
I. Little-Known Springs of History

Good and Bad Government, And Citizens' Optimism

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Aug. 12—Neither the government nor the state has any end other than to dedicate itself to the general welfare—as astonishing as this idea may seem in many countries today. The metric for judging a government is the well-being and happiness of the citizens. In this respect the result of a study by the market research and consulting firm Ipsos is instructive: 87% of the Chinese (aged 16 to 64) who were polled believe that their country is headed in the right direction, while only 42% of the same age group in Germany is of this opinion. To underscore the same point, in China only 13% of the people are pessimistic in that regard, while 58% in Germany are. In the United States only 43% are optimistic, but that is considerably more than a year ago under the Obama administration.

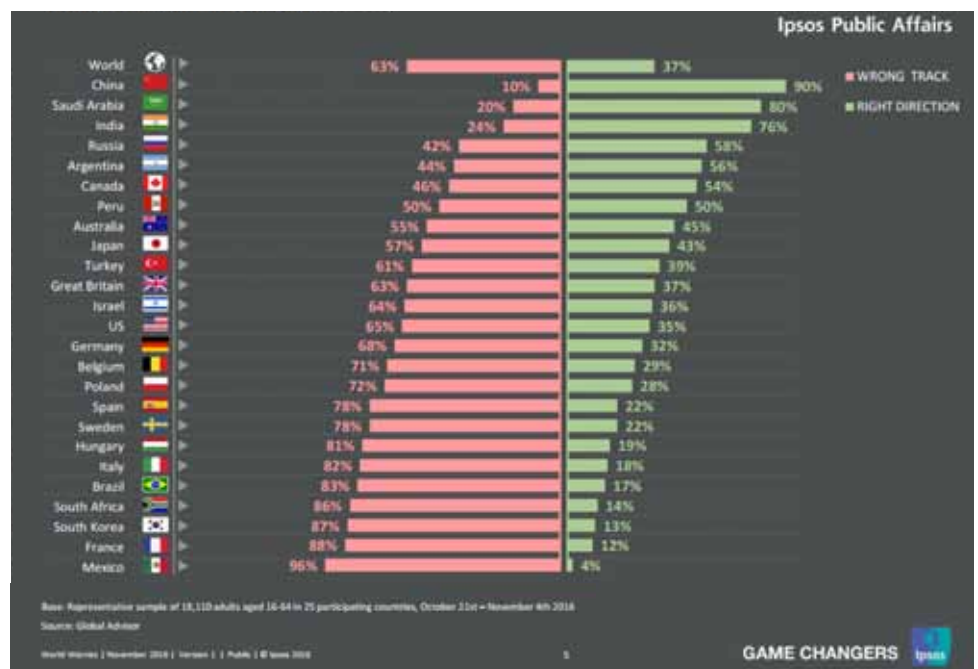
This is not a new subject. As early as 1338-1339, Ambrogio Lorenzetti created a fresco on the effects of good and bad government on the walls of the Council Room (Hall of the Nine) in Siena, Italy. The characteristics of the former are presented in several images: fruitful fields, flourishing trade, relaxed people, and peace; the characteristics of the latter are immortalized in an image as well:

tyranny and the dominance of such vices as greed, arrogance, vanity, cruelty, treason, deception, rage, strife, and war. Justice lies in chains on the ground; the people suffer.

The Current Conflict in the U.S.

To begin with bad government: In an interview with the American blog *Consortium News*, Craig Murray, the British ambassador to Uzbekistan from 2002 to 2004—who quit in protest against the then illegal renditions by the CIA in Uzbekistan—shed light on one

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Craig Murray, former British Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

aspect of Anglo-American policy under Tony Blair and George W. Bush, to which the “community of western values” apparently had no objection.

He described how, in his judgment, the testimony of 99% of the people in CIA internment camps in Uzbekistan, who were forced under torture to admit they belonged to al-Qaeda, was worthless. He said that the goal of these operations was to exaggerate the al-Qaeda threat, in order to have an excuse for wars of intervention, as well as for restrictions on human rights in the United States itself. In fact, the famous “whistle-blower” of the 17th Century, Friedrich von Spee, in numerous writings, exposed that confessions made under torture are worthless.

And how should one assess the fact that the Washington newspaper and website *The Hill* simply quotes a CNN interview with the former deputy FBI Director under Robert Mueller, Phil Mudd, that the U.S. government will kill President Trump, because he has set the professionals

of the CIA and the State Department against him by defending Putin? No criticism, no outrage—it was just as if the weatherman had forecast rain for tomorrow. Robert Mueller is currently the special prosecutor on Trump’s alleged collusion with Russia, and has already empanelled a grand jury, which is supposed to provide the evidence to lead to President Trump’s impeachment. It will be interesting to see whether Phil Mudd’s announcement will result in an appropriate investigation for having been a signal and a threat against the President by the same intelligence apparatus involved in the ongoing coup against the President.

As we go to press, the memorandum by the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS)—who provided forensic proof that there was no so-called hack of the Democratic National Committee’s (DNC’s) computers by Russia—has gotten international circulation on hundreds of websites in many countries, countless shares on social media, and a breakthrough in mainstream media such as *The Nation*, Fox TV, *Breitbart*, and *Bloomberg News*. Thus the effort by the mainstream media and the neocon establishment to prevent exposure of what is likely to be the greatest scandal in American history, has most likely

failed. If there was no Russian hack attack on the DNC’s computers, but the email release was an inside operation, that removes the basis for the so-called Russia-gate—and then the spotlight will be directed to the real issue.

The editor of *The Nation*, Katrina van den Heuvel, published a commentary in the *Washington Post* on August 9, “The Emerging Unholy Alliance between Hawkish Democrats and Neoconservatives,” in which she exposed what actually lies behind the unprecedented bipartisan vote in both Houses of Congress for new sanctions against



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Former FBI Director Robert Mueller (front), the special counsel probing Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election, after meeting with the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill, June 21, 2017.



Examples of increased press and Internet coverage of the VIPS exposure of the fraud of the alleged Russian hack of the DNC server.

Russia (and Iran and North Korea). It is a new edition of the neocon project of 1997, the Project for a New American Century, under which the United States and Great Britain claim the right to impose a unipolar world—based on the Anglo-American special relationship. The wars of intervention against Iraq, Libya, and Syria—all based on lies—as well as various destabilizations and attempted color revolutions, were the result.

The battle being fought right now in the United States between this “unholy alliance” and the intelligence apparatus from the Bush/Obama period, on the one side, and a patriotic grouping of whistleblowers and Trump voters on the other, is no internal American matter; it is of the highest strategic significance. If the neocons succeed, global war against Russia and China is pre-programmed.



Building housing the MI6 headquarters in London.

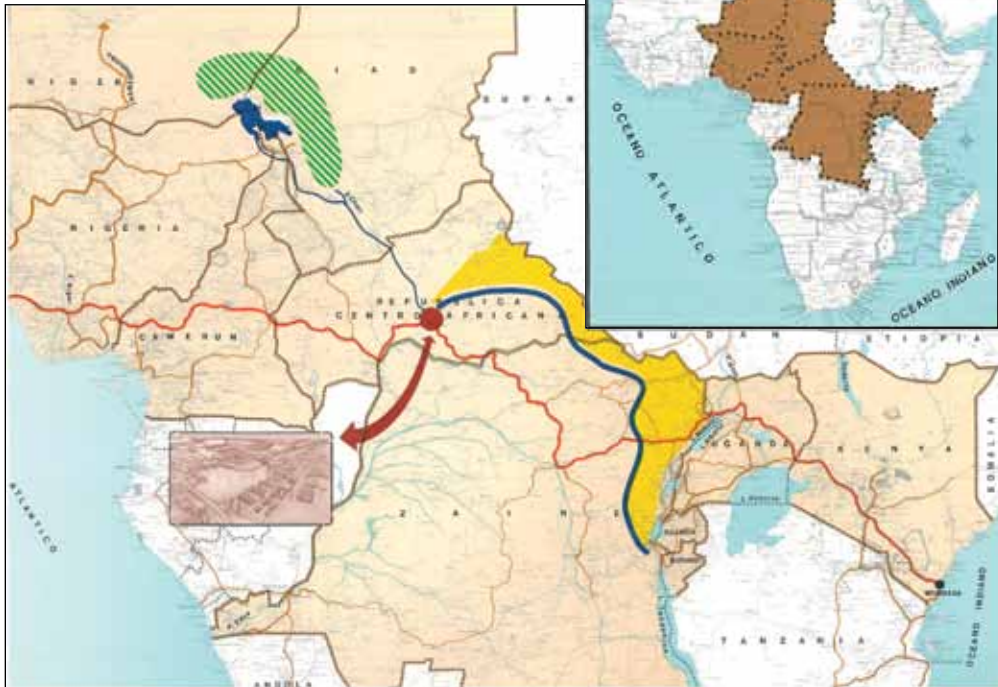
If, on the other hand, investigations can prove that the entire narrative of apparent collusion between Trump and Russia is a “Brennan Operation” (as eminent journalist Seymour Hersh stresses), then American society will undergo a catharsis tantamount to a second American Revolution. The real collusion is not between Trump and Putin, but between the British and American intelligence services—in their well documented manipulations as they attempt to pull off a coup against the elected President of the United States.

A Change of Scene

On August 11, the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, normally the mouthpiece of the Swiss financial institutions, published a remarkable article entitled “China, a Power for Peace?” The author, Junhua Zhang, described in his guest commentary how China, with its Silk Road Project (described as one of the most ambitious programs in human history), has emerged as a new international peacemaker. Wherever there are New Silk Road projects, China has also been engaged in overcoming ethnic and territorial conflict through development and mediation between the conflicting parties, as in Burma, between Pakistan and Afghanistan, between Eritrea and Ethiopia, in South Sudan, and between Israel and Palestine—to name only a few.

This beneficial result flows naturally from all the investments in railroad lines, industrial parks, hydroelectric dams, agricultural development, and the rest, which, as part

An overview map of the proposed Transaqua project—agreed to by China and Italy—and countries that will be affected.



of the extension of the New Silk Road, help overcome poverty, underdevelopment, and hopelessness. We can now actually forecast with certainty that the greatest infrastructure project ever devised for Africa, the Transaqua project, just agreed upon between China and Italy, will actually contribute to fundamentally changing the character of a large part of the African continent for the better, as well as to solving the refugee crisis in a human way. This is a project that will fill Lake Chad again and bring inland navigation, hydroelectric power, and water for agriculture to 12 African states.

What does all this have to do with the theme of this article? A great deal. The optimism of the Chinese people comes not only from the fact that they have experienced an enormous improvement in their own living standards over the last 40 years, but from a large portion of Chinese citizens being aware that China's Silk Road policy has become a force for good in the world.

Conversely, the American people has seen the downhill slide of the country ever since the murder of President Kennedy. President Trump was right when

he said that his two predecessors have spent six trillion dollars for senseless wars in the Near and Middle East, and as a result there is no money to maintain the schools. Because of these bad governments, people look to the future with despair and pessimism, even if somewhat less today than under the Obama Administration.

And what is the German population suffering from? From a government which—like the three monkeys—is deaf, blind, and dumb to the dark side of the policy of the “western community of values,” from whose consequences the majority of

people have suffered. It is interesting, however, that Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel now speaks of the “so-called West.” At the time people began talking about the “so-called DDR”—the German Democratic Republic under Communist rule—its fate was already sealed.

There is a very simple way for the German people to return to optimism about their future. We must win a majority for the idea that Germany should officially cooperate with the perspective of the New Silk Road, and should—together with China, Russia, and an America freed of British imperial influence—ensure the economic development of Southwest Asia and Africa. To do that, we must learn to recognize the impact which the constant stream of propaganda through the mainstream media has had on us, to free our minds of all the media rubbish of prejudices against Trump, Putin, and China, and reflect on the wisdom of the fresco painter Ambrogio Lorenzetti.

It is up to the citizenry whether Germany will become a force for good in the world. The BüSo has the right program for that. You can vote for it on September 24.