



**Is the Brookings Institute compromised? “Why now? Understanding Beijing’s new assertiveness in Hong Kong”**

Brookings Institute: Ryan Hass Friday, **July 17, 2020** They certainly are the leading apologists for the Party/State inside the beltway. “Other experts, such as Brookings scholar Richard Bush, see recent events more so as a tragedy, wherein a dynamic sequence of decisions caused all parties’ calculations to change, leading eventually to Beijing’s imposition of its will on Hong Kong.” Notice the passive aggressive prose that alleviates the PRC of responsibility for its own actions. “The more American officials and organizations can preserve a productive presence in Hong Kong, the better the odds that elements of the “one country, two systems” model can be preserved.” **Less than a month later, we see the PRC driven collapse of the “one country two systems model”.**

**Hong Kong Media Tycoon Arrested in Latest Blow to Democracy Camp**

Bloomberg: August 10, 2020: Those arrested include Lai, his sons Ian and Timothy, Next Digital Chief Executive Cheung Kim Hung, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer Royston Chow Tat Kuen and the Chief Executive of Next Animation Studio, Kith Ng, according to a police officer who asked not to be identified. Police said nine people ages 23 to 72 were arrested on suspicion of “breaches” of the security legislation, with offenses including collusion with a foreign country or external elements to endanger national security.



**August 10, 2020:** Apple Daily founder & CEO Jimmy Lai being taken into custody and the newspaper stormed by police under new Nat. Sec. law

**The world's think tank dilemma:** Japan Times: Yoichi Funabashi: 22 JAN 2019: The **Brookings Institute** in Washington — perhaps the world’s top think tank — **is under scrutiny for receiving six-figure donations from Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei.** **Peterson Institute** received **\$400K from Huawei** as well as between **\$350K to 575K** from a billionaire ex-PRC official. **Communist billionaires? What am I missing?**

The **Institute for China-America Studies** is an independent think tank funded by the Hainan Freeport Research Foundation in China. Based in the heart of Washington D.C. **Independent of whom or what? Can you say foreign lobbyist?**

## What? Communists? Not Us. No way.



## [White House EO on Tik Tok, WeChat](#)

**A word on WeChat.** It is more than social media. WeChat is a self-contained political-economy ecosystem extended from the PRC to its diaspora as global penetrators.



So how does one compete with the PRC other than dredging up 19<sup>th</sup> century

industrial era blockades and embargoes (i.e. sanctions)? For example, the Consolidated Sanctions List (CSL) has over 16,543 primary names and the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) List, in PDF format, is 1367 pages long. Sanctions and designations directly embargo the U.S. financial systems' reach and attack its global connectivity. So how's that working in the global digital economy? **Yea...not so much.** The PRC is actively extending their political economic infrastructure through Belt and Road, WeChat, Bytedance, etc. The US needs to extend our political economy. After all the international system is capitalist.

To defend the free world, the USG & DOD must lead, integrate and apply:

- U.S. Whole of Nation;
- U.S. Financial-Economy
- U.S. stewarded international rules-based systems, alliances, partnerships, their participants and populations;
- Global free markets, free market countries and their populations;

within its operations and against the authoritarian and totalitarian imposed CCP-centric tributary world order the Chinese Communists' envision.

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A Chinese friend pointed out to me an interesting aspect of the WeChat ban I hadn't thought of. WeChat users \*in the US\* do lots of transactions via WeChat in RMB. You can (e.g.) order from Yamibuy in the US, get delivery in the US, and pay in RMB from your PRC bank account.

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Same is possible with your local restaurant if they want. These transactions are probably hard to trace by US tax & money laundering authorities. Presumably if that were the motivation behind the ban the admin would not be shy about saying so. But it's an interesting side-effect.

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This is true of the places where Chinese tourists travel in Asia, incidentally. They provide almost no value to the local economy because they transact almost exclusively with Chinese owned businesses using WeChat in RMB. No cash or tax revenue goes to the visited country.

## SHOT OVER:

Muddy Waters July 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 letter to the SEC: [China-based issuers have committed – and continue to commit – fraud on a stunning scale in the United States' capital markets.](#) "When it comes to China-based issuers, there is effectively no deterrent to malicious conduct, particularly given that such misconduct is openly condoned and protected by the CCP."



## SPLASH OUT:

[Trump team outlines plan to crack down on US-listed Chinese groups](#) Financial Times: Sevastopulo and Shubber; 7 AUG 2020: "The Trump administration has issued its recommendations to ban Chinese companies that do not comply with US accounting standards from listing on American stock exchanges."

### [A Rundown Of Major U.S. Corporate Media's Business Ties To China](#)

Federalist:04 May 2020: Chrissey Clark: **Just the big TV networks.**

[Neil Bush's Chinese Firm Signed Agreement With Space Contractor Considered An Arm Of The Chinese Military](#) Daily Caller: Chuck Ross: 28 July 2020: Neil Bush is co-chairman of a Chinese company that inked a deal last year with a Chinese aerospace giant that the Pentagon deemed last month to be an arm of the People's Liberation Army. **Hunter Biden's billion dollar deal, Neil Bush, think tanks schilling for PRC dollars. Dr. Evil wonders just how much of the beltway is dependent upon PRC money?**

### [Recent Flux in China's Foreign Fund Flows Is Normal, MSCI Says](#)

Yicai: Xu Wei: 2 Aug 2020: / SOURCE: Foreign investors held CNY1.7 trillion (USD242.8 billion) worth of A-shares -- those listed on mainland stock exchanges -- as of mid-year, so short-term outflows of tens of billions are quite normal, Wei said. **Ahem, those shares may be 'listed' on mainland stock exchanges, but foreigners aren't allowed to own shares in mainland companies. The listed stock is typically in a variable interest entity (VIE) with no direct claim on the underlying Chinese company. Whenever someone who wants your money say "it's normal..." check your wallet and run.**

[China's special treasury bond sales to finish this month, local governments set to issue 2 trillion yuan bonds in next two months](#) YuanTalks: July 28, 2020: **Come on Western Colonialists, colonize my bank account with US dollars!**

### **Did We Forget About Food Inflation? No We Did Not.**

Financial Times: Sun Yu: BEIJING: 3 AUG 2020: [China's rising corn prices prove fertile ground for speculators](#): "Corn futures traded in Dalian have **risen about 20 per cent** since Covid-19 began spreading in China in February. Over the same period, prices for US corn futures have fallen 12 per cent. The jump has pushed food inflation in China into double digits, an uncomfortably high level for Beijing, in recent months." **Comrade, a hungry proletariat is an angry proletariat.**

### ["Shadow banking back in vogue in China as assets grow for the first time since 2017"](#)

SCMP: Amanda Lee: 24 JUN 2020: "Shadow banking assets grew 100 billion yuan (US\$14 billion) to 59.1 trillion yuan (US\$8.4 trillion) in the first quarter of 2020, according to a report from Moody's" Shadow banking, typically lending to small and medium enterprises, is fueled by Wealth Management Products (WMP) which are 'deposits' by investors into off-balance sheet investment vehicles that escape the bank's regulatory deposit interest rate ceiling, which is holding at 3.85% since April 2020. **This will end well...what can we do to help...it collapse?**

### [Bad Debt of Chinese Banks Hit 2.41 Trillion Yuan at End of Q4 2019, Holds Steady with Q3](#)

China Banking News: March 2020: As of the end of the fourth quarter of 2019 the NPL balance of Chinese commercial banks stood at 2.41 trillion yuan, according to figures released by the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC) on the evening of 17 February. **Wow, it's almost as if nobody in China read the prior article? Amazing...**

Was ready to quit alcohol ..then i saw how happy it was to see me. How can i leave that smile 😊❤️

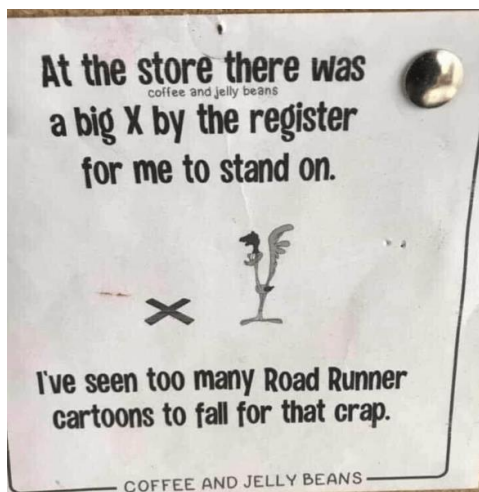


## [Government Directives Pressure Profit Outlook for China Banks](#)

Wed 24 Jun, 2020 - 6:15 AM ET "Fitch Ratings-Hong Kong/Shanghai-24 June 2020: A call by China's State Council for the financial industry to give up CNY1.5 trillion of returns in 2020 to support the country's economic recovery in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic highlights policy factors that could weigh on banking sector profitability in the near term, says Fitch Ratings. This is aligned with our negative outlook on most banks' earnings and profitability in 2020." **We're from the government, and we're here to help.**

## [China's Banking Sector Faces Multiple Challenges After COVID-19](#)

The Diplomat: Yan Liang, 11 JUL 2020: "Second, over 75 percent of banks' revenues come from interest income. As the central bank cut prime lending rates in February to stimulate the economy, it reduced the net interest margin (NIM) of the banks." "Third, and most relevant for small- and medium-sized banks, is the fact that these banks account for a much larger share of the loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). While large commercial banks take up over 60 percent of the banking sector assets, they only account for around 30 percent of SME loans, whereas joint stock banks, urban commercial banks, and rural commercial banks comprise 70 percent of such loans. In particular, rural commercial banks account for 37.6 percent of SME loans. The quality of SME loans is quickly worsening as SME borrowers are hard hit during the pandemic."



### **Dr. Evil extends the limp, clammy hand of friendship to Customs and Border Protection's Evil Team of Evil.**

When Dr. Evil muses on his next **Evil Plan of Evil™**, he searches for areas of engagement, all dimensions through which we can project power, where we have deep structural advantages. The greater the advantage the better. Current military planning has a nascent form of this known as DIMEFIL (diplomatic, information, military, economic, financial, intelligence, and law enforcement). However, Dr. Evil believes that DIMEFIL is a lame categorical binning of actions based upon their traditional institutional sources of power. A complete spectrum of power projection extends DIMEFIL infinitely to include all dimensions or **intersections of multiple dimensions offering specific exploitable**

**advantages**, whether structural or transient, the more specific the better. You may be asking what this might have to do with **CBP's Evil Team of Evil**? Well what does the PRC want? **OUR MONEY** [...oh, yea, and world domination as the central tributary state.] When do they want it? **NOW**. So...who controls access to the single largest, richest consumer market in the world? **Why...it's CBP's Evil Team of Evil.** Now, if you're thinking direct point to target linear projection of power, Dr. Evil would give you a brownie point for enthusiasm but the art, the real art of raining on someone's parade is in the network effects, the primary, secondary and tertiary effects you can generate with just one...hummm...one denied Visa. And, Dr. Evil is nothing if not a patron of the arts.

So how about this [Latest IPO News](#) What? Initial Public Offerings? **Why that's the SEC's job**, you say.

Yes....maybe...but every IPO has a **"Roadshow"** where the underwriter/s (investment banks) take the senior officers of the company selling stock or bonds to major cities to meet buyers. Getting the buyers scheduled is arduous and multiple competing IPOs make timing critical. So...if the senior officers of the company were to....say... for instance...have their visa's revoked at their US port of entry (airport)...when they land...and they're escorted to a departing flight by some large gentlemen in uniforms....and this is lovingly photographed....and these handsome





photographs were distributed via the CBP's webpage which could then (1) be seen by those buyers whose meetings just went bust, (2) the investment bankers who scheduled meetings with them and (3) those investment bankers' competitors who have other companies offering stocks or bonds, it makes for a large number of unhappy buyers whose time was wasted and unhappy investment bankers whose bonuses depend upon jamming crap into the portfolios of those buyers. Wow, SAD FACE at Bonus Time.

My husband printed out a picture of a clean sink and put it over the dishes. I think I'm going to murder him.

@alienwithnojob



OR...what if those senior company officials were implicated via commercial network analysis in crimes against fish. **Crimes against fish?** Yes, all those nice artificial islands the PRC built in the South China Sea were built by destroying coral reefs which provide spawning grounds for a substantial proportion of SE Asia's fish. Perhaps an NGO or US ally obtained a court order or judgment or other form of legal liability that required the presence of the a dastardly fish-ophiles (all those fish were minors!). Wouldn't it be funny if the senior company officials got to enter the US but not exit? Bahaha. Dr. Evil finds it funny. DoS...well maybe not. There are literally no limits except our imagination on what you could do. And, we haven't even discussed screwing with stuff being sent to the US or transshipping or...well...pretty much everything else the CBP Evil Team of Evil might do.

As always, if you'd like to be removed from the distro just email Dr. Evil

