



Ooops....Somebody forgot to airbrush out the concentration camp.



"It's a small world after all."

Mouse is on the menu, and it's delicious.

Why Disney? Why China? Let's look at revenues and operating income from their 2019 10-K.

Revenues:	
Media Networks	\$ 24,827
Parks, Experiences and Products	26,225
Studio Entertainment	11,127
Direct-to-Consumer & International	9,349
Eliminations	(1,958)
	<u>\$ 69,570</u>

Segment operating income / (loss):	
Media Networks	\$ 7,479
Parks, Experiences and Products	6,758
Studio Entertainment	2,686
Direct-to-Consumer & International	(1,814)
Eliminations	(241)
	<u>\$ 14,868</u>

You've got 5 Parks: Walt Disney World Resort in Florida; Disneyland Resort in California; Disneyland Paris; Hong Kong Disneyland Resort (47% ownership interest, HKSAR owns the rest); and Shanghai Disney Resort (43% ownership interest, PRC owns the rest) representing \$26B in assets generating \$6.7B in operating income. Disney cautions that the HK park will probably take a revenue hit [Ya think? Riots! Democracy! Cats and Dogs living together]. Media networks is Disney, Disney +, Marvel, Pixar, National Geographic, 21st Century Fox [Yep, they bought Fox and its subsidiaries like FX.] Dr. Evil's guess is that it's the 'International' part of Direct-to-Consumer & International. D to C are movie rentals, pay per view, etc., which probably constitute the majority of that categories \$9B in revenues. So what's driving Disney's China train? International is where they've invested a ton of money and are taking a major operating income hit with losses at almost \$2B for 2019. Dr. Evil's guess is that a lot of that investment and Disney's expectation for growth is in the PRC. Hence, Mulan.

"Looking at China's Governance Advantages from the Anti-epidemic of Central Enterprises": People's Daily Online-China Central Enterprise News: 10 SEP2020:

*"At the beginning of 2020, a sudden new coronavirus pneumonia epidemic swept the world. The Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core led 1.4 billion Chinese people to quickly start the **people's war**, **general war**, and **deterrence war** for epidemic prevention and control, and accurately implemented policies in accordance with the times and circumstances to coordinate the advancement of epidemic prevention and control and economic and social development."*



Chou EnLai & 'The Dude' in Yunnan 1935

Happy peaceful guys, huh? The use of 'war' three times in a single sentence leads Dr. Evil to believe that there was and still is strong opposition to the way the Party-State handled the crisis. [Yes for inside ball game players 'war' 战 (zhan) - war/to fight is typically used in conjunction with at least one additional character that modifies it, such as 战略 (zhanlüe) = strategy or 三大战 (san da zhan) - three big wars -> referring to political security, social stability, and strictly managing the party and the police. But the root zhan tells you what you need to know and that is 'not happy'.] In a 'war'

you can weld doors to apartment buildings shut, trapping the inhabitants inside and shoot them if they get out. No apologies needed.

“Under the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council and Party organizations at all levels of the central enterprises mobilized and mobilized to resolutely implement General Secretary Xi Jinping’s importance of coordinating and promoting epidemic prevention and control and economic and social development.” [Seriously,

New York Post @nypost · Oct 23, 2018
These three little words are a big turn-on ...Xi Jinping Thought



if you don't have a 'resolutely' in there somewhere, then it can't be from the CCP. Kind of like a trademark.] There is absolutely no understating that State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) under the Central SASAC belong to and execute government policy. Also notice Xi's centrality to SOE actions. If there are still any doubters about Party centrality in SOEs: “State-owned enterprises are an important part of the party-led national governance system.” And “The practice of central enterprises in fighting the epidemic with all-out efforts shows that upholding party leadership and strengthening party building are the "root" and "soul" of state-owned enterprises...” Interestingly, after a decade of growth whose profitability and tax revenues was led by Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) there appears a reversal: “After the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, General Secretary Xi Jinping repeatedly emphasized the need to adhere to the two "unwavering" and pointed out that "the statements and arguments that do not want state-owned enterprises and engage in small state-owned enterprises are wrong and one-sided." If you still are an SOE denier, then there's this: “Practice once again proved that state-owned enterprises are the pillars of the socialist economy with Chinese characteristics and the most reliable source of support for the party and the country.” Dr. Evil suggests dumping any stock you have ('in name only' as no gajin can own stock in PRC domiciled companies) in SOEs. Why? Because they are about to rack up serious losses: “In June, the revenue and total profits of central SOEs have achieved "positive" growth, and many companies have achieved growth against the trend. At the same time, the central enterprises resolutely implemented the national policy of reducing electricity prices, gas prices, tariffs, road tolls, and rents. In the first half of the year, they reduced the total operating costs of the whole society by more than 120 billion yuan.” Gotta keep the just Wuhan Flu released proletariat happy and the best way is..FREE STUFF. Sounds like the Daley political machine in Chicago. Who ultimately pays that bill? Nobody. They're commies. They don't believe in capitalism...unless they're floating an new stock issue on Wall Street...then they're big time capitalists. Expect bank debt to rise and stock prices to...well...get funky...

Mao on Tiananmen Gate in 1966 when he just launched the Cultural Revolution. Liu Shaoqi, on the right, would die in 1969 in confinement, and Lin Biao, in the middle, would die in 1971, trying to escape China. Communism is a violent and brutal game that allows only one winner.

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as the 'National Team' i.e. CCP, controls stock market prices.

COVID-19 Rejoinder: [University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine scientists have isolated the smallest biological molecule to date that completely and specifically neutralizes the SARS-CoV-2 virus](#), which is the cause of COVID-19. This antibody component, which is 10 times smaller than a full-sized antibody, has been used to construct a drug-known as Ab8. Guess what? “Importantly, it does not bind to human cells—a good sign that it won't have negative side-effects in people.” How did they find it? “It was found by “fishing” in a pool of more than 100 billion potential candidates using the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein as bait.” So a molecule that completely blocks COVID-19 by adhering to its' two protein spikes does not bind to human cells??? Dr. Evil is increasingly inclined to believe those two

For career day Kevin dressed up as a 15 year detective with two ex-wives, crippling child support and a drinking problem



protein spikes, which make COVID-19 so dangerous, are not naturally occurring. Dare I say that they might have been engineered... in a lab?

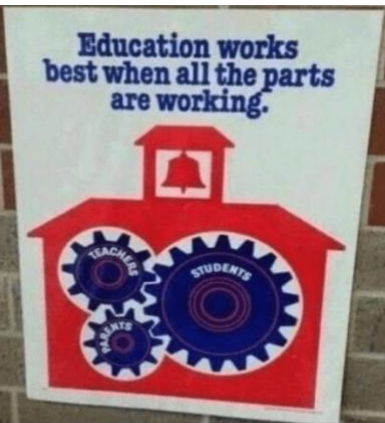
Much Ado About Data: How America and China Stack Up: MarcoPolo in-house think tank of the Paulson Institute in Chicago: Matt Sheehan: An AI comparison framework with the aim of bringing more precision to comparisons of how America and China stack up in pursuit of AI.



Artificial Intelligence? Dr. Evil is still looking for the naturally occurring type.

Why Beijing Has Resisted Raising the Retirement Age: MarcoPolo: Houze Song: "As early as 2013, Beijing made it clear that the official retirement age (60 for men and 55 for women) would be raised by 2020. Yet so far, no move has been made on the retirement age. The

short answer is that the Chinese government cannot afford to delay retirement at the moment. In the near term, postponing retirement will actually be negative for the economy. For one, since job creation is paramount amid the post-Covid recovery, Beijing needs retirees to vacate their spots that can then be filled by the unemployed, including many of the nearly 9 million recent college graduates." **Damn old folks, in the Cultural Revolution we'd just bury them in the backyard. No muss, no fuss. Dr. Evil wonders if this is a harbinger of retrenchment in the 'China miracle'. Not enough jobs for old folks, who can't retire, and recent college grads. 3 RMB of investment generating 1 RMB of GDP. The export economy sucking down more state subsidies. Comrade General Secretary Xi's going to need some resolute™ leadership to get out of this mess.**



The awkward moment when you realize those gears could never work.

Corrupting the College Board: Confucius Institutes and K-12 Education: National Association of Scholars: 10 SEP 2020: "In exchange for generous Chinese government funding, the College Board has given China strategic access to American K-12 education. Since at least 2003, the College Board has sponsored Confucius Institutes at K-12 schools, served as a recruiter for Chinese government programs, and helped the Chinese Communist Party design and gain control over American teacher training programs."

China's Economy Still Needs Policy Support Despite Slowing Inflation, Analysts Say: ZHU YANRAN: SEP 10 2020: YICAI, "Food prices, which account for almost one-third of the weighting in China's CPI, jumped 11.2 percent from a year earlier, slowing from a 13.2 percent gain in July. The cost of pork climbed 52.6 percent, down from an 85.7 percent surge in July." **When 53% inflation is a good thing, you've got a problem.**

Nestle to Spend 58.5 Million to Upgrade First China Plant: XU WEI: SEP 11 2020: YICAI: "Food and beverage giant Nestle, one of the first multinational corporations to enter China's mainland, will invest a further CNY400 million (USD58.5 million) to upgrade its processing capacity of dairy, grains, beans, fruit and vegetables at its No. 1 Chinese plant." **Dr. Evil expects more western investment into China, mainly serving local markets. Money never sleeps.**

Even if you were really, really late for wherever you were going....wouldn't you just HAVE to wait and see what happens when he drives off?





A Florida woman has been accused of taking methamphetamine and driving a motorized shopping cart through a Wal-Mart while drinking wine and eating sushi and cinnamon rolls.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1ZxFGnB>



Looks like a fun date..

from the Central Bank

[Chinese Local Gov't to Use Special Bonds to Invest in Bank for First Time:](#)

DOU SHICONG: SEP 11 2020: SOURCE: YICAI: "Bank of Wenzhou, which is based in eastern Zhejiang province, recently said the local government could buy some of its planned CNY7 billion (USD1 billion) in new shares by issuing special bonds subject to regulatory approval.

Special bonds are usually used to raise funds for infrastructure projects, with repayments financed mainly from a project's income." Bank capitalization was never run through the incipient fraud that is 'Special Purpose' bonds which are the capital equivalent of a cheesy used car dealer selling you "...the bargain of the century". SP bonds were for municipal backed construction projects, AI, whatever provided local employment, good PR and cashflow for Party cadre seeking to make it to the big show in Beijing. The fact that SP's are being used to fund local banks may indicate significant funding problems for small to medium banks which bear the highest default rate and don't get indemnification

[Chinese Online Insurer ZhongAn Offers Fat Salary to Live Sales Hosts:](#) ZHANG YUSHUO:

SEP 11 2020: YICAI: "ZhongAn Online P&C Insurance is offering a salary of CNY1 million (USD146,256) a year to online salesmen who can tout the internet-only insurance firm's products through live broadcasts." Don't know if I'd want to be a 'Live' sales host. All the best risk management products for personal and medical catastrophies are sold through the "Shopping Channel" by comedians....Gee, this will work out well....



[The Coming Tech Cold War With China: Beijing Is Already Countering Washington's Policy:](#) Adam Segal: 9 SEP 2020:

"...the Trump administration's measures have often been incomplete, improvisational, and even detrimental to some of the great strengths of the American innovation system." "A report from Deutsche Bank estimates the costs of the tech war at more than \$3.5 trillion over the next five years." "This year, the National People's Congress unveiled a five-year plan in which municipalities, provinces, and companies will invest close to \$1.4 trillion in building "new infrastructure" through AI, data centers, 5G, the Industrial Internet, and other new technologies. In October 2019, Beijing established a \$29 billion semiconductor fund..." "Huawei, for example, has pledged to invest \$1 billion to attract developers to its open-source replacement for Google Mobile Services..." "Dr. Evil likes the 'let the PRC blow up Google Mobile Services' the enemy of my enemy...is still my enemy. Dr. Evil doesn't do 'friends'. Suffice it to say, China is dumping ton's o' money into tech. Whether any of it actually works?

Well, maybe. Foreign Affairs magazine is predicable establishment pap when it comes to China. How about these recent titles: "Did American Get China Wrong?", "The Folly of Decoupling from China", "Xi Jinping is Not Stalin"...yet, but working on it.. "Trump's Trade War is the Wrong Way to Compete" CFR was wrong on Mao in 1949, wrong on Tibet in 1951 and remains true to form today.

[U.S., Mekong ministers meet amid latest rivalry with China:](#) KYODO NEWS: 12 SEP 2020:

"U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun and foreign ministers from five Southeast Asian countries along the Mekong River held their first meeting Friday, discussing ways to deepen their partnership amid their latest rivalry with China over the 4,350-kilometer river. If any minions didn't read Dr. Evil's "I'm Tibetan Not" Edition from May 17th, Dr. Evil will be glad to forward it. It is unfolding as I predicted.....