

Hanson: China Interferes in Democratic Societies merrily

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August 19, 2023: **Victor Davis Hanson**, an eminent columnist of 'Toronto Sun', has asked President Joe Biden some blunt questions about the shabby treatment meted out to USA by China. Many columnists have talked about less than respectful behavior of **President Xi Jinping's** with **Prime Minister Justin Pierre Trudeau** at G20 meeting on **November 16, 2020 in Bali, Indonesia**.

(Reference: <https://tinyurl.com/328amjf9>)



Justin Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada

The Canadian government had asked for an investigation of reports of China's interference in the elections of September 20, 2021 and of Chinese Police Stations in Chinese Consulates in Toronto and British Columbia. www.DiGiNews360.com hopes the report would be available before the next Federal elections scheduled for October 20, 2025.

Note: Please see "Chinese Diplomat expelled: Meddling in Canada's Politics" at <https://diginews360.com/chinese-diplomat-expelled-meddling-in-canadas-politics/>

The west's inter-action with China was initiated by **President Richard Nixon** and the President's **Assistant for National Security Affairs Henry Kissinger** during their visit to China from February 21-28, 1972. The visit was designed to bring China out of the communist block, led by **Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR)**. After President Nixon facilitated China's entry to the American market, the US and European businessmen were enticed by China through cheap and non-unionized labor and the large Chinese market. By 1985, China had mastered the art of

attracting the west's businesses and a flood of industries were established to make China as the Workshop of the world.



Feb 21, 1972: Beijing: President Nixon's Air Force One



Feb 21, 1972: Beijing: President Nixon with Mao Tse Tung

THEORIES: Great Economists Harvard and other Ivy-League Universities of USA developed theories to show that the stampede towards China was for the world's greater good and not due to the greed of the west's businessmen. USA's Professors of Sociology said that as China was able to get out of poverty, it would lead to democratization of China.

PRACTICE: Today under President Xi Jinping, China is becoming **more dictatorial**. The consumer markets of the west and large economies like those of Germany and Australia have become so dependent on China that **China can punish them**, if they take any step or speak anything, which is not to the liking of China.

The University of Oxford had to remove those articles, which China did not like. These articles were by its Professors and scholars.



Alex Joske, an Analyst, who was at ASPI's International Cyber Policy Centre from Aug 2018 to Dec 2020



Professor Clive Hamilton, at Charles Sturt University, Canberra

If a Professor or research scholar at a western university is critical of China's policies, China has shown that it can block their research by stopping delivery of

media publications and books from China to them, by banning their entry into China, by influencing conferences and reviewers of papers for conference publications from accepting their papers etc. By marshalling the power of China and its Universities, China can make it difficult for such Professors and scholars to pursue their study of China.

One such Professor was Professor Clive Hamilton, an author and professor of public ethics at Charles Sturt University in Canberra. He along with Alex Joske (@alexjoske), his collaborator on a book on China were banned by China from entering China. Professor Hamilton said that the ban 'sends a chilling message to other western scholars studying China'. He added that he did not regret his role in exposing an increasingly hostile dictatorship regime. *(Reference: <https://tinyurl.com/2p89txs9>)*

China finances its **world-wide propaganda-affiliates** through companies and public trusts, registered in USA: New York Times in its issue of 5th August 2023, in "*A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*", an investigative article by *Mara Hvistendahl, David A. Fahrenthold, Lynsey Chutel and Ishaan Jhaveri* brought out the following:

"*No Cold War*", an organization, which ostensibly is run by American and British activists, who, for propaganda purpose, seem to be working for issues like climate change and racial injustice. In fact, "*No Cold War*" is a very well-funded organization for propagating the **Chinese Communist Party (CPC)**'s line of thinking to the world. The person, who manages it from the background is **Neville Roy Singham**, a socialist who lives in Shanghai. He is an American millionaire, who provides hundreds of millions of dollars to China's propaganda outfits world-wide, from Brazil to India. The money is ostensibly given from Singham's American sources.

DEVIIOUS WAYS: Singham works with China's media in devious ways to convert objectives of groups on their head. Thus "*Code Pink*" used to protest against China's crimes in Xinjiang. against Muslim Uyghurs. With Singham's efforts, "*Code Pink*" has morphed into a group, which defends internment of Uyghurs in China's concentration camps.

Financing **Anti-Modi Persons and Groups** in India: In September 2021, the office and residence of **NewsClick's Editor-in-Chief Prabir Purkayastha**, were raided by

an agency of Government of India, when on **Rona Wilson's** laptop, an e-mail discussing '**how to kill Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India**' was found.



Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Rona Wilson, a leftist academic in India, one of the contributors, who was paid huge amounts by NewsClick, was able to become free when Singham was able to arrange for Wilson a Report, which proved that the laptop had been hacked and the e-mail had been planted on it. The Report was arranged through an American company. The Government Agency gave up further investigations, when it was found that about Rs. 86 crore (about \$12 Mn) had been paid by a reputed American company. After New York Times report of 5th August 2023, the India Government's Agency has re-started the investigations.

Note: The Readers can get more details at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/india/ed-probing-rs-86-crore-doubtful-foreign-funding-in-newsclick-links-with-american-billionaire-singham-2638349>

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