

While China Plays the Long Game, We Don't Even Know How to Find the Field

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The time has come for us to WAKE UP. We whine and lament our seemingly unending set of circumstances regarding China, but we fail to see that we have the advantage if we would only recognize the tools we have *always* had and *use* them.

The United States and other countries who want to remain sovereign need to understand that China's national objective is one to which they are fully committed, no matter how long achieving it takes. The CCP does not decide to act aggressively only during election years or other milestones. Chinese leadership and citizens have undergone CCP indoctrination for years that points to the CCP dominating not just the surrounding countries but, eventually, the entire planet. We in the U.S. have become conditioned to believe that aggressive political promises and government initiatives will *always* render results even when they are no longer in the headlines.

The U.S. has lived in a state of naivete over the years because we are still surfing the high from saving the world during World War II. We need to get off our laurels – they're withered from age and crushed from overuse.

The Chinese have been working on ways to infiltrate/exploit Western culture since the end of the last big war, and they have not rested. They have taken this time to study the West and look for weakness to exploit systematically and aggressively. The CCP has even set up the West for some of the weakness to put them into position to pounce when the disadvantage they created is ripe.

If we would just pay attention, we would see CCP influence in almost every facet of Western life. The CCP executes their influence in a *coherent orchestrated* manner to weaken the U.S. from within. Their objective is to *win without firing a single shot*.

Wokeness – The roots of Western “wokeness” started in China. China is driving wokeness into the U.S. as an application of the classic wartime approach of *divide and conquer*.

China is driving to fragment Americans by driving groups to focus upon their respective, minor differences to put them at odds with their fellow countrymen. Our natural position is to be unified as Americans in our much larger set of common beliefs and values; however, wokeness is in the news and is a priority everywhere, even though individuals privately see no value in it.

China began by demanding use of certain language and publicizing specific ways of thinking in our sports (NBA – Enes Kanter Freedom), our social media (Meta), our mainstream news (ANY outlet), and in our schools (pick an institution!).

In each case, CCP influence started as small and apparently inconsequential actions but has now progressed to the point that "open warfare" is in force between increasingly smaller splintered groups within America.

Fentanyl – The fentanyl crisis we see also originates in China. China uses fentanyl on American society like an army uses *hand grenades* on a military battlefield.

A hand grenade is not designed to kill enemy combatants, rather it is designed to mutilate as many combatants as possible in the most horrific way possible to demoralize troops and to divert as many resources as possible, as soldiers tend to their screaming, mutilated comrades.

American cities are becoming increasingly drained of resources and hope, as they must address the rapidly growing masses of fentanyl zombies that occupy our cities and interject themselves into every aspect and function of. China is careful in that they get it past our borders by disguising this poison as weed or even candy. They know that the Western appetite for recreational drugs is the perfect place to plant this deadly drug.

Farmland – China continues to purchase increasing amounts of U.S. farmland. As a Fredrick the Great stated, and Napoleon abided, "*An army marches on its stomach.*" In this case, it's the stomachs of all Americans and their ability to be productive.

China's control of U.S. farmland gives the CCP both near- and long-term impact upon Americans, thereby America's ability to counter the China threat.

In the near-term, China can influence the health of Americans through a variety of *open*, *gray*, and *covert* means. "Open" is by flooding the market with cheap, minimally nutritious food that Americans will increasingly rely upon as the economy worsens. "Gray" is increasing GMO produce or pesticides, which are allowed in limited applications/amounts, to the level that the cumulative health impact is negative. Or even in the covert realm, it's using additives (e.g., pesticides) that are known carcinogens. In the long-term, China will totally stop food production either by making the land barren during a U.S. conflict with China or during another U.S. crisis, or it will forbid American farmers who rent CCP-owned land in the U.S. to grow food.

The Internet – China understands that the Internet is the window on the world for a vast majority of Americans. Every military planner knows that all strategies act in two spheres: the physical sphere and the mental sphere -- the *minds of the adversary*. By correctly altering the adversary's mindset, one can significantly decrease that adversary's effectiveness in the physical sphere. Although physical sphere action is more visible, what occurs in the mental sphere is at the heart of the battle.

The competitive advantage a strategy generates is *relative* between the country and its adversary. An effective strategy *weakens* the adversary while *strengthening* the ally. That is what China is doing to Americans' and Chinese minds via the Internet.

For example, the Chinese version of TikTok provides Chinese minds with educational and social material. The CCP has designed educational material to make the Chinese people increasingly more productive for the CCP's competitive ecosystem as it rapidly transitions to more high-tech and less low-tech, and does it in a manner that the consistently rewards Chinese minds with a logical sense of true accomplishment. The CCP designed their social material to condition the Chinese to work as a disciplined member of a coherent team for the good of China as CCP leadership has defined and directed.

The American version of TikTok provides American minds with just the opposite. The vast amount of non-educational material the CCP has designed for the American flavor of TikTok

conditions the American mind to consistently need fleeting pleasure from sights or sounds on TikTok that address the physical senses. What amounts to anti-social material suggests actions that produce the emotional "high" of doing what is risky and forbidden (e.g., the Tide Pod challenge), which repeatedly reinforces the pleasure of being undisciplined and irresponsible.

The function of all these Chinese actions, as well as a range of others, is to make Americans more *compliant* and less *integrated* as a society, to drain *resources*, and *distract* Americans' attention from China's march towards sole world superpower status.

But all these acts have another thing in common. The CCP achieves them by exploiting technology (when one defines technology as "any application of science to accomplish a function.")

From the spread of wokeness via social media to the production and stealth distribution of fentanyl, to both the open and covert use of farmland to the Internet, they all rely upon the effective use of high-tech to low-tech, hard to soft technology to accomplish CCP goals. Various elements of China's competitiveness ecosystem exploit all the technology in concert and as an integral part of China's national technology strategy.

The U.S. needs to regain the competitive advantage we once had to ensure that China does not reach its perceived rightful position as the ONLY superpower on Earth. The only way we do that is to engage China on the technology battlefield, which is the foundation of all these competitive environments -- social, economic, political.

Our institutions and companies need to stop looking at China-influenced polls about what the American people "really" want and get back to the basics of exploiting technology in a pure and aggressive manner without competing based upon who has spent more money. Money, rather spending it, is not the issue here – outmaneuvering China by pooling our technological resources will create the U.S. *defensive* line that the CCP will not be able to penetrate, and enable us to go on the offense to crush the CCP's influence.