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## I. The Principle of the Flank

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# Some Pertinent Reflections on The Biden Laptop from Hell

by Barbara Boyd

Oct. 31—In New Hampshire, in 1988, my husband, Elijah Boyd, formerly of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, and then and now a close associate of Lyndon LaRouche, confronted Senator Joe Biden at a fundraiser. Biden was then, as now, running for the office of President of the United States. “Lyndon LaRouche has launched a campaign to preserve classical voices and orchestral performances by advocating a return to the Verdi tuning of A=432, or C=256, and I want to know if you agree with this idea,” Boyd asked. Biden hemmed and hawed, going around the barn, so to speak, until he was sharply reminded, “the question, Senator, was on agreement on tuning.” The retort was, “I know LaRouche. I’ve studied him. The problem with LaRouche is, he *believes* the American People are *more intelligent* than they *really* are.”

Very shortly thereafter, Biden abandoned his 1988 campaign based on media investigations demonstrating that he had plagiarized a speech from British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock. The speech from Lord Kinnock, an avid Biden supporter, was the British Democratic Socialist response to the brutal Margaret Thatcher. It was a very British version of Franklin Roosevelt’s “Forgotten Man” Speech. So, if you will, it too was plagiarized, and coming from the Labour Party of that time, a deliberate fraud—a complete con—in its al-

leged “empathy” toward working- and middle-class men and women.

I suggest that this sums up the hollow man known as Joe Biden and represents most of what anyone needs to know—a deeply cynical and grasping thief and rabidly ambitious Anglophile who has spent an entire career



*Joe Biden speaks to supporters at a phone bank for his presidential campaign in Des Moines, Iowa, January 13, 2020.*

doing everything a variety of elite sponsors told him to do, while marketing a fake persona called “the average Joe.” His services for the world’s usury industry began with his first election where he dedicated himself to MBNA, the nation’s largest credit card provider, which later merged into the Bank of America and then into Lloyd’s of London. His slavish devotion to Wall Street has been chronicled repeatedly, for anyone who cares to look, in endless pleas for political support based on his “reliability” for them. [See](#) “Joe Biden Serves Wall Street, Not Main Street.” *The Economist*, the journal of the

British Empire and the City of London, has endorsed him with a fervor unseen in years.

The evidence of Biden’s shocking racism is presently making the rounds in barber and beauty shops, on radio shows, in churches, and on podcasts, as those to whom he said, “If you don’t vote for me, you ain’t black,” digest Joe Biden’s actual character. Biden has said, in opposing busing, that he didn’t want his children in the “jungle,” where black folks live, has called



White House/Pete Souza

*Joe Biden's shocking racism is expressed in the crime bills he wrote and sponsored, imprisoning an entire generation of young black men, while calling them "predators"; and in remarks such as: "If you don't vote for me, you ain't black," and that Barack Obama is the first "clean" black candidate.*

Barack Obama the first "clean" black candidate, and said that young black men were "predators." He infamously wrote and sponsored the crime bills which imprisoned an entire generation of young black folks as "crack" was deliberately flooded through the nation's black communities. Mandatory long sentences attached to crack, but the elite's preferred powdered cocaine got a relative slap on the wrist.

That's not the full story of the racist hypocrite who has campaigned on the intelligence community setup known as "Charlottesville," repeatedly contrasting his claimed superior wokeness to what he claims is Donald Trump's failure to denounce white supremacy. This endlessly repeated fake news isolates one sentence in Donald Trump's Charlottesville remarks, that there were good people on both sides, from the rest of his remarks which denounced white supremacy repeatedly.

Here, at the end of our tale, we'll tell you all about how Barack Obama and Joe Biden deliberately empowered a full blown white supremacist neo-Nazi movement in Ukraine as part of a strategy for regime change in Russia which put the world on the edge of thermonuclear extinction. They put neo-Nazis into the

government and turned them loose on the historically Russian eastern and southern areas of Ukraine for an ethnic cleansing genocide. Many of the leaders of white supremacist groups in the U.S. today, trained with these Ukrainian neo-Nazis.

For those who care about civil liberties and surveillance, Joe Biden wrote the first version of the Patriot Act and is proud of it. His record on foreign wars and regime change? Well, you guessed it, there was never one exercise in genocide that he didn't like or wholeheartedly embrace. But, as they say on the late-night TV ads, "there is more." It turns out there is much, much more.

### **Is Joe Biden the Actual Manchurian Candidate?**

On October 14th, the *New York Post* published emails from Hunter Biden's laptop indicating publicly for the first time that Joe Biden had direct involvement in the nefarious business dealings of his brother, Jim, and his own son, Hunter, with corrupt gangsters in Ukraine, China, and Kazakhstan. The Joe Biden protection league—a/k/a various British imperial interests, whole chunks of the U.S intelligence community, the Democratic Party and RINO (Republican in Name Only) Republicans, Silicon Valley, and the entirety of the main-stream media—immediately kicked into overdrive. The fourth largest newspaper in the United States was censored by Twitter and Facebook, which are the distribution networks for modern journalistic content.

Voters were not going to be allowed, under any circumstances, to digest this news of probable Biden family criminality before the election. They were not to be made "more intelligent" than they "actually are" in the cynical calculation of Joe Biden's fascist coterie.

"More than 50" former intelligence officials, led by James Clapper, John Brennan, Leon Panetta, and Michael Hayden signed on to a crazed letter—circulated by every intelligence community media scribe previously involved in the totally debunked British-instigated Russiagate hoax—to the effect that the *New York Post* story bore all the earmarks of a "Russian intelligence operation." Unsurprisingly, like Russiagate itself, you were supposed to believe it because they said it, just like they said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and that Donald Trump was in Putin's pocket, and similar endless lies they have told the American people repeatedly. Now the dominant media line became the smear that Biden was being victimized



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*John Ratcliffe, Director of National Intelligence (right): There is no indication of a Russian intelligence operation in the evidence from the laptop of Hunter Biden (left).*

by a Russian intelligence operation run by and through President Trump.

Exactly how is it that a laptop, left by Hunter Biden himself and never picked up at a Delaware computer repair store and turned over by the shop's owner to the FBI, bore "the earmarks of a Russian intelligence operation?" Director of National Intelligence (DNI) John Ratcliffe went on Fox to state that no intelligence supported those claims made by his predecessor and others, and the FBI reluctantly backed him in a statement to Senators Grassley and Johnson. [See](#) "Ratcliffe says Hunter Biden Laptop, Emails 'Not Some Part of Some Russian Disinformation Campaign'." But the media continued its hysterical propaganda, claiming that Ratcliffe was Trump's henchman and that there was absolutely "nothing to see here folks, move on, move on." Biden never answered questions directly, saying the entire affair was "a distraction."

No one denied that the emails on the laptop were thoroughly genuine, and recent forensic analysis has proved that they are. Now, according to James Rosen at Sinclair Broad-

casting, the Biden family is the subject of an FBI investigation for money laundering which has been ongoing for a long time. That particular bombshell, of course, has also been almost totally blacked out by our Orwellian Deep State.

The implications are obvious. What happens if Biden wins, but is immediately ensnared in a criminal investigation? There is no question that Biden family dealings with Ukraine, China, and other countries create the appearance of Biden as the actual Manchurian candidate, the same false and completely fake ID the British, their tools in our intelligence community, and the Democrats had tried to pin on Donald Trump. The documents and the statements of Hunter Biden's former business partners paint a picture of a Biden family business focused on selling one product to foreign investors—the influence accruing to the Vice-President of the United States

and this country's potential President. Millions of dollars were forwarded by the Chinese, by the wife of the former mayor of Moscow, by corrupt Ukrainian oligarchs, and by oligarchs in Kyrgyzstan.

At the very least, Biden is compromised. He would flunk the standard background check given to prospective federal employees. As others have pointed out, there are several criminal statutes applicable to what has already been revealed about what could be definitively charged as a conspiracy. According to James Rosen's reporting at Sinclair Broadcast Group, the FBI

is settled for now on the crime of money laundering.

This means that Kamala Harris, the leftist mentally-vacant stalker for Silicon Valley's brain eaters and billionaires, and for Barack and Michele Obama, will be in the Presidency sooner rather than later, either on the basis of Biden's obvious senility or because of his criminal exposure. This is why Nancy Pelosi has mandated a new study on the 25th Amendment's removal clause. In fact, this background is so well known among the Washington elite that the Trump campaign made a hilarious ad about



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*Kamala Harris, the leftist, mentally-vacant U.S. Senator and Vice-Presidential running mate of Joe Biden.*



*A 52-second video, posted on Hallowe'en, advises voters not to be fooled by Democrat Presidential candidate Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris: "Who's behind the mask? Know who you're voting for. Don't get tricked!"*

it, "Don't Get Tricked." The plot has Kamala, wearing a Joe Biden mask, stealing all the treats from children on Halloween. [See](#) "Don't Get Tricked."

### The Witnesses Step Forward

Based on the *New York Post* revelations and the investigation conducted by the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee by Senators Ron Johnson and Chuck Grassley, and, most important, on the media's claims that anyone associating Joe Biden with Hunter's and Jim's nefarious deals was a Russian agent, Hunter Biden's former business partner, Tony Bobulinski came forward.

On Tucker Carlson's highly rated October 27 show on Fox, Bobulinski provided emails and personal eyewitness testimony demonstrating that Joe Biden has lied repeatedly about his involvement with Jim and Hunter Biden's business deals. Bobulinski met twice with Joe Biden personally about the deals. According to the emails on his abandoned laptop, Hunter considered his father the "chairman" of the Biden family enterprise trafficking in the Vice-President's office and name for major business deals with foreign countries.

When Bobulinski raised concerns about the impact of the Biden family's dealings with China on Joe Biden's potential presidential run, Jim Biden told him that they had "plausible deniability," a term used by intelligence agencies to denote total protection and immunity from prosecution. [See](#) "Plausible Deniability": Tony Bobulinski Claims Biden Family Shrugged Off Concerns About Risk to 2020 Bid." In Mafia land, it means that you create a "designated fall guy." In this

case, it is Hunter, whose drug addictions and related behaviors make him the ideal candidate to take the fall, leaving the real crooks untouched.

Other emails on Hunter's laptop show Hunter telling a family member that he has been obligated for 30 years to turn over half of what he earns on business deals to Joe Biden, and stating that Joe Biden painted a target on his back. Plausible deniability.

Bobulinski, a decorated Navy veteran, was personally involved in structuring potential deals with CEFC China Energy worth millions, if not billions of dollars for the

Biden family. The company was long considered to be a front for the People's Liberation Army, and imploded when Patrick Ho, a lobbyist for the company operating at the United Nations and otherwise in the United States, was arrested in November 2017, after he delivered cash bribes to representatives of Uganda while attempting to bribe other government officials in Chad.

According to emails on Hunter's laptop, Ho had provided Hunter Biden with \$1 million for legal referral services, and his first call from jail was to Jim Biden asking him to get Hunter in contact. Like many deals involving the Bidens, it appears from the emails that Hunter abandoned Ho and began representing Ye Jianming, the head of CEFC China Energy, instead. Ye, who was being investigated by the FBI, was arrested in March of 2018 by the Chinese government and charged with bribery. The company was subsequently largely dismantled by the Chinese government.

The FBI's investigation of Patrick Ho involved a FISA warrant which appears to have gone back as far as 2014. FISA allows the FBI to monitor conversations not just of the named target but of all significant associates. Thus, it is highly likely that the FBI already had, pursuant to that warrant, numerous conversations involving the Biden family principals concerning their dealings with China, Ukraine, and other nations.

According to Bobulinski, a \$5 million payment from CEFC China Energy, destined for the company he was setting up for the Bidens, was diverted to Hunter Biden personally. Bobulinski says a wire transfer produced in the Senate Homeland Security investigation



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*Hunter Biden's corruption extended into China. He took influence money from Patrick Ho (left), lobbyist for CEFC China Energy, later arrested over bribes to officials of African countries. Hunter began to represent Ye Jianming (right), Chairman of CEFC China Energy, until Ye was arrested for bribery and his company dismantled by the Chinese government.*

demonstrates this. [See](#) “Johnson, Grassley Release Report on Conflicts-of-Interest Investigation.” Following the explosive Carlson interview, Bobulinski was interviewed at length by the FBI.

Another former Hunter Biden associate, Devan Cooney, has also provided thousands of emails to Peter Schweizer, the author of the book *Secret Empires*, which first documented the Biden family corruption schemes. Cooney is presently serving a prison sentence for “defrauding a Native American tribal entity and various investment advisory clients of tens of millions of dollars,” in connection with a fraudulent bond investment scheme. Cooney was convicted alongside Devon Archer and John Galanis, other former partners of Hunter Biden, for the fraud scheme. Archer had been Hunter’s longtime closest business partner and visited Joe Biden personally at the White House. While Joe Biden insists that he personally has never taken a “dime” from foreign governments, both the University of Pennsylvania, which houses the Penn Biden Center for Global Engagement, and various charities associated with Biden have

received millions from the Chinese and other governments, \$22 million from Chinese sources alone. Joe Biden, in turn, has received almost \$900,000 from the University of Pennsylvania since 2017, for doing practically nothing. [See](#) “Charities, China, and the Biden Family Grift.”

### **The Actual Crime in Ukraine— Is This Our Future?**

Hunter Biden’s role in the corrupt Ukrainian gas company, Burisma, has been well known for a long time. It became an issue between the State Department and the Obama Administration in 2015, almost as soon as Hunter Biden and Devon Archer took their seats on the Board. Two State Department officials, George Kent and Amos Hochstein, raised concerns with the Obama Administration and, in the case of Hochstein, directly with Joe Biden. The State Department was calling for the prosecution of Burisma while the Vice-President’s son sat on the Board reaping at least a few cool millions, according to U.S. Treasury documents, to whitewash



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*Devon Archer, business partner of Hunter Biden and a fellow Burisma board member, was convicted for defrauding a Native American tribal entity, among others.*



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*Mykola Zlochevsky (left), thug-oligarch owner of Burisma Holdings, bribed Ukrainian prosecutors to stop looking at Burisma while Hunter Biden and Devon Archer sat on his board; and Ihor Kolomoisky (right), another odious Ukrainian oligarch, whose PrivatBank “disappeared” \$1.8 billion in USAID money.*

the company’s public image.

Burisma was notoriously corrupt, so much so that even the British froze millions of dollars of its funds housed in the City of London. Burisma’s ownership was unclear, as various entities obscured its true identity. Its nominal owner is Mykola Zlochevsky, a thug oligarch who the Obama State Department said bribed Ukrainian prosecutors to stop looking at Burisma while Biden and Archer sat on his Board. Others say the true owner is Ihor Kolomoisky, an equally odious Ukrainian oligarch whose PrivatBank managed to disappear \$1.8 billion in USAID money Congress intended for the bankrupt Ukrainian state following the so-called “Revolution of Dignity” in 2014.

At the time Hunter was cavorting with this corrupt company, Joe Biden was leading the Obama Administration’s activities in Ukraine, acting, in effect, as a modern Viceroy over the newly declared NATO colony. Since the color revolution conducted by the State Department, British intelligence, and the CIA, was based on the alleged corruption of the democratically-elected regime of President Viktor Yanukovich, the Vice-President’s son bathing himself in that very corruption created—well, an image problem. So well-known were these facts in official Washington that Hillary Clinton arranged for a *New York Times* article about them in 2015, effectively warning Joe Biden not to campaign for President in 2016 lest they be fully

aired and exposed. [See](#) “Joe Biden, His Son, and the Case Against a Ukrainian Oligarch.”

Joe Biden complicated the coverup of these activities massively, when he bragged, at the Council on Foreign Relations in 2018, that he got the Ukrainian prosecutor targeting Burisma fired. He bragged that he threatened to entirely withhold a billion dollars in U.S. aid to Ukraine until Victor Shokin was fired. If this seems to you like what President Trump was accused of by the House impeachers, you are correct. Except that Trump never withheld any

aid, and the whole impeachment proceeding was an effort to cover Joe Biden’s misconduct by attributing it to the President.

The corrupt oligarch whom Biden ultimately installed as Ukraine’s President, Petro Poroshenko, fired Shokin. Shokin was replaced by Yuri Lutsenko as Prosecutor General, despite the fact that Lutsenko was not a lawyer and had a criminal record for corruption. Lutsenko closed the Burisma investigation and Ukraine got its billion dollars. Until the recent emails from the laptop from hell, Joe Biden had peddled the story that while he was vaguely aware of Hunter’s Burisma activities, he really didn’t know much about the details. The “smoking gun” email which got the *New York Post* censored, shows Hunter Biden setting up a meeting with his father for Burisma’s public spokesman Vadyn Pozharsky, in 2015.

But these corrupt, criminal acts pale in significance to what Joe Biden and Barack Obama otherwise did in Ukraine. They participated in overthrowing a duly elected government in a color revolution for the British geopolitical aim of regime change in Russia itself, putting the world on a course toward thermo-nuclear hell. To facilitate their color revolution, they used overt neo-Nazi militias and neo-Nazi political operatives dedicated to white supremacist terror. They unleashed these killers on the population of the historically Russian Donbass and southern Ukraine,



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*Veterans of the neo-Nazi Azov Battalion on parade in Kiev, Ukraine, August 24, 2019.*

sparking an ethnic cleansing and civil war which continues to this day. *EIR* magazine and LaRouche PAC documented this, as did other freedom fighters, as it occurred.

Now, even mainstream outlets are documenting the blowback from the Obama/Biden Nazi adventure, as Ukraine descends into darkness and the Azov Battalion's trained killers target the West, including the United States. [See](#) "Neo-Nazis and the Far Right Are on the March in Ukraine."

Both Antifa and U.S. white nationalists, such as California's "Rise Above" movement, have trained with Azov. Bob Avakian, the spiritual founder of Antifa and its subgroups in the United States, and Richard Spencer, the leader of the white nationalist "alt right" here, have both endorsed Joe Biden.

All or most of the intelligence operatives who sprang into action against President Trump on November 9, 2016, were veterans of the genocidal Ukraine debacle. Christopher Steele, who wrote the infamous British intelligence filthy dossier against the President, was a premier British/State Department Ukraine operative. Alexandra Chalupa, who ran Digital Maidan with her sister during the Ukraine coup, became the

key coordinating point in operations by Ukrainian intelligence directed against Donald Trump, particularly operations aimed at Paul Manafort.

Ukrainian hackers in the groups Shaltai Boltai and Cyberhunta worked with CrowdStrike's Dmitri Alperovitch and did the hacking falsely attributed by Robert Mueller to Russia's GRU. This was all coordinated with Joe Biden as Vice-President during the Trump campaign and transition, and particularly with Joe Biden's aide, Eric Ciaramella, the fake "whistleblower" used by the House Intelligence Committee in the impeachment of the President.

Most important, the Ukraine coup was the playground for total, full-spectrum information warfare, using a combination of censorship, controlled media narratives, and complete social media control to significantly change the behavior of targeted groups in favor of the military goals of the coup. The key practitioner involved was Joel Harding, on contract to the Ukrainian government from the U.S. military and State Department.

This Ukrainian fascist experiment was what was brought by our intelligence community and the Obama/Biden Administration back to this country as a weapon to be used against Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential campaign, the Trump presidency, and the "deplorable" poor, working- and middle-class constituencies supporting Donald Trump. In the words of the now-exposed British military intelligence operation known as the Integrity Initiative, Americans had to be trained to hate Russia and China, so much so that they would be willing to go to an existential nuclear war, if necessary, against them.

Whether you will act to repel and jail these fascists, or whether you will succumb to their continued destruction of the United States and the Constitution, constitutes the actual choice before you on November 3rd, election day.

# At This Nation's Most Dangerous Moment Ever, the President Can Win the Election

*This is the edited transcript of the opening presentations by Kirk Wiebe and Barbara Boyd to an October 20, 2020 Live Internet Press Availability sponsored by the LaRouche PAC. Dennis Speed moderated the event. Questions were submitted by various independent media outlets and the Internet event was joined by Roger Stone. Stone's opening remarks follow this article.*

**Dennis Speed:** Welcome, everybody, to today's press availability with Kirk Wiebe and Barbara Boyd, sponsored by LaRouche Political Action Committee. We'll begin with opening statements and then have some discussion. We sent out a statement to the participants here titled, "No Zombie Election—Time to Discuss the Truth," which is the general topic here.

**Kirk Wiebe:** Hello to everyone. Thank you for

joining us today. I'm going to be brief in my opening statement because everyone who is watching, no doubt knows that we are in the biggest, most serious battle for truth that we have ever seen in these United States. I'm 75 years old, and *never* in my life have I seen the propaganda war, the censorship, that's going on, to *stop* the truth from getting out!

I'm going to tell you that this is as bad, in these United States, this so-called nation of freedoms, this is as bad as *anything* the Soviet Union ever did. And in fact, I'm going to tell you the censorship is probably more effective today, than the Soviets could have done, because they didn't have the Internet at their disposal. Today, we have many news outlets, many social platforms—and yet, *most* of them are distorting or *blocking* the flow of truth about the Biden family, and about Anthony Bobulinski, the man who's blowing the whistle on the corruption and the international influence-buy-



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*Clockwise from upper left: Dennis Speed, Barbara Boyd, and J. Kirk Wiebe, at a Live Internet Press Availability, sponsored by the LaRouche PAC, October 20, 2020.*

ing that's going on, or that went on—no doubt is still going on. It is *absolutely shocking!*

And yet, if you look around you, you wouldn't know anything like this was happening. It's almost surreal—everyone's going to work, people are getting paid, they're eating lunch, they're on vacation, they're getting in their cars, they drive to—everything seems normal. And yet, our minds are being controlled by people who are hell-bent on people denying us the truth.

This is the most serious moment in our nation's history. And I worry about what this means for the near term, let alone the longer term.

**Barbara Boyd:** I don't think I could top Kirk in terms of the actual expression of what is actually happening, and what the environment is out there. You have a story, which from any standpoint of a legitimate news story, is out there. It essentially says that Hunter Biden, not the drug-addled person we've been led to believe he is, was up for sale, and what he was selling was the office of the Vice President of the United States, during the Obama Administration, not to one, not to two, not to three, but to several foreign governments: Among them, the Chinese, most particularly; but also that nest of corruption in Ukraine.

People will recall, that when the President of the United States on a telephone call with the new, incoming President of Ukraine, just simply referenced the corruption of the Biden family, he was immediately, almost, subject to impeachment proceedings before the United States Congress. This is a taboo subject.

Why is it taboo? Basically everything the Democrats did in 2016, to the Trump campaign, and in the transition, was done through precisely this nest of corruption, this known nest of corruption. It is not like it was not known what Hunter Biden was. As a matter of fact, the opposition research file for the Hillary Clinton campaign in 2016, published an exposé of Hunter Biden and Joe Biden's weakness in the *New York Times!* It was a shot across the bow, telling Joe Biden, "don't run against me."

We've had an entire coup d'état with the Clinton machine right in line with the intelligence community,



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*Hunter Biden was up for sale, and what he was selling was the office of the Vice President of the United States during the Obama Administration, to several foreign governments. Here, the corrupt Biden family—Hunter, Joe, and Jill—in Barack Obama's Inaugural parade, January 20, 2009.*

in line with the British and certain geopolitical magicians who actually seek to determine the future of this country for the next 50 years. And the way they intend to do it, is precisely what you're seeing now: A major news story, a laptop computer with all the dirty dealings, some of it crude, some of it obscene, some of it so ridiculous you don't even want to go there, but in significant respect, detailing a criminal and a money-laundering operation into the Vice President's office, has been made public by a guy who inadvertently ended up with it, because he was repairing it. And on it, he found all sorts of things, and the FBI said, "Oh, we don't want to touch that." And then they thought about it, and then the FBI said, "We'll come back, and we'll take it." And they did—they took it over a year ago,—and they sat on it, during the impeachment proceedings. In other words, the things which could have been used to say, "that was a perfectly legitimate question by the President of the United States of the incoming President of Ukraine. What about this?" Is your government for sale?

Burisma, if you know the story, actually took U.S. aid money and just stole it, outright! Was that a legitimate question for the State Department? You bet!



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*A Burisma Energy Services installation.*

So what you have here is pretty astounding. Hunter Biden's business partner, who met with Joe Biden personally, was on Carlson last night. Nobody else would air it, other than the President himself at a rally, and Tucker Carlson, who apparently had to get permission from Fox News to air it, and they agreed, reluctantly, at least as Tucker portrayed it, to air it. And he said, what Joe Biden has been saying is absolute BS. Tucker said that Biden did know about these business deals, that he was the "chairman" of this money-laundering, corrupt enterprise, which had all sorts of nefarious foreign influences in it and on it.

After all, these guys think that basically they're going to control China and they're going to control Russia, and it's all going to be one, big globalist paradise in the end. That's their theory. And we're all going to make tons and tons of money, and all those deplorables out there, and all of those working in the middle classes—well, you know, you chose to be where you are. You didn't actually get in on our scheme.

It truly is Orwellian. It is very scary, but it also has exposed people to just how far we've come down this road of allowing ourselves to be controlled, of the Constitution itself hanging by the thinnest of threads when it comes to the First Amendment, the Fourth Amendment, the Fifth Amendment, all of the things which we treasure as guaranteed American rights.

We do not have a free press. The free press exists among people who are on this call, and among all of the independent people out there who are trying to get to

the truth, and trying to get the truth out, but totally divorced from the mainstream media. They're completely controlled. But were one of them to publish this story today, you would have all of their advertisers start to pull out. That's how the game is actually being played now. It's a little wonderful thing called "corporativism," otherwise known as fascism. You can look it up, and you'll see that my discussion is really quite precise.

But I think what we need to talk about today is, given this is the situation, how do we think about the next week, week and a half; how do we actually think about shifting the whole thing, what kind of education do we have to give to the American people, who are very much awakened; there is a mass

strike going on out there. If you actually see the footage which I accumulated for a video we just did this week, it's everywhere! People with hand-written signs, people with handmade floats, people with flags on their cars, people organizing spontaneously by going to their local newspaper and saying, "Hey, I got a Facebook group, please come to my Facebook group for a Trump rally," and then setting up the Facebook organizing around the thing, and 2,000, 3,000, 5,000, 10,000 people are in these parades all over the country—including in places where people think that's a "blue state"—New York, New Jersey, Staten Island, California. And it's like, you know, a situation in which they're blacking that out also! Don't you think this would be a pretty major thing



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*Fox News talk show host Tucker Carlson: Joe Biden was the "chairman" of his family's corrupt, money-laundering enterprise.*

to look at when this is occurring all around people?

Why is it occurring? It's really simple. They want to try to hold down the vote for Trump, by any means necessary. They want to make people feel like, "I'm just an individual out here, I'm not going to step out of being scared, etc." If you just take a drive around, you'll find that there's Harris/Biden signs out, but there're not very many of them out! I just did a little survey today, taking a drive around Loudoun County, Virginia. And normally, what you'd see is, you'd see two sets

of signs. You wouldn't see Harris/Biden enthusiasm. What you actually see, is maybe one every ten blocks, nobody else has signs out—why is that? Because that's the silent majority out there, who are scared, who know that if we put that Trump sign up—we had an experience with this, this week, where we actually had to hang Trump signs in the trees, to actually prevent a wild neighbor of one of our friends here from actually, taking



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*Expressing the enthusiasm for President Trump's re-election, a Michigan resident is driving a decorated float, what he calls the "Trump Unity Bridge," all across the country.*

them down and destroying them.

So the point is, the American people are really on the march. And whatever happens on Tuesday, they need leadership, they need to be told basically, "here's where we go next, here's the policies, here's the program we're campaigning for, here's how we actually clean up this mess, because we've got to win, and that's the issue.

## How the President Can Win the Election

by Roger Stone

*This is the edited transcript of remarks made by Roger Stone to the October 28, 2020 Press Availability sponsored by the LaRouche PAC. Mr. Stone has been a long-time political campaign strategist, and the author of many books, including The Making of the President 2016: How Donald Trump Orchestrated a Revolution.*

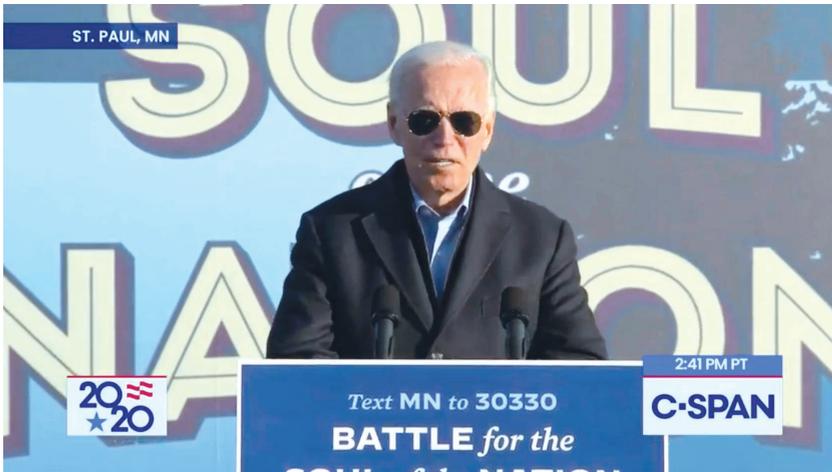
Let me address the most burning question of the moment, which is what will happen in next Tuesday's election. We have a real contrast between the two campaigns.



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Roger Stone

Joe Biden is like a basketball team in the fourth quarter that has a lead and is now just trying to avoid any error. He's trying to sit on and ride out a lead. By the way, that's the most dangerous place to be in American politics because it's boring. It gets no public attention and no interest. Richard Nixon tried this in 1968, and he came within a hair of losing that contest based on his desire to play it safe and have essentially nothing to say in the closing days. Biden is locked down in his basement; he ventures out every couple of days to meet with very small



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*“Joe Biden is like a basketball team in the fourth quarter that has a lead and is now just trying to avoid any error ... most dangerous ... boring ... nothing to say.” Here he is, in St. Paul, Minnesota, October 30, 2020.*

groups of voters from very far away, essentially just to prove to the public that he’s actually still alive.

Contrast that with the President, who is a happy warrior, who’s out talking about an upbeat, positive vision for the country; who is stressing economic growth and opportunity; who has a great record to run on, and is running on it. He also doesn’t have any problem taking the wood to Joe Biden on the burgeoning international bribery and corruption scandal that the mainstream media in the United States is trying desperately to pretend isn’t even happening.

In the 40 years I have been in American politics, I have never seen this level of suppression and censorship of a story. There are no valid arguments about Biden’s laptop. We now have not one, but two of his former business partners who have stepped forward, essentially to corroborate the allegations based on first-hand knowledge. They would make terrific witnesses; they also have their own sets of emails that are compromising for Hunter Biden and his relationship with the Chinese.

If you examine the polls prior to the pandemic, when Donald Trump was leading Joe Biden by nine points, and if you examine the polls post-pandemic in which the President is trailing Joe Biden by ten, really efficiently the same number. Then you examine the internal polling to see who has moved, it’s quite interesting. Virtually no voter group moved place except for African Americans and Hispanics. Among those two groups, the President was winning an historically high-level pre-

pandemic, and his support was literally cut in half, I think by the sour economy caused by the pandemic.

### The Hispanic Electorate

Therefore, were I running the Trump campaign, which I am not, I would be moving resources into Spanish-language radio and urban radio in Cleveland, in Detroit, in Milwaukee, in Philadelphia, in Richmond, in Charlotte, in Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, in Orlando, Tampa, and so on. The campaign does not appear to be doing that. I would also caution them that they have a terrific Spanish-language ad on in Florida, but it makes reference to Cubans being for Donald Trump.

As someone who is married to a Cuban American whose family fled Castro, I get it. But it’s important that they recognize that the majority of Hispanics voting in Florida are not Cuban. They are Puerto Rican, Venezuelan, Colombian, Dominican. And interestingly culturally, they have a long-time animus with the Cubans. But again, I’m not running the Trump campaign.

There’s also a very substantial problem in that when one has run a Presidential campaign, you understand the necessity—particularly when you are not opposed for renomination—of running a very lean overhead in the



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*President Trump is “a happy warrior, out talking an upbeat, positive vision for the country.” Here he addresses a rally in Rochester, Minnesota, October 30, 2020.*

early months of the campaign, and hoarding your money for television, cable, radio, and digital advertising, maybe even telephones and text messages, in the final six to eight weeks. The Trump campaign has not done that; in fact, they have squandered their billion-dollar financial advantage, and they are now being out-bought in the swing states by Joe Biden at a level of four-to-one on [TV] broadcasts, six-to-one on cable, three-to-one on radio in those few places where they are on, and four-to-one on digital advertising. Sadly, these things do matter. It is a classical spending mistake. I think Brad Parscale [former Trump re-election campaign manager] is responsible for it; you might notice he is no longer with the campaign.

### Three Obstacles to Trump's Re-Election

So you have the same set of institutional problems we discussed before. The three major obstacles for the President's re-election:

The corporate-owned news media that simply doesn't report anything negative on Joe Biden and the Democrats, magnifies any error by the President, and then in many cases, just prints outright falsehoods about the campaign, the country, and so on. That would not be such a problem if the work-around of access to the social media platforms which we had in 2016 was still in place. But unfortunately, we have seen a systematic program of censorship on all of the social media platforms of Republicans and Christians and Libertarians and conservatives and Trump supporters; and that is now manifesting itself.

Attorney General William Barr has had more than sufficient time to bring anti-trust actions against every one of these companies; he has not done so. I have no long-term confidence that, particularly if Biden should win, that Special Counsel John Durham is going to charge anyone. I think even if the President does win, there's a substantial chance that Durham won't charge anyone either. Which is outrageous, because, as you know, the classified documents now prove definitively

that John Brennan, James Clapper, James Comey, Andrew McCabe, Rod Rosenstein, Andrew Weissman, and others, Susan Rice, Ambassador Samantha Power all engaged in treasonous, criminal seditious activities. We know now definitively that there was not a rich mosaic of evidence justifying the opening of the Mueller investigation as James Comey claimed. There was one fabricated document; a document that the FBI knew was fabricated from day one, and they based an entire attempted coup d'état on that document.

This is disgraceful, but I must observe that we do have a two-tiered justice system. This is a system in which people like Roger Stone and General Michael Flynn are prosecuted for fabricated political crimes, while real criminals engaged in real treason go untouched.

It is very hard to understand, other than to say that as much as I love the President, I think he has received some bad advice. Most of it from Steve Bannon. Mr. Bannon turns out to be a neo-con quisling. Ignore his talk about nationalism or American sovereignty; that is all a smokescreen. Every major neo-con, including UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, Rex Tillerson (who was Secretary of State), H.R. McMaster (who was our National Security Advisor), even John Kelly (the White House Chief of Staff)—all of the neo-cons got there through the sufferance of Steve Bannon.

As I think most of you know, Mr. Bannon also lied on the stand during my trial. We know that definitively, because his sworn House Intelligence Committee testimony, when compared to his testimony at my trial, shows they are diametrically contradictory. Therefore, he either lied to the House Committee—exactly what I was charged with—or he lied on the stand at my trial. Knowing the facts, I can tell you he lied at my trial at the behest of Robert Mueller; proving yet again that he is not the patriot that he pretends to be.

With that, I'm happy to take a few questions. I'm on my way to a speech, but I'm happy to entertain questions while I can.



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Attorney General William Barr.



Gage Skidmore

Former Chief White House Strategist Steve Bannon.

June 13, 2011

## THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FLANK

# Victory or Hell

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

**Note from the editor:** Oct. 30—As of this writing, there is no one now living who knows what the world will look like next Wednesday morning, November 4, 2020.

*In one of his writings, Lyndon LaRouche defined the German military term Entschlossenheit, popularized by Carl von Clausewitz, roughly as follows: In a highly-charged, highly-dangerous situation, while having only the most dubious and fragmentary information, you must nevertheless reach an immediate evaluation for action, which is either right or close enough—and act on it immediately, without one second's hesitation, absolutely forbidding the adversary from seizing the initiative.*

*That is what history requires of us next Wednesday morning, and that is the spirit in which this article, written by Lyndon LaRouche in 2011 under the Obama administration, is reprinted here and now.*

*The ancient Roman army was destroyed by Hannibal through his double-flanking operation. A greatly superior force of the Austrians was defeated in their well-designed copy of Hannibal's defeat of the Roman military, a copy of which was successfully accomplished by defeat of the superior mass of Austrian forces by a lesser force directed by Frederick the Great, at Leuthen. The principle in both exemplary cases was secured not through military forces as such, but by the principle of strategies which inheres in the human mind, not the nominal strength of the troops as such. The issue in such cases, is not forces as such, but the superior principle which the mind of the commander and his forces have brought to bear. War is best won by other means.*

*A crucial example of this principle was demonstrated by the advice of the General Douglas MacArthur who advised President John F. Kennedy not to permit a protracted U.S. land-war in Asia; Kennedy agreed, and Kennedy was assassinated because he opposed a war which the British conceived as a means to ruin Britain's most capable rival, our United States. By means of the assassination of Kennedy, the war proceeded, and the United States has been ruined to great British satisfaction, ever since. Such matters are essen-*

*tially expressions of the battles of the mind, as certain U.S. Presidents have served the British imperial intentions ever since the assassinations of President Kennedy and his brother Robert.*

*In a similar fashion, the United States has been ruined by aid of Presidents such as Barack Obama, whose essential loyalties have been expressed in his impassioned ties to the British imperial Queen.*

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The only proper issue in fighting a war, is that there is no alternative. Considering the risk, and the costs of entering a state of warfare, it were better that it never need be fought at all. If necessary, develop the capabilities needed to defeat an enemy whose predatory intentions might not be deterred by lesser means of restraint; in such matters, as chess masters have asserted, the threat is more powerful than the attack.

As Chancellor Bismarck had warned, Germany must not support the Austro-Hungarian empire in a new Balkan war, since such an Austrian attack on the weaker Balkan force would provoke a massive deployment of Russian forces against the Austro-Hungarian empire. If Germany were stupid enough not to blackmail the Austrian Kaiser into backing off from Austria's London-directed Balkan war, London need only eliminate Chancellor Bismarck from office, to insure that the British geopolitical warfare on the continent of Europe

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*“The United States has been ruined by aid of Presidents such as Barack Obama, whose essential loyalties have been expressed in his impassioned ties to the British imperial Queen,” LaRouche writes. Here, the traitor President toasts the head of America’s historic enemy, the British Empire.*

would bring about the ruin of war-soaked continental Europe. Bismarck was discharged by British Royal family hands, and World War I, and the premises for World War II, were, so to speak, “in the bag.” The British monarchy’s backing of the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany, secured the virtual inevitability of World War II and of the consequences of that war.

Notably, as former Chancellor Bismarck had warned from his place of forced retirement, the then foreseeably inevitable World War I, and also the overthrow of Russia’s Czar, were chiefly the British reaction to the victory of the United States under President Abraham Lincoln over the British intelligence-diplomatic services’ operations in launching the British-backed Civil War in the United States. There were two principal motives of the British imperial monarchy’s 1890-1917 campaign to wreck the set of nations of continental Europe through a war conceived as a grand strategy in the likeness of the British victory in its orchestration of the so-called “Seven Years War.” Bismarck, in his pre-World War I forced retirement, stated exactly that point.

It is essential to understand that the British empire is an empire, an empire which is not essentially premised on colonies as such, but on the ability of its diplomats, associated intelligence services, and both witting and witless British allies and accomplices to orchestrate wars fought at great expense to the regions

of the world of concern at that time. In the case of the British Empire’s orchestration of the first and second “World Wars,” the pivotal issue was the combined effect of the establishment of the U.S. transcontinental railway system, and the echo of the same quality of intention within not only continental Europe, but the extension into Asia: hence, Britain’s avowedly “geopolitical intentions.”

Essentially, that pattern has been continued, from the reign and rampage of the New Venetian Party’s representative, William of Orange, in Britain, through much more than two so-called “World Wars,” in the British monarchy’s steering of the imminently terminal state of general economic collapse of the United States and of many other nations, a

collapse which is entering its terminal phase under the direction of the current British monarchy. If not stopped now, within as short a time as weeks, or as long as a few months, the entirety of the planet will be plunged into the most monstrous orgy of death and other ruin in known history.

Thus, at the present moment, everything depends upon the immediate re-enactment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s 1933 Glass-Steagall legislation. There is broad-based and deeply rooted desire in the United States population to have the current U.S. President, Barack Obama, tossed peremptorily out of that office, on grounds contained within the U.S. Twenty-Fifth Constitutional Amendment; the grounds is provided by clear evidence of a mental instability in this current President, which is located within the provisions of that Amendment. Obama is a repeatedly avowed agent-in-fact of an alien power, the current British monarchy.

This occurs within a presently oncoming general breakdown-crisis of the economies of the trans-Atlantic region generally. An accelerating plunge in the physical output and wealth of the U.S.A., per capita, and per square kilometer, in which the U.S. economy is profoundly bankrupt in both financial and physical terms of per-capita assets and per-square-kilometer physical incomes, has created a condition throughout the trans-

Atlantic regions, including the interior of Europe, which is now at the brink of an explosive physical-economic implosion which, if permitted would be the end of trans-Atlantic civilization, a breakdown comparable in characteristics of form to what was done to Weimar Germany in 1923, this time on a trans-Atlantic scale, rather than a single nation.

The only action which could be taken to avert such a plunge into a prolonged “new dark age” of the planet, would depend upon a certain initiating action from and by the United States: the re-installation of the 1933 Glass-Steagall law, with the exact terms specified during the 1930s decade under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. If that is done, then there must be a second action: a return to the protective economic measures used for the U.S., partly in response to World War II, then, but required as purely an economic recovery action now: price and related controls to prevent an active threat of a runaway inflation. The intention would be to return the United States, and partner-nations to the traditional agro-industrial intention of the United States which was elaborated in detail by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton: the intention which had been established as the essentially strategic implications of the U.S. Federal Constitution.

Europe, which we are compelled to assist in the same measures of relief in our own U.S. interest, would need to get out of its particular form of current mess, by adopting a credit system comparable to Glass-Steagall’s intentions and effects. The proper objective of such a rebuilding of economic policy, is to establish a fixed-exchange-rate credit system among nations, with a view to facilitating globally extended cooperation in long-term, capital-intensive modes of upward leaps in physical productivity throughout the planet.

We must recognize, at the same time, history does not exist on what many identify, symbolically as a flat plane. That brings us here to the particular intention of making clear why we require a return to a system of what are, respectively, sovereign nation states.

### **Cows, Horses, Chickens & Pigs**

The notion of a “one world” society, means what would be, inevitably, a world empire of the worst possible quality. It would mean a world-dictatorship of an entrenched and entire form of tyranny which would be, in respect to all of its objectionable aspects, a form of imperial grip and mass-murderous proclivities, called “governance,” comparable to, but probably worse than

the Roman Empire at its ugliest. Today, it is chiefly the United States, China, and India, which are the chief, still-standing ramparts from which the threat of an inherently pro-genocidal “green” tyranny is already seeking to rule the world.

To secure a practicable form of understanding of this challenge to even the merely continued existence of some degree of human standards of human life on this planet, we must examine the case for the principle of the sovereign nation-states system. That system implicitly defines a specific quality of human interest on which present efforts to defend an actually human quality of human existence now depend.

What, in brief, is the difference between the human being and the edible features of cows, pigs, chickens, and the like? The answer is: nothing but those creative powers of reason, powers which are lacking in every other form of life presently known to us. It is, in short, those noëtic powers specific to the human individual, the power to make revolutionary developments of progress in the general condition of mankind, and that universally if we choose to adopt that standard of practice.

The creative powers of reason specific to the human species, are customarily found in the Classical artistic expressions of composition, although not the prevalent standard of art practiced among populations since the 1950 European adoption of the existentialist doctrine of the Congress for Cultural Freedom. It is the development of the creative powers of the individual, and the sharing of the qualities and fruits of those specific kinds of powers, which provide the essential development of personal character of the human individual. The Classical function of metaphor in both art and the creation of the discoveries of what are truly universal physical principles defines the truly human form of biological prototype as Russian Academician V.I. Vernadsky did with the advent of his development of the concept of a Noösphere.

Our war for today, is a war of defense of the principle which separates the truly human individual from the lower forms of life. Creativity, as I have referenced that conception here, and in other published locations, is the true standard of humanity, the quality which expresses the essential distinction of man from vegetable and beast.

Therefore, defend the true nature of mankind, while we are still able to do so. The time is short, and the opportunity brief. Act now, without fear-driven capitulations to the evil which is seeking to close in upon us presently.

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## II. Famine: Moving Beyond Aid

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# Ethiopia's China-Built Railway as a Model The Role of Infrastructure in Fighting Hunger, Moving Beyond Aid

by Hussein Askary and Marcia Merry Baker

Oct. 30—The global community, as reported by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in July 2019, was already “[off-track](#)” in terms of reaching the UN's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number two: zero hunger, by 2030. When the COVID-19 pandemic overwhelmed the world, matters got even worse, as global supply chains were severely affected by the preventive lockdowns in almost every part of the world from February 2020. The import-dependent nations, also the poorest, were impacted more than others.

The problems of hunger and poverty are not new, but have been neglected for many decades. The means to mitigate them are available, but need a concerted effort by all nations, especially the industrial ones, to launch a coordinated, three-tiered effort, a “World War on hunger and poverty.” The steps are, rationally, to prioritize emergency relief, but also to move immediately to enable recipient communities to grow food themselves for the next season. This involves, for example, providing seeds and fertilizers—sometimes in the very same shipments as food relief. As for the longer-term strategy, we must build the necessary infrastructure to ensure that societies in the most affected regions are made capable of producing in a sustained manner, at least the minimum requirements of their food security.

### Famine—Of Biblical Proportions

David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) has repeatedly sounded the alarm in 2020, about the “multiple famines” in the



WFP/Michael Tewelde

*Heads of UN agencies in drought-stricken Ethiopia, September 1-4, 2017: David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (squatting center); José Graziano da Silva, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization (far left); and Gilbert F. Houngbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (blue jacket).*

making “of Biblical proportions.” On October 9, his agency, the world's largest food relief organization, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger. In an October 25 [commentary](#) in *Fortune* magazine, “Our Nobel Peace Win Is an Honor and a Tragedy,” Beasley stressed that there are no grounds “to celebrate”:

Despite our resolve to achieve zero hunger by 2030, the sad truth is that hunger has been rising over the past several years, and there is no end in sight. COVID-19 has only exacerbated an already bad situation. This Nobel Prize is a call to action at a critical time. COVID-19 is threatening to create a hunger crisis of Biblical propor-

tions—worse than anything we’ve seen in our lifetimes—unless we do something about it. This is not hyperbole; this is the blunt reality.

Beasley called for resources from all sectors, including the private sector and “billionaires,” writing:

We need to raise \$5.1 billion more, now, to feed the people affected by the ripple effects of the coronavirus crisis for the next six months.

Beasley had [briefed](#) the UN Security Council April 17 on the hunger pandemic unfolding in 2020, likening the need for food relief resources today, to that of the humanitarian aid crisis after World War II. But adequate resources and mobilization have not come.

On October 13, Beasley shocked the world in his opening address to a world food conference of the FAO, saying that so far this year, “seven million people have died from starvation.” He said that if proper action is not taken, this could increase several times over, even reaching 30 million people within months. Already last year, 815 million of the world’s 7.5 billion were food insecure, with 100 million people totally reliant on food aid to survive. Now the number of those totally reliant is approaching 270 million, for whom provision of food is the difference between life and death.

While governments in the industrial world poured out trillions of dollars and Euros to save financial markets and banks, the few billion dollars demanded by the WFP were not secured. The WFP is not the only UN organization that is involved in providing food aid, but there is a plethora of organizations, governmental and non-governmental, working each on its own in a different part of the world. Given the severity of the crisis, a concerted international operation is required to meet the immediate needs of the hungry in the world, most of whom are located in Sub-Saharan Africa.

It is important to note, on the prospects for such concerted action, that the United States has been unwavering in its backing of the WFP so far. U.S. contributions to the WFP have been rising, to the extent that the U.S. share of its funding is now over 50%. Beasley himself was nominated for his position in 2017 by President Trump. Beasley, a former Republican governor of



UNAMID/Albert González Farran

*Community members of the Nifasha camp for Internally Displaced Persons unload bags of sorghum from a World Food Programme truck, North Darfur State in western Sudan, February 11, 2014.*

South Carolina (1995-1999), was a Trump backer in the 2016 primary election. Jack Kingston, a former adviser to the Trump campaign wrote that, “the WFP shows we can still support good programs” in the October 26 issue of *The Hill*. Kingston, also a former member of Georgia’s House of Representatives (1993-2015), [continued](#), “Winning the Nobel Peace Prize is an accomplishment in which Americans—Democrats and Republicans—should take pride.”

## The Role of the Military

One ironical aspect of collaborative international effort to combat hunger, is that the logistics of aid delivery should involve the military forces of NATO and other world powers, particularly Russia, China, and India. Most of these nations, especially NATO, are involved in costly anti-terror or peace-keeping operations in the most affected regions of the world. That includes nations outside Africa such as Afghanistan, Yemen, and Iraq.

These [operations](#) involve a large degree of logistical infrastructure and coordination. The same infrastructure can be utilized for delivering food, and later, a COVID-19 vaccine when available. The logistics involved in these operations include sea, air, and land transports.

Although the “[Oslo Guidelines](#)” of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) argues that military relief operations are more costly, and should not be preferred to civilian operations, in certain situations, it argues, the superior logistic capabilities of the military could become more important in

providing timely life-saving assistance, overriding cost considerations.

An emergency appeal for military logistics and full-scale food aid was issued October 13 from South Africa, from Ramasimong Phillip Tsokolibane, the leader of the LaRouche movement there. His [statement](#) is titled, “A Matter of Life or Death—Call for International Mobilization of Food Resources to Fight Starvation in Africa.” In it, he states:

... [T]he issue we face, if we want to save lives, is securing massive amounts of food, as soon as possible, to hungry and starving people. Given the state of infrastructure on the continent, and the fact that much of this starvation is occurring

ing, while deploying the vast resources of the U.S. military on this mission of mercy to bring food to those who need it on my continent.

This call gets automatic support among American farmers. In South Dakota, for example, the October 24 “Letters” page of the *Mitchell Republic*, led off with a letter from Mt. Vernon cattleman Ron Wieczorek, headlined, “Mobilize Food Delivery to Fight Starvation in Africa,” which ends:

America can save these lives. We did it once before, when we got food to starving Europeans in 1945: the CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) program.



NATO

*NATO cooperates with the African Union in sustaining the African Standby Force. This primarily military organization could quickly be repurposed for food relief.*

in isolated, rural areas, the distribution that must take place is well beyond the means of individual governments and those of relief agencies.

I believe we must mobilize the logistical capacities of the world’s most capable military forces and design a strategy to bring food supplies from such food-producing nations as the United States and Canada, and bring them directly to those who need them. Let allies and adversaries alike, join forces, in this greatest of all humanitarian efforts.

Mr. Tsokolibane appealed directly to President Trump:

Take up this challenge. Give America’s farmers the mission to produce the food to feed the starv-

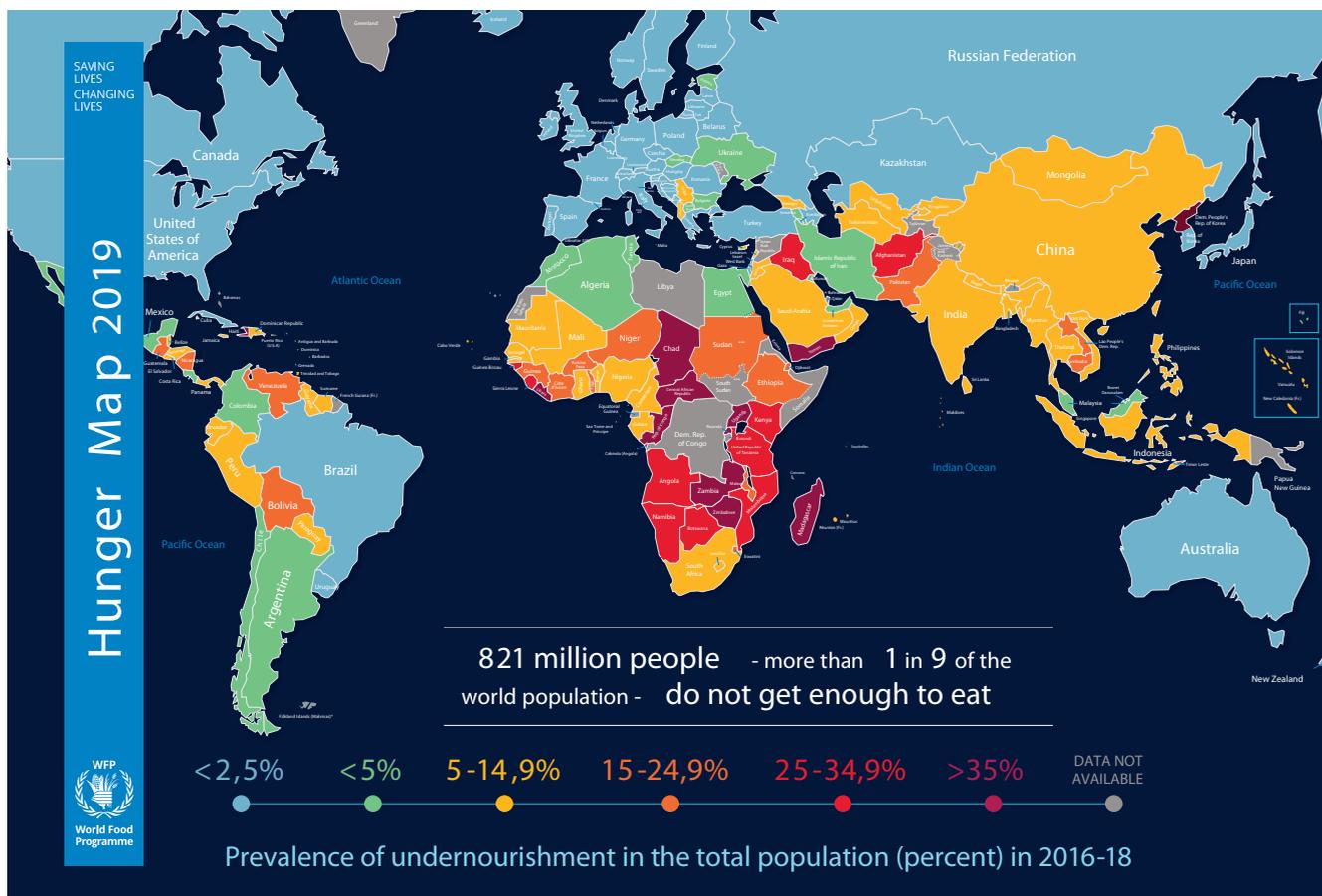
### **Moving Beyond Aid**

Although dealing with the immediate pandemic situation and relieving the hunger crisis are the most moral and practical matters at hand now for the world community, a *long-term solution* is urgently required. The downside of humanitarian aid is that many societies in affected regions, as in southern Sudan, have become dependent on food aid for survival for decades. While there are political and security reasons for certain such conditions, the general problem is the lack of infrastructure, technology, and skills for producing more food locally for the local population.

Therefore, hunger is connected to its Siamese twin, poverty. It was for this reason that eradicating poverty comes as Number One among the UN SDGs and ending hunger as Number Two.

Humanitarian aid is inherently expensive, because the areas that need to receive this aid often lie far away over rugged terrain from the transport and logistics lines and hubs, as in the case of the landlocked sub-Saharan African nations. The WFP’s [“Hunger Map”](#) shows the prevalence of undernourishment in the most affected nations.

The lack of transport infrastructure to bring large quantities of food to the affected communities makes it imperative to use airlifting. With the absence of adequate airstrips and airports in these regions, light aircraft are in order to transport small, “well-packaged” portions. The packaging is often done in the nations of origin such as



The World Food Programme's Hunger Map 2019 shows the prevalence of undernourishment in the total population in 2016-18, from less than 2.5%, to greater than 35%. WFP

the U.S., China, Australia, or Europe, etc. This makes the cost of transport, logistics and administration of the humanitarian aid larger than the cost of the food itself. As food begins to be produced in nearby regions and better transport means are built, the effort will become a much less costly and time-consuming matter.

### China-Built Ethiopian Railway as an Example

In 2015, Ethiopia suffered from one of the worst droughts in its history, but unlike 30 years ago, hundreds of thousands of people did not die of starvation. In the 1983-85 famine, when Ethiopia had a population of 38 million, it lost close to a million people—the exact numbers are not even known.

The difference in 2015 can be attributed to two important changes:

First, the government has aggressively implemented an economic development policy that is focused on eliminating poverty and reforming the agricultural sector.

Second, a 750 km railway connecting the port of Djibouti and the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, was built

by Chinese companies. As of 2015, the final touches were being put on the rail system by the China Railway Group (CREC, the acronym of its predecessor and parent company, China Railway Engineering Corporation) and the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC). This involved finishing work on two stages of this standard gauge railway (SGR).

That same year, Ethiopian farmers suffered crop failures varying between 50% and 90% due to the disastrous drought, and the population of more than 100 million braced for the worst food crisis in decades. When food aid and food purchased by the Ethiopian government arrived in the Port of Djibouti, shipments were jammed in the port. In the harbor, ships waited for days to unload their cargoes of wheat and other grains. Thousands of trucks that were to carry the food, spent many days crossing the poorly-maintained roads in the mountainous terrain to Addis Ababa.

That completely changed when the contingency was activated to use a completed section of the railway. Although construction was still in progress on some

stretches, the completed portion of the railway from Djibouti to Merebe Mermersa, 112 km south of Ethiopia's capital, was put into emergency operation in November 2015 to carry grain. A costly trip by trucks that took between 8-10 days, now took 8 hours by train. Larger volumes could also be transported by the train compared to trucks. The official opening of the railway did not take place until 2017, but it had bought life for many Ethiopians and life-saving time for the Ethiopian nation.

The Ethiopian government has developed a plan to connect all parts of the country by rail and modern roads, and some projects, like the 420 km north-south Mekele-Wildaya-Awash railway (built jointly by Chinese and Turkish-European consortia, are now nearing completion. Beyond its borders, Ethiopia is planning to connect to its neighbors—Sudan, Kenya, and landlocked South Sudan. From there, other landlocked nations such as Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, (eastern) Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, and Chad can also be connected to the shores of the Indian Ocean. All these nations are among the nations on the WFP Hunger Map 2020.

Today, the Djibouti–Addis Ababa railway has become a two-way route for food security and prosperity for Ethiopia. It is not merely transporting imported grains for its needs, but more importantly, fertilizers and machinery to be able to grow its own food. Besides, Ethiopia exports fruits from its newly developed agricultural projects to balance its trade. Well-known Ethiopian coffee is also an important export item.

In an [interview](#) with Xinhua, Tilahun Sarka, Director-General of the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Company (EDR), said that in just the first few months of 2019, the railway was able to carry more than 70,000 tons of fertilizer from the Djibouti port to Ethiopia, just before the start of the main harvesting season and the beginning of a new season:

Fertilizer is a very important commodity to Ethiopia's socio-economic well-being. It is by far considered as a major imported priority item by the Ethiopian government.



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*When still incomplete in 2015, the China-built Djibouti–Addis Ababa railway brought life-saving grain as far as Merebe Mermersa, 112 km south of Addis Ababa. Today, the electrified railway is a two-way route for food security and prosperity for the country.*

Xinhua reported that Ethiopia imported a total of about 1.3 million tons of fertilizer during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

While Ethiopia enjoyed adequate weather conditions for a good harvest season in the last year and this, the locust invasion that overwhelmed the Horn of Africa over this same period has destroyed many crops and pastures. In addition, severe flooding occurred recently. Large quantities of food imports are now a necessity once again. And the farmers need seeds and fertilizer for re-planting, and pastoralists are desperate for live-stock feed. An estimated 6.9 million people need food relief from now through December, at the very least, according to the latest FAO reports.

### **Good Infrastructure Correlates with Food Security**

As we have explained in previous writings, good infrastructure correlates with provision of resilient health care, as shown in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. The same principle applies to food production and distribution.<sup>1</sup>

A scientific [paper](#) on that correlation in Ethiopia, titled “Port Rail Connectivity and Agricultural Production: Evidence From a Large Sample of Farmers in Ethiopia,” proves this point both positively and negatively. It

1. See Hussein Askary, “The Role of BRI in Building a Global Healthcare System,” *BRICS Information Portal* May 16, 2020.



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*Tilahun Sarka, Director General of the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Company.*

does so negatively by showing the disastrous effects caused by the collapse of the old transport infrastructure and the ending of the old railway's operation on the same Djibouti–Addis Ababa railway now rebuilt by China.

One important focus of the study is on the import of fertilizers. “In theory, railways have the advantage of shipping bulky freight, such as fertilizer, at low costs,” it indicates. The study surveyed over 190,000 households in Ethiopia from 2003 to 2010, concluding that the deterioration of the transport routes from Djibouti to Addis Ababa, especially the shutting down of the old narrow-gauge railway in 2009, severely impacted agricultural activities and food security for the majority of the population sample. Calculating the correlation of the transport costs and agricultural production functions, the paper concludes:

It is found that deteriorated transport accessibility to the port had a significantly negative impact. The use of fertilizer particularly decreased with increased transport costs.

Regarding Africa generally, the study laments the collapse of the railway systems in the 1990s:

This must have significant negative impacts on African economies, particularly landlocked countries. In the region, there are 15 landlocked countries.

The study compares the cost of transport and trade and their impact on agricultural input, showing that the

high costs become prohibitive for agricultural activities:

For Malawi, a landlocked country, the cost of importing a 20-foot container of goods from East Asia is USD 2,895 and takes about 39 days. The cost and time for Tanzania, which has a port on the Indian Ocean, is USD 1,615 per container, and takes 26 days. For Ethiopia (other than through Djibouti), the importing cost is as high as USD 2,960, in contrast to Djibouti, which is USD 910 because of the seaport.

The Djibouti-Ethiopia railway was and is today the main route for 95% of Ethiopia's imports and exports. In a [report](#) published by the Berlin Institute for Population and Development, titled “From Land of Famine to Land of Hope: Will Ethiopia Become a Model for an African Upswing?” the authors indicate that Ethiopia's economic rise hinges to a great degree on its investments in infrastructure. Although the report suffers from a few typical misconceptions about Chinese loans and strategies, it does convey the point of the importance of infrastructure in Ethiopia's economic rise:

Besides the service sector, which acts as a magnet for jobseekers, huge investment in infrastructure is another component of the government's strategy that has likewise created jobs and boosted the economy. The combination of population growth, productivity gains in agriculture, massive infrastructure investment and the shift of labor to sectors with more value added has been key to Ethiopia's growth for more than a decade.

Concerning the China-Ethiopia joint project, the report indicates that major projects “such as the railway line from Addis Ababa to Djibouti, the most important link to world trade, and the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, the largest reservoir in Africa, will help drive the economy forward and attract investors.”

### **Contribution of the Belt and Road**

As proven by the case of Ethiopia, the current drive to extend the Belt and Road Initiative into all parts of Africa is the policy under which Africa's vast agricultural potential can be realized.

Until now, the constraints on farming, resulting from various political, economic, and geopolitical factors, have meant the continent has been forced to be a net importer of food staples, and home to millions of people in desperate need of emergency relief.

However, now the vectors for full-scale agriculture



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*The container terminal in the Port of Djibouti, commissioned in 1985, is strategically located at the entrance of the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden.*

development can take off, based on the coming-into-being of a new economic platform of production, based on building modern transport, irrigation, power generation, and new production techniques. The circumstances can come together for potentially spectacular farm output across whole regions of the continent, given its outstanding agro-climatic features.

The present-day situation of inadequate staple food production in Africa shows that in recent decades, the import dependence for grains—all types: wheat, rice, sorghum, etc.—has increased. In 1990, African nations imported 26% of their staple grain needs. As of 2014, this import dependence had gone up to over 40%. Over 90% of the wheat imports come from nations outside the continent. This means that 10% or less of wheat imported by African nations, comes from other African nations, and even then it may originate abroad, and transit through a hub nation, such as Djibouti.

In a world of economic growth and mutually beneficial trade, this reliance on distant sources—even long-distance—for food necessities, might represent a favorable and deliberate worldwide division of labor in supplying people’s “daily bread.” However, that is not at all true of the present situation.

### **A Sign of Hope**

In August of this year, Ethiopia inaugurated its first refrigerated food export operation, thanks to the Djibouti–Addis Ababa electrified railway. The pilot project

is part of the National Cool Logistics Network, launched from Modjo Dry Port, south-east of the capital. The first refrigerated containers, carrying avocados bound for the European market, were launched in the August ceremony. The fruits were produced by dozens of farmers, and later collected and packed by Koga Veg Agricultural Development, owned by Belgian investor Durabilis.

The General Manager of Koga Veg, Jan Michielsen, is [cited](#) on Fruitnet as saying:

With reliable and competitive logistics solutions and lead times, we will be able to increase our export of fruit and vegetables rapidly in the coming years.

In the same location, Aboubakar Omar Hadi, Chairman of the Djibouti Port and Free Zone Authority, explained that the shipment marks a major milestone in the development of a cool logistics corridor by sea freight via the Port of Djibouti:

This innovative Modjo-Djibouti-Europe cool supply chain for fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other perishables will balance the trade and maximize the use of Ethio-Djibouti railways.

Africa is forced, by the lack of adequate infrastructure for enough food production, to seek imports and food aid. Yields per hectare for most crops in Africa are far below half of the world average. Moreover, much food is lost to spoilage, pests, and lack of logistics for handling and transportation, and for lack of power for drying, storing, refrigerating, and irradiating crops and foods of all kinds.

With the availability of more and more such infrastructure, as proven by the case of Ethiopia, more signs of hope can emerge to end, once and for all, the scourge of hunger on the continent. The cooperation among all nations—especially between China and the West—in line with the vision and principles of the Belt and Road, is key to achieving this goal.

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# China and the West Face to Face Rivalry or Cooperation

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## Videoconference Draws 250 To Discuss Cooperation or Conflict with China

by Dennis Small

The urgent issue of how the countries of Europe and the United States should relate to China in this moment of crisis, and the cultural and philosophical basis for such relations, was the subject of a four-hour videoconference on Oct. 21 sponsored by the Schiller Institute and Spain's Cátedra China think tank. The proceedings were held in both Spanish and English with simultaneous interpreting, and were broadcast live via YouTube. Participants from 30 countries attended the event, including high-level diplomatic representatives of a number of nations of the Americas and China. The presentations and Q&A session featured a lively discussion of Confucian philosophy and its relationship to innovation and creativity, as well as the Western Renaissance tradition, including Leibniz.

There were six featured panelists, representing China and the four largest nations of continental Europe (Germany, France, Italy and Spain): Yao Fei, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Spain; Michele Geraci, former Italian Undersecretary of State for Economic Development; Marcelo Muñoz, Founder and President Emeritus, Cátedra China, Spain; Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Founder and President, Schiller Institute, Germany; Dr. Ángel Álvarez, Cátedra China, Spain; and Jacques Cheminade,

President of Solidarité & Progrès, France (see below for selections from their remarks).

All of the speakers voiced their commitment to the idea of improving relations between the West and China, especially in light of the grave escalation of tensions over the recent period. As the invitation to the event noted: "The direction of relations between China and the West may well be the decisive issue that determines the future of all mankind—from economics to politics to culture. And yet those relations today are characterized by rising tensions." There was also broad agreement that the event would be a springboard for organizing further such dialogues involving a wide array of institutions both in Europe and the United States, to foster a dialogue of classical civilizations to better understand each other, and also to devise solutions to the pressing crises facing mankind.

### **Leibniz: 'China Is Another Planet'**

Marcelo Muñoz set the tenor of the discussion in his opening remarks:

What most surprised me [when I first arrived in China in 1978] was that I began to discover that China was "another world." And I have continued discovering, confirming and studying it over these last 42 years. Leibniz put it in different words: "China is another planet."

The West and China are two very different worlds. The Chinese have fully internalized this and many of their intellectuals and politicians have studied it fully. We Westerners do not know it, we don't accept it. ... In fact we are convinced, that our world is the only one and is

unique, and that whatever doesn't fit in this, "our" world, is not valid, or it isn't acceptable, or it isn't right.

For the West and China to understand each other, to dialogue, to collaborate, to trade, even to disagree, it is indispensable that we come down off our pedestal and that we begin by knowing, and recognizing, that China is another world, or "another planet."

Helga Zepp-LaRouche picked up the challenge, from the Schiller Institute's unique perspective:

First, let me thank Marcelo Muñoz for quoting Leibniz saying that "China is another planet," because hopefully that will be an incentive for people in the West who are watching the world through their Eurocentric spectacles and who are otherwise interested in space exploration, to get the idea that it really requires an intellectual effort to learn about Chinese civilization.

Yes, the West and China are two very different worlds. ... But apart from the substantive difference in terms of culture, history, language, philosophy and values between the two civilizations, there are also common universal principles which, once you have discovered them, make it much easier to relate to the other one.

The search for those universal principles in the cultures of both the East and the West, and how to apply them to the world's problems, characterized the day's proceedings. Two central themes of that discussion merit emphasis—not because there was universal agreement on them, but precisely because there was a productive exchange of differing views.

### **Action to Stop Starvation in Africa**

China's Minister Counsellor Yao Fei stated repeatedly in his speech and during the Q&A session that his country's "opening up" policy meant that China was open to working with the West for mutual "win-win" economic benefit. But he also stressed that China was still a developing nation and would continue to adopt such measures as were required to fully eliminate poverty and achieve the general welfare of the Chinese people. He also forcefully rejected many of the familiar lies about China (on Hong Kong, Huawei, the Uighurs, etc.).

Italy's Michele Geraci defended economic cooperation with China, such as the March 2019 Italy-China

Memorandum of Understanding, of which Geraci himself was the principal architect. He also ripped apart the argument that nations should not cooperate with China, because of the so-called "debt trap." Other panelists, and various questions from the audience, focused on specific issues of China's policy on foreign investment.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche posed the issue of East-West economic cooperation from a higher standpoint, one which was the hallmark of her husband Lyndon LaRouche's policy outlook throughout his adult life: If a viable new planetary order is to be achieved, the nations of the East and West must cooperate to bring about the high-technology industrial development of the nations of the South.

Zepp-LaRouche, in her concluding remarks during the Q&A session, issued an urgent call for all those participating in the event—Cátedra China, the Schiller Institute, the Chinese government, and others attending—to support LaRouche South Africa leader Phillip Tsokolibane's appeal, which he also directed to President Donald Trump, for emergency international action to stop the wave of starvation sweeping Africa. The World Food Programme has stated that \$5 billion is needed to stave off the threat of starvation for some 30 million Africans. "The central banks have spent \$20 trillion for saving the bankrupt banking system, and almost no money from that has gone into any kind of real investment," Zepp-LaRouche stated. "So, I think we have reached a point where we need to change this present system. I would like to ask all the speakers if we cannot come out of this meeting to support such an initiative as a very practical example of the kind of international cooperation Mr. Yao Fei was just mentioning before."

### **LaRouche: East-West Cooperation To Develop the South**

Behind Zepp-LaRouche's initiative was an in-depth strategic policy which she and her husband shared for nearly half a century. During a visit to India, Lyndon LaRouche delivered a speech to the Indian Council on World Affairs in New Delhi on April 23, 1982, in which he discussed his wife's proposal in Germany's Lower Saxony elections back in 1974:

The difference [in her proposal] was that East-West relations had to be tied to North-South relations. That is, that both Eastern nations and Western nations, and the so-called mythical divide—which is unreal, and indeed mythical—should not concentrate on cooperating among themselves economically as the basis for politi-

cal security. Instead, they should bring into play questions of high-technology economic development to the developing sector.

### Confucius and the European Renaissance

The videoconference also provoked a discussion over the deep philosophical roots of China and Western Europe, and whether or not they provide a basis for today's cooperation. Panelist Ángel Álvarez stated that in his experience as a university professor of many Chinese students, Confucianism expresses a "collectivist" outlook that in fact is an obstacle to the kind of creativity or "disruptive" thinking that is needed. The "individualism" of the West is more conducive to such creativity, he argued.

He was challenged in that conclusion by Marcelo Muñoz, who pointed to 2,500 years of phenomenal, creative achievements by China based on that Confucian outlook (notwithstanding internal variations within it), including this generation's successful defeat of extreme poverty. Jacques Cheminade—whose remarks had exposed the Malthusian philosophical underpinnings of British geopolitics—also noted that Confucius himself had been quite creatively "disruptive" in Chinese society, and that the West's contribution does not derive from the

"individualism" of British liberalism and hedonism, but rather from the Classical Renaissance outlook of locating the individual's identity in fostering the good of the other, the common good—or *agapē*, in Christian theology.

Zepp-LaRouche's presentation addressed precisely this issue:

One can find an extraordinary similarity between especially Confucius and Friedrich Schiller, the German poet, in respect to the method of moral improvement of man: the aesthetic education. Confucius developed his philosophy of creating continuous self-perfection through lifelong learning as a way to create harmony in the individual, the family, and the state. It was Confucius's very genial way of developing a method by which society could escape the chaos and disarray of the period he lived in.

Zepp-LaRouche concluded:

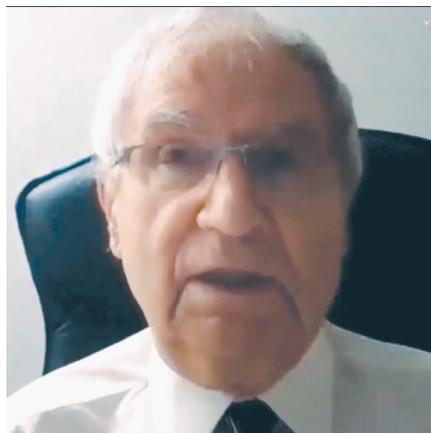
If the world is to come out of the incredible combination of the pandemic, world famine, and social chaos in many countries, we can learn a lot from Confucius, Leibniz, and Schiller about a cure.

Marcelo Muñoz

## China and the West: Two Worlds

*This is the edited transcript of the opening presentation by Marcelo Muñoz to the October 19 conference, "China and the West Face to Face: Rivalry or Cooperation," co-sponsored by the Schiller Institute and Spain's Cátedra China think tank. Mr. Muñoz is President Emeritus of Cátedra China, and dean of Spanish businessmen in China. Subheads have been added.*

Dear friends who are following us today from more than 15 countries, pay close attention: I will make sure to deliver my remarks slowly because I am going to present a lot of information, much of it unknown to many—and perhaps surprising, perhaps incredible. I



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can tell you in advance that these are all historically documented facts based on serious studies which I will cite in the written version of this presentation.

And so I begin to spell them out:

When I arrived in China for the first time in 1978, China was a communist country—and it began to stop being so, as of that date—and it was a poor country—the 120th power in the world in terms of GDP. These two circumstances were surprising to any Westerner coming from the developed world. Well, no: what most surprised me was that I began to discover that China was "another world." And I have continued discovering, confirming and studying it over these last 42 years. Leibniz

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### Very Different Worlds

The West and China are two very different worlds. The Chinese have fully internalized this and many of their intellectuals and politicians have studied it fully. We Westerners do not know it, we don’t accept it, or at least we haven’t internalized it, and few of our intellectuals and politicians are aware of it: in general, we think, in fact we are convinced, that our world is the only one and is unique, and that whatever doesn’t fit in this, “our” world, is not valid, or it isn’t acceptable, or it isn’t right.

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Starting with history: China has a “historical” past going back 5,000 years, based on an Empire which began 2,300 years ago, on almost the same territory as today, with slight variations of its borders, with the same written language, with a homogeneous population over centuries, enriched by diverse contributions of 56 ethnic groups. And that China has been, over 2,500 years, between 20% and 25% of the entire world’s population. And it has represented, from year 1 until 1840, more than 20%, and up to 30% of world GDP.

China is the only Empire, the only country that, other than short periods of convulsions or dynastic changes, continued to develop and evolved on approximately the same territory and with the same ethnic groups over centuries.

This is one of its unique characteristics which make it another



*Statue of Confucius at the Confucius Temple in Beijing, China.*

world. The rest of us were born yesterday or the day before yesterday.

### Confucianism

And that Empire, that country, has been built, especially over the last 2,300 years—that is, since the establishment of the Empire with the Han Dynasty until today—on philosophical, ethical and political bases which are very different from those of the West: on Confucian philosophy, in which all public servants were required to study and were only admitted to their political positions after very demanding exams.

In the Temple of Confucius in Beijing, you can read, engraved in stone, the names of those who won those examinations for the highest positions of the imperial government up until 1911. The Chinese Empire, unlike Western empires, is not based on the nobility in order to govern, but rather on the Mandarins, their best-trained subjects.

Confucius developed his ideas more than a century before Aristotle or Plato, and those ideas adapted, evolved and were enriched over the centuries by many thinkers who make up Confucian philosophy. Confucianism is the hard drive of Chinese civilization: a world of ideas and values which is very different from Western thinking. For example, in Confucian thought the collectivity prevails over the individual, the good of society is above the individual good. The “Chinese dream” is not the triumph of the individual, nor personal, individual success; but rather it is the success of the collectivity, of society, of the prosperity of all, and only in that collective context is personal success applauded.

Therefore, we can assert that Chinese civilization and Western



*Marco Polo is depicted in Tartar costume in this print from the 18th century.*

civilization constitute two very different worlds, with very different histories and values: two worlds that can be open to dialogue, or to confrontation. Two worlds that have, for centuries, lived with their backs turned to each other, and at a great distance from each other. For example:

### Some Comparisons

In the 1st Century, the Roman Empire in its splendor represented 8% of world GDP; the Chinese Empire was 21%.

During the Early Middle Ages, cities were being created in Europe, such as Aachen, the capital of the Holy Roman Empire with 15,000 inhabitants and one single embassy; Xi'an, at the time, the capital of the Chinese Empire, had 2 million inhabitants and 250 embassies.

In 1421, the inauguration of Beijing as the new capital of the Empire was attended over a period of two years by visitors from more than 300 countries or terri-



*A 1610 Chinese portrait of Matteo Ricci, the founder of one of the Jesuit missions to China.*

The Rome of Augustus hears about the country of the Seres, or of silk. And Emperor Tiberius 20 years later tries to stop its importation, because “the coffers of his Empire were being emptied.”

The Silk Road, with its more than 15,000 kilometers of land routes, was the world’s most important trade route for 15 centuries. That route and the tales of Marco Polo opened the West’s eyes about an unknown Great Empire.

And in the 16th to 18th centuries, the West spent half of the silver it had looted from the Americas on Chinese products. Still today, there are tons of Spanish silver coins from that time in the People’s Bank of

China.

Two worlds that barely know each other and that ignore each other. With some exceptions:

One, Matteo Ricci’s Jesuits who, between the 16th and 18th centuries settled in China, and gained great prestige as intellectuals and scientists, and were even respected and admired by various Emperors. They established a long dialogue with Confucian scholars and with Chinese civilization. That dialogue was truncated by the lack of understanding of Ricci’s superiors and Pope Benedict XIV, who condemned the dialogue as heretical.

Another exception: the Great Britain of George III, which found itself with a sizeable trade deficit with China and, in 1840, launched two Opium Wars along with its allies, to forcibly impose the “free trade” of drug trafficking. And so the West invaded, occupied and colonized the richest third of Chinese territory for a century, which the Chinese refer to as “the century of humiliation.” The West thereby became the aggressive enemy of China.



Edward Duncan, 1843

*Beginning a “century of humiliation,” the British East India Company’s iron steamship Nemesis is shown destroying Chinese war junks in the first Opium War, 1841.*

ories, none of them Western. Beijing was inaugurated as the capital with one-and-a-half million inhabitants, when Rome had 50,000, London 10,000, and New York didn’t even exist.

Two worlds, at a great distance from each other, and very much with their backs turned to each other.

### The Current Situation

Moving from this brief historical overview, from which many details are clearly missing, let us turn to the current situation.

The China which has emerged today, transformed into the second world power, returns to the international

sphere with new force, and it has returned to stay. And the West is surprised and annoyed: They didn't expect it, nor do they accept it. We were so immersed in "our" world, that we kept largely ignoring that other world that is China, which leapt from poverty to accelerated development.

We didn't even take into account that in September 1945 China had been one of the victorious powers in the Second World War against Nazism and Japanese militarist supremacism. And when that war ended, we organized the world our way, without even including China in the international institutions, except for the UN. And we are surprised and irritated that China now intends to have the position it is due in the international community, given its economic, technological, and political weight. And conflicts arise:

For some in the West, the solution is trade warfare, technological warfare, a war of discrediting, disparagement, and slander. A few even believe that the solution has to be a military confrontation: a return to the "opium wars" on behalf of our "free trade." With the difference that China today is very well prepared.

For others in the West, of which I am one and a very convinced one, the solution is, first, knowledge and mutual respect, respect for the sovereignty of countries

and their idiosyncrasies. Second, dialogue, discussion, negotiation to resolve our differences which clearly, as we have been stating, are many and very deep.

Is this utopian? Well I'm signing up for that utopia, which I believe can become reality, because two cannot fight if one of them does not want to. And China, as we have just heard from the authoritative voice of Mr. Yao Fei [see separate article in this issue], promotes dialogue and negotiation. China has demonstrated this over its historical trajectory, based on its Confucian political thinking, as we have noted.

Many of us political analysts have been calling for and defending the need for a new global order to gradually replace the world order which we Westerners established after World War II. We are not alone in the world, we have no right to impose ourselves on others, nor to impose our rules of the game. There are already new actors on the stage of international relations, and others will appear shortly; and we have to make way for them, even though we be strong enough to stop it or slow it down.

And the first of those new actors, given its importance, is China, that "other world" we need to know and understand, and with which we are obligated to dialogue and negotiate.

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# The Urgently Required Aesthetical Lessons To Be Learned from Leibniz, Schiller and Confucius

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First, let me thank Professor Marcelo Muñoz for quoting Leibniz saying that "China is another planet." Hopefully that will be an incentive for people in the West, watching the world through their Eurocentric spectacles and otherwise interested in space exploration, to get the idea that it really requires intellectual effort to learn about Chinese civilization. Yes, the West and China are two very different worlds. When I travelled to China for the first time in 1971, in the middle of the Cultural Revolution, I had a real culture shock. China was so different from anything I had seen in Europe up to that point.

## Common Universal Principles

But apart from the substantial difference in terms of culture, history, language, philosophy and values be-

tween the two civilizations, there are also common universal principles which, once you have discovered them, make it much easier to relate to the other one. Because Leibniz also said in his *Novissima Sinica*:

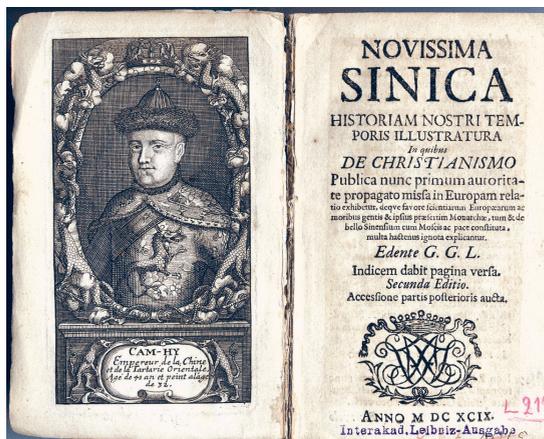
I believe it has come about through a unique decision of destiny that the highest cultures and most advanced technical civilizations of mankind are now collected, as it were, at the two extremes of our continent, in Europe and China that like a

Europe of the East adorns the opposite end of the Earth. Perhaps Divine Providence is pursuing the goal by which the most civilized, most distant peoples, are reaching out their arms; and to thus lead all lands found between them to a way of life filled by reason.

There are, however, those in the West who think that we are involved in a systemic competition today with China, and in a sense, we are. If present policy trends are continued on both sides respectively, the outcome is clear: The West will catastrophically lose, and not because of anything China does, but because of a self-

destructive paradigm shift in the West, whereby Europe and the U.S. have abandoned their best traditions, while China on the contrary has returned, with Deng Xiaoping's policy of "reform and opening up," to its thousands of years old Confucian tradition.

In Europe on the contrary there is presently a gigantic memory loss of the most advanced periods of European history, such as the Greek classics, the Golden Renaissance of Italy, and the German



*Novissima Sinica (News from China), written in 1699 by Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: "The most civilized, most distant peoples, are reaching out their arms; and to thus lead all lands found between them to a way of life filled by reason."*

classics, so much so, that people don't even remember anymore, what they have forgotten. The most excellent tradition in classical science, humanistic culture, and a concern for the common good have been replaced by an overriding orientation for the maximization of profit and a counter-culture based on the liberal principle that "everything goes."

While China is enjoying the benefits of being a meritocracy for thousands of years with only relatively brief interruptions, and therefore is not only turning out millions of creative scientists working on research and development, close to a million engineers every year, and is therefore close to being the leading scientific civilization in the world, as it had been until the 15th century, on the other side, in Germany 25% of the 15-year-olds are functional illiterates and Germany at this point does not even have the nuclear engineers any more to dismantle its nuclear plants after the ruinous exit policy.

It is not accidental, that China, on the basis of its traditional prioritization of the common good and system of meritocracy has been able to contain the COVID-19 crisis and restart its economy, while the Western countries are facing the worst yet to come.

### Aesthetic Education

Returning to the initially stated common universal principles, they are not so much to be found in the specifics of history or culture, but much more in the method of perfection. And there one can find an extraordinary similarity between especially Confucius and Friedrich Schiller, the German poet, in respect to the method of moral improvement of man: the aesthetic education. Confucius developed his philosophy of creating the continuous self-perfection through lifelong learning as a way to create harmony in the individual, the family, and the state. It was Confucius' very genial way of developing a method by which society could escape the chaos and disarray of the period he lived in.

Leibniz's enthusiastic response to the reports he received from the Jesuits in China about Confucius were nourished for a similar reason: He regarded his approach of life-long learning and self-perfection as the way out of



*"An extraordinary similarity [exists] between especially Confucius and Friedrich Schiller, in respect to the method of moral improvement of man: the aesthetic education."*



the troubles of a 150-year period of religious wars in Europe. Likewise with Schiller: He developed his method of aesthetic education as the only possible answer to what he regarded as the subjective moral failure of the French in the face of the Jacobin terror and chaos of the French Revolution. "From now on," he wrote, "any improvement in the political realm can only happen through the ennoblement of the individual," and that can only occur through great art.

And in the Fourth Aesthetic Letter he says:

Every individual man, one can say, carries by predisposition, a purely ideal man within himself. The great problem of his existence is to bring all the incessant changes of his outer life into conformity with the unchanging unity of this ideal. This pure ideal man, who makes himself known more or less clearly in every subject, is represented through the state.

And then he specifies:

An agreement should not come to pass in that the state suppresses the individual, but that the individual becomes the state. And that man, in time, ennobles himself to the man in the idea.

### Classical Culture

Confucius expresses the same concept this way: "He who understands music comes very near to the understanding of the *li*," meaning to find one's proper place in

the state and the universe. “If a man has mastered both the *li* and music, we call him virtuous, because the virtue is the mastery of fulfillment. Truly great music shares the principle of harmony with the universe.” And in the *Lunyu*, or *Analects*, Confucius writes:

My young friends! Why are you not engaging yourselves with poetry? (*Shijing*) Poetry is congenial to stimulate the imagination. She lets us view life in a contemplative mirror, thus cleansing our emotions. She awakens social nobleness, she arouses anger against injustice and deceitfulness. She permits the emergence in families and in the state of intentions for moral actions and otherwise broadens our knowledge of the whole organic world.... He who wants to be a scholarly person, should read poetry in order to develop in himself a soul oriented to truth and beauty. Then, read the Moral Laws in order to stay on the true path and learn music to be able to harmonically ensoul yourself.

Schiller attributes that same power to poetry, in his critique of Gottfried August Bürger’s poems he writes:

In a time when our mental powers have been compartmentalized, and their effectiveness scattered as a necessary consequence of the expanded scope of our knowledge and the specialization of professions—poetry is virtually unique in its power to re-unify the soul’s sundered forces, to occupy the heart and mind, activity and wit, reason and power of imagination, in harmonious alliance, and as it were, to restore the entire human being within us.

### Confucius and Schiller

Both Confucius and Schiller describe in many ways how immersing oneself in poetry, music, and painting during leisure hours creates an aesthetic pleasure in the observer, in which there is neither a desire nor a rejection of the sensuous world, but in which taste is educated and the emotions are ennobled. The aesthetic sensation includes beauty and the sublime, and in this way a bridge is created between the world of the senses and

that of reason.

The scholar who is key for the understanding of the exquisite affinity of Confucius and Schiller as the Rosetta Stone to access both Chinese and European culture, is Cai Yuanpai, the first education minister of the provisional Chinese Republic and later President of Beijing University, who has shaped the modern education system of China more than anybody else. He reached the highest academic degree of *bianxiu* at 26 years of age and had excellent knowledge of all of the classical writings.

Cai Yuanpai’s efforts to study foreign education systems brought him, among other places, to Leipzig, Germany, where he studied from 1907 to 1911, where he discovered the profound correspondence of Confucius with Friedrich Schiller’s conception of the aesthetic education, and the conceptual identity of Confucius’ notion of the *junzi* and Schiller’s notion of the beautiful soul.

Cai wrote:

The comprehensive theory of Friedrich Schiller and his idea of aesthetic education has brought us all great clarity. Since that time the European idea of aesthetic education can

provide us a lot of what we can refer to regarding our own comprehension of this matter.

Cai coined the Chinese word *meiju* for this idea.

While President Xi Jinping has emphasized the importance of the aesthetic education for a long time because of its relevance for the development of a beautiful mind of the students, China’s central authorities have just now issued new guidelines for a diversified high-MINT quality system of physical and aesthetic education. Art classes such as music, painting, calligraphy, dance, drama, and opera will be put on the same level of importance as the MINT subjects (Mathematics, Information, Natural Sciences, and Technology), in which China is already in the top PISA ratings (Program for International Student Assessment). Fan Di’an, president of the Central Academy of Fine Arts, commented: “Aesthetic education is not only to teach students how to paint, sing or dance; it is about the ability to appreci-



Cai Yuanpei, the scholar who is key for understanding the exquisite affinity of Confucius and Schiller.

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ate artistic beauty, which is important to student's psychological health."

I am convinced that if people in Europe start to study Chinese culture with the help of the Rosetta Stone of the role of aesthetic education, they will come to the same conclusion as [Johann Wolfgang von] Goethe who, in a discussion with [Johann Peter] Eckermann on January 31, 1827, said about his impressions of China: "The people think, act and feel almost exactly like we do, and one feels oneself very quickly as being equal to them, except that with them everything is more clear, neat and moral."

If the world is to come out of the incredible combination of the pandemic, world famine, and social chaos in many countries, we can learn a lot from Confucius, Leibniz, and Schiller about a cure. If we can't do that, we could otherwise follow the advice of Goethe, who said in a letter from Weimar [Germany] on November 10, 1813, commenting on his intensive studies of China: "I have reserved this important country and segregated it, to be able to flee there in a case of emergency, as just now occurred.... To be in a completely new condition, even if only in thoughts, is very healthy."

Yao Fei

## A View of Relations Between China and Western Nations

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It is my great pleasure to participate in this discussion, co-organized by Cátedra China and the Schiller Institute. Allow me to share my personal observations on how to view relations between China and Western nations, represented by the United States and the European Union.

### **I. Trade and cooperation which China carries out with the Western world is of mutual benefit and shared gain.**

China established diplomatic relations with the European Economic Community in May of 1975, and with the U.S. in January of 1979. Currently, China, the U.S. and the EU, as important forces on the world scene, represent more than 60% of the world economy and share broad interests in common.... In 2018, trade in goods between China and the U.S. rose to \$633.5 billion. Bilateral trade and economic relations support 2.6 million

U.S. jobs and help each American family save \$850 annually. Today there are more than 70,000 American companies that invest in China, of which 97% are profitable.

According to the survey which the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in China conducted in May of 2020, 84% of U.S. companies don't want to leave China and 38% are inclined to maintain or increase their investments in the country. In terms of U.S.-China economic and commercial cooperation, China receives capital, technology and administrative

experience from the U.S., while the latter is able to occupy the highest level of the world's industrial and value chain, thanks to its access to the Chinese market and its cooperation with China.

In summary, the idea that the "U.S. loses" is contrary to reality, as both sides have been great beneficiaries. Economic and trade relations between China and the EU have similarly been of mutual benefit and "win, win."

### **II. China is open to develop more cooperation with the Western world.**

... The better life for 1.4 billion Chinese that China aspires to must necessarily involve an international environment of lasting peace and participation in international cooperation in the face of global challenges. In this area, China applies a peaceful and independent for-

eign policy, counting on a new path of inter-state relations characterized by dialogue and association instead of confrontation, an alliance based on friendship and cooperation with all. China defends multilateralism, advocates the building of a community of shared destiny for humanity, and proposes the joint construction of the Belt and Road. ...

### **III. It's relevant that the West deal with the rise of China in a rational and objective form, seeking more cooperation and creating fewer problems.**

Given China's development over the past number of years, some U.S. and European leaders, high-level authorities, academics and media harbor very complicated feelings, with a mix of envy, frustration and discontent. China has reiterated that it follows a policy of peaceful development without the slightest interest in confronting the West. But despite our clarification,

China continues to be defined as an adversary, and reality is distorted with speculation about China with such rhetoric as "trade with China is unfair," "China is stealing intellectual property," "militarizing the South China Sea," "security problems with Huawei's 5G," "re-education camps in Xinjiang," and "Hong Kong's autonomy," among other such. Worse, taking advantage of the pandemic, [these Western voices] flagrantly attack China, proposing to decouple from it. ...

I would like to close by pointing out that it's normal that China would differ from the West in history, culture, traditions and political and economic systems and that it should not be assumed that these differences are an obstacle to both parties jointly taking on global challenges to achieve their greatest development. I am convinced that as long as China and the West walk on the path of strengthening their cooperation, humanity's future will be a better one.

Jacques Cheminade

## **Economic Coexistence to Counter Geopolitics**

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We have reached a decisive moment in world history where the ability of humanity to survive is being tested within each of us. It is a reason to be pessimistic only if we avoid facing the issue or keep thinking in the same way that has brought us to the situation where we are. Geopolitics is one of the four viruses that express this suicidal trend, together with the financial, Malthusian, and bureaucratic viruses, the four horsemen of the Apocalypse of our times, or, the four dragons threatening

the world, to speak in terms used by Asian cultures.

The prevailing financial dictatorship, labelled ultra-liberalism, being unable to invest money for the physical future of humanity, is under the rule of an oligarchy committed to depopulation in a world of finite resources, its destructive world: Malthusianism. Malthusianism is organized by a sector of bureaucrats controlling the resources and manipulating opinion to keep its masters on top and

maintain the rest of the population in a state of willing submission. You may call it "Deep State," "permanent government," "European Union," "dwarfs of Zürich" or "London," or "Our Crowd from New York": all are the servants, historically, of an imperial oligarchy that mutates geographically and is now coming from an Anglo-American matrix. It forms a slime mold that tries to extend itself over the world, considering its interest against that of all the others.

## Geopolitics

The very word “geopolitics,” too often used by well-meaning fools, is what the oligarchy means by its pretense of a never-ending power exerted through a permanent state of war. It’s a world conceived as a geographical game-table where the winner expects to win all the bets, with the help of bureaucratic croupiers, dealing cards to the players provided by the oligarchical casino owner. Chips and cards meaning of course weapons in the real world, and casinos, what the megabanks have become. Around this great suicidal game develops a culture of death, because gambling addiction destroys our human creative power developed in a rational world.

Geopolitics is based on systems created by relations of power within areas, spaces, or geographical elements in a given order, defining a pseudoscientific theory of historical, geographic, and eventually ethnic determinisms. Its name is associated with such names as Halford Mackinder, Alfred Milner, Cecil Rhodes, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Henry Kissinger and figures in Germany (Karl Haushofer), Russia (Alexander Dugin), and France (Yves Lacoste, and today’s Aymeric Chauprade). It was originally the product of British imperial circles. Mackinder—*honremos el fundador*, honor the founder—wrote a paper in 1904, “The Geographical Pivot of History,” defining the need for the Empire to control the “geographical heartland” located in Central and Eastern Europe (with emphasis on Ukraine, Western Russia and Mitteleuropa.) His conclusion is:

Who rules Central and Eastern Europe commands the Heartland. Who rules the Heartland commands the World-Island. Who rules the World-Island commands the world.

Such a geopolitical conception was shared by the German Karl Haushofer, who founded in 1923 the German *Journal of Geopolitics* and developed the concept of, the need for Germany to control and eventually populate with Aryans the territories East of Berlin. The common denominator of all these figures, all from the British imperial matrix even if they are not British, is that the world is not a unity and should be ruled by your friends against your enemies, by all possible means, as stated by the lawyer of the German Nazi regime, Carl Schmitt, and by many British related to the foreign offices of the British Empire.

This creates a universe where you are justified in conquering other countries and extending your power against them all. If you are a smart British imperialist, you divide to rule, and you always try to pit against each other the continental powers of Europe: It started against France, when it was the main power in Europe, then against Germany, to create a big war to prevent unity in the Heartland, throwing Germany against Russia. If you are a barbaric Nazi, you run with all your forces against the red flag, as a stupid bull in the arena to conquer the *lebensraum*.

This has been the scheme of the main protagonists of the Great World Wars of the 20th century and the basis for all the murderous colonial adventures. In 1912, Homer Lea, in *The Day of the Saxon*, urged the Anglo-Saxon race to react by all means against a threat from the German (Teutons), the Russian (Slavs), and the Japanese expansion (the yellow peril), thus openly adding the racist component inherent to geopolitics ...

Speaking at Chatham House (British Royal Institute of International Affairs) [in May 1982], Henry Kissinger first stressed that “*fortunately Britain had a decisive role over America’s awakening to maturity*” after World War II, and then admitted: “*In my incarnation then*” as National Security adviser, “*I kept the British Foreign Office better informed and more closely engaged than I did the U.S. State Department.*” The comment of historian Paul Kennedy at the 2004 centennial of Mackinder’s “Geographical Pivot of History” appears thus adequate:

*Right now, with hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops in the Eurasian rimlands ... it looks like Washington is taking seriously Mackinder’s injunction to conserve control of the geographical pivot of history.*

Later, President Barack Obama and his advisors elaborated, against the rising economic power of China, the concept of the Asian pivot—same word and same intention, this time in the Asian Heartland. Today, Mike Pompeo from the State Department and his West Point pal Mark Esper, Secretary of Defense, lead the same policy of China-bashing and technological warfare, together with their allies of the Five Eyes (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the U.S.) and the community of the Anglo-American intelligence services. As for Kissinger, in his NSSM 200 Memorandum, “Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S.

Security and Overseas Interests” (December 10, 1974), he stresses that less-developed countries should be forbidden to develop their industries and technologies, a development which could prevent the West from benefiting from the looting of their raw materials and minerals. He calls, as a consequence, for the reduction of the populations of such less-developed countries “*which is a vital question for the national security of the U.S.*”

Again, all these conceptions come, even for those who are not aware of it, from the British imperial model. For them, all the potential to counter such a model has to be eradicated.

### A Higher Principle

If I had to say in one sentence what the oligarchy never forgives American economist and visionary Lyndon LaRouche for, it is having answered to the Club of Rome’s *Limits to Growth* that *There Are No Limits to Growth*—inspiring hope and optimism in the most creative scientific terms against the fear and pessimism spread by all enemies of humanity. And he continued until his last moments, from *Earth’s Next Fifty Years* to his last pages, to deepen his thinking by taking all decisive challenges in the most un-academic way, at a level above the terms in which they were raised.

Given the world situation, all forces opposing the Anglo-American geostrategic-Malthusian destructive policy should be supported. This means supporting economic coexistence, as a change of world direction and way of thinking. Charles de Gaulle used to call it “*détente, entente et coopération*”—*disminucion de la tension, entendimiento y cooperación*. Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche use the idea of the *coincidence of opposites*, meaning a higher principle to

solve apparent contradictions that exist at a lower level.

Let’s see what our thoughts could be about China. The great German philosopher Wilhelm Gottfried Leibniz, in his *Novissima Sinica*, expected, at the end of the 17th century, that very fruitful exchanges could take place. For him, China needed Western scientific missions to learn science and Western Europe needed Chinese missions to learn the Confucian art of social harmony. Russia, in the middle of the road, could have benefited from both—a very different way to understand Russia than that of a Heartland to be conquered and controlled. ...

According to Confucian principles, the Chinese conception of absolutely inclusive relations among nations is *tianxia*. This system entirely meets the criteria of compatibility of Confucius and the norms of the “compossibility” of Leibniz. It is not an idealist fantasy, it is a system of relations to guarantee peace and security and excludes the strategies of competition and hostility, i.e., geopolitics. It aims at making unsuccessful any action aimed at destroying the other, so as to guarantee that coexistence becomes the condition of existence, defining a world order of existence whose principle is coexistence without uniformization. This is what President Xi Jinping calls a win-win system, for the common advantage of all participants. ...

It is by bringing people together for such a higher purpose, a common cause for China and Europe, together with the U.S., that we can overcome the status of rivalry stressed by the European Commission, and reach for the good of the other in a friendly partnership. If we treat Africa as our sister, we can build a human family.

## Zepp-LaRouche Call for Joint Action To Stop Starvation in Africa

*In the Discussion Session of the October 21, 2020 Schiller Institute and Cátedra China Conference, “China and the West Face to Face: Rivalry or Cooperation,” Helga Zepp-LaRouche issued the following call for joint action—by the conference participants, and beyond—to stop starvation in Africa.*

**Moderator:** We have a question, coming from Mexico, addressed to Helga: “Since China shares Western values, could China, based on Chinese values and based on Confucian principles, help the West to solve the

problems of hedonism, the lack of faith in science, and above all, the lack of optimism in youth in the West?”

**Helga Zepp-LaRouche:** I would emphatically say yes. Leibniz, in the 17th century, was absolutely convinced that what he called the natural theology of the Chinese, which really referred to the Confucian teaching, represented something which would be a remedy for the weaknesses of Europe at that time, after the wreckage of the Thirty Years’ War, after 1648. He asked if the Chinese could not send missionaries to teach the

Europeans morality. I think unfortunately we are in a situation where that may be a good idea, because the West is in a much more profound cultural crisis.

But I have an idea, and I actually would like to propose it. Because thinking about it, I think the fact that we have here two pro-Chinese think tanks—Cátedra China and the Schiller Institute—we have His Excellency Mr. Yao Fei, and Mr. Geraci, who may still be on the phone. We have right now an unbelievable crisis. Mr. David Beasley, who is the head of the World Food Programme, which just received the Nobel Peace Prize, has made a statement that already this year, 7 million people have died of hunger and there is the immediate danger of 30 million more people dying in the next several months if the World Food Programme does not receive \$5 billion, which it has not been able to raise, despite many appeals.

It seems to me that this is such an incredible humanitarian crisis, that out of this dialogue which we have today, we should issue an appeal. We have a member of the Schiller Institute in South Africa, Ramasimong Phillip Tsokolibane, who has just made a very urgent appeal, saying these people are dying right now, and there must be an immediate response. He appealed directly to President Trump. But I would urge that this be a call in which China and the two organizations meeting today, and Mr. Geraci would join, in support of that call by Phillip Tsokolibane, ... \$5 billion is really proverbial peanuts in terms of what is happening now! The

central banks have spent \$20 trillion on saving the bankrupt banking system, and almost no money from that has gone into any kind of real investment. If the world's 2,000 billionaires each gave a certain share, they wouldn't feel it; they wouldn't miss a meal, as David Beasley just said.

We will have a Zoom conference like this one on Friday, in which an organization will be taking shape, right now, in the United States called the Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites. It will promote a response by the West to this urgent call to relieve the famine in Africa. I would like to at least pose it to the people on this panel: How do you make a practical example of cooperation between Europe and China, including the United States, if we cannot address the most urgent questions?

Xi Jinping began a very good initiative with the World Health Silk Road some years ago. I agree with that approach, a World Health Silk Road; we need a health system in every country in the world. If every country would have had a health system like people in Wuhan and Hebei province had, we would not have a pandemic! The pandemic could have been stopped.

We have reached a point where we need to change this present system. I would like to ask all the speakers if we cannot come out of this meeting supporting such an initiative as a very practical example of the kind of international cooperation Mr. Yao Fei was just mentioning before. That is my proposal.

## Jacques Cheminade Presents His 'Gaullist' Policy for Europe-China Cooperation

*In the Discussion Session of the October 21, 2020 Schiller Institute and Cátedra China Conference, "China and the West Face to Face: Rivalry or Cooperation," Jacques Cheminade answered a question on the proper basis for Europe-China cooperation, posed to him by Spain's three-time Ambassador to China, Eugenio Bergolat, who is also a leading member of Cátedra China.*

**Moderator:** This is a question addressed to Jacques Cheminade by three-time former Ambassador of Spain to China, Eugenio Bergolat:

*Last year, at the Menéndez Pelayo International*

*University in Santander; Enrico Letta, the former Prime Minister of Italy, said that if the European countries didn't achieve or move towards unity, within 10-15 years they wouldn't be able to do anything other than to decide if they wanted to be subjects of the United States or of China. So, the question is, what do you think about this statement, first? And second, do you believe that the European Union will be able in 10-15 years, to move towards political union?*

**Jacques Cheminade:** I am, in foreign policy, a Gaullist, and as Charles de Gaulle did, I care a lot

about Europe, the true Europe. I don't think much of the European Union as an institution, nor about the euro. The euro has not been an independent currency, it is not based on a real sovereignty of the people—there is none. The euro has been put forward before the necessary economic projects to create a unity of Europe.

So, at this point, even Jacques Delors, who was probably the most pro-Europe person in France, says “I don't understand what my euro has become.” It's true. Now, there is a pure monetarist policy from the European Central Bank, which is now a powerful institution in Europe, and it exists in the framework of the control of nation states by central banks worldwide. In that sense, we must get rid of the grip of the central banks over the economies. These central banks are in the tradition of the City of London and Wall Street.

The big challenge is not an agreement between European countries as they now are, but rather one based on what European countries should understand as a true *raison d'être*, as a true policy for today's world. In that sense, I think an opportunity was missed in Europe when there was a Fouchet Plan in 1962, where he proposed a Europe around physical projects. With these physical projects, whether certain people agreed or not—this was called a reinforced cooperation—we would have created a business of real economic and physical development for Europe.

Instead, we put money first, and this money has been the servant of—let's say the word, we should not mince words—of the international banking oligarchy with the central banks. This has been, in Europe, the big mistake. This has to be solved. A single country cannot do it. It can be solved with the physical economic projects that would bring countries together in a common purpose, doing things among themselves—participation in the Silk Road, and the development of Africa—which would create projects having positive development content.

### **The Baggage of Bureaucracy vs. A Community of Projects**

Europe is now the combination of the bureaucracy of Brussels and the European Central Bank (which is a

monetarist institution). Christine Lagarde and Mario Draghi are the same in that sense, as was Jean-Claude Trichet before. And NATO? NATO is *de facto* part of the European Union, because all countries that participate in NATO—this is one of the elements in the European Union—should be recognized as being part of NATO; some others may be outside, but the majority are in NATO.

So it's a system of the Brussels bureaucracy, the euro, and NATO, which combined makes it absolutely impossible for the European Union to agree on a level of national sovereignty. We should try to agree on projects based on national sovereignty. The Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between Mr. Geraci [of Italy] and China was a key moment in that approach. It proves that something different from the general mainstream in European policies, since I would say 1986 and the *Acte Unique Européen* [Single European Act of 1986] is possible. Europe at that point, back in 1986, miscarried. There is today a tendency in today's Europe to commit *hara-kiri*, suicide, because Europe is not based on a community of projects.

So, let's see what comes with a community of projects. I am not a formalist; I am not involved in the straight legal organization. With the European Union as it now functions, with the euro and with the NATO part in Europe—at the point where NATO has completely betrayed the agreements made by the European countries and the United States with Russia, and has brought nuclear arms and troops beyond the borders of the unified Germany—at this point it cannot work in this way. It should work in other ways; it is the issue of sovereignty in all aspects.

At this point, we can't talk about the sovereignty of France. All the data from the Defense Ministry is given to Microsoft; all the embassies are controlled by Palantir, which is known as a CIA firm, even in the United States; and there is control even in education, where part of the education system was negotiated with Microsoft's assistance. So, at this point, things should be organized in a way that the governments decide to not submit all the time, but create something in which the Chinese Belt and Road would help to get out of the dilemma.

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