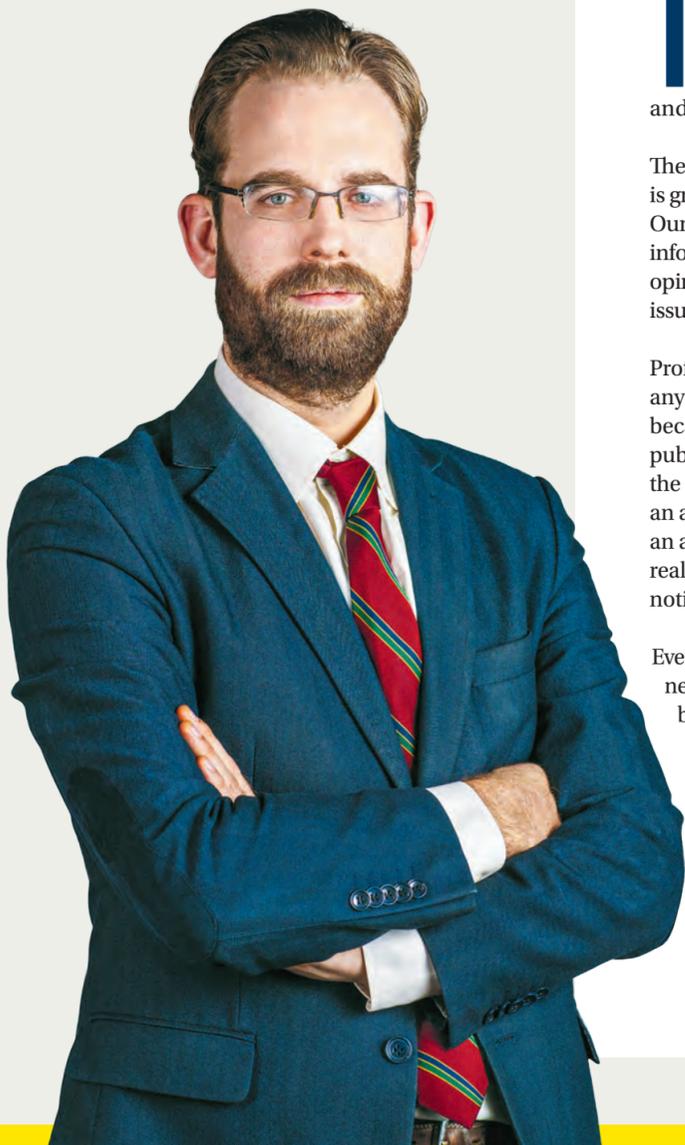
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