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The Return of The Phoenix

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*How China Is Overtaking the US –  
by Networked Stealing, Influence, Corruption, and Crime*

Just thirty years ago, China struggled to distribute food to its big cities, impeded by crumbling infrastructure and impassable roads. Three decades later, China has become a major threat to the United States, Europe, South America, Africa, and the entire world. China is the greatest national and economic security threat facing many nations. China experts and intelligence analysts did not anticipate China's unpredictable ascent with such speed and effect.

Nonstop articles about China are published with headlines such as: “China is the threat of the South China Seas,” “China is a danger with advanced AI,” “China is taking over control of the automobile industry,” “China is gaining power in aerospace,” “China has built the most advanced quantum computer,” and, “China takes the lead in advanced nuclear fusion development.”

China has become a leader of nearly every technology and economic development sector. No major technologist or economist predicted this would happen.

China’s dramatic success has not brought cheers, but rather fears. The Chinese people suffer under the Communist Party’s all-pervasive and invasive authoritarian rules. Bereft of optimism about the future, many feel trapped and hopeless. Around the world, people fear the Communist Party’s aggression. China’s negative influences have blanketed the world like a pandemic of fear, as people sense they are losing what they achieved from a lifetime’s hard work and savings.

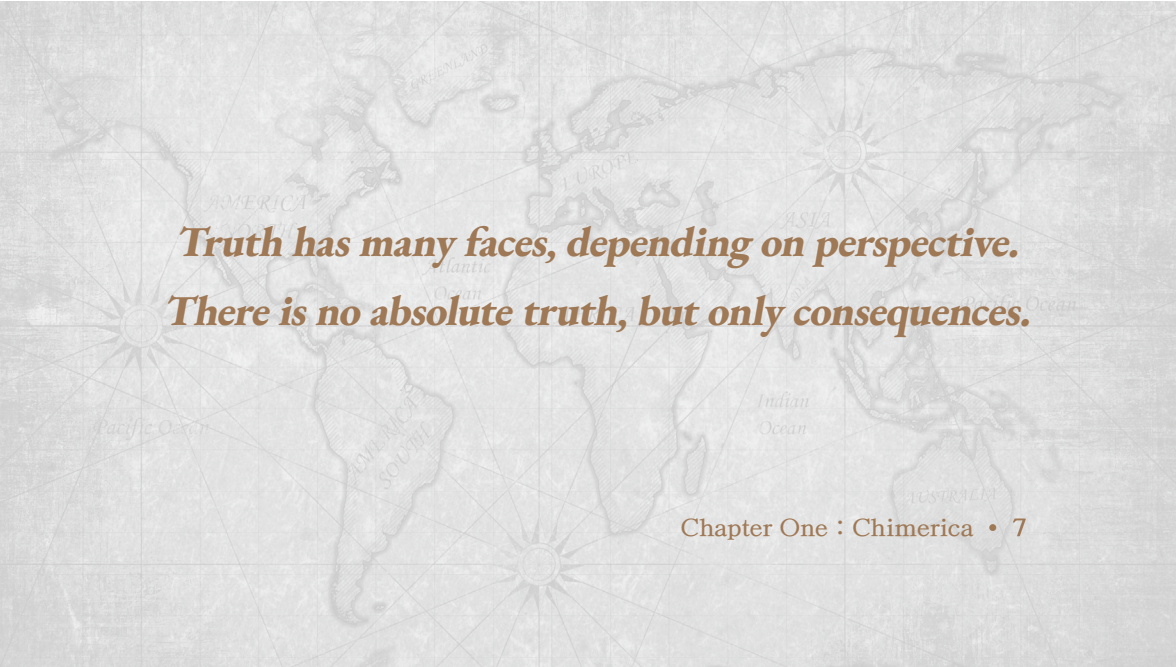
Yet, major corporations and political leaders enjoy China’s success, and its advantages.

They have been China’s biggest advocates, supporting the Chinese Communist Party for decades. International billionaires compete to be friends of China’s Supreme Leader, President Xi Jinping, the super-elite, the man to see. They dine together, drink together, laugh together, and hope to bond their financial futures together, in the hope of perpetuating their status. They are inseparable in their shared belief that the Chinese Communist Party can best sustain their billions, by preferential treatment of them and by ossifying the economic mobility of the masses who might otherwise

destabilize their wealth and power.

It appears that no one is willing to shed light on what is really going on with the unholy alliances between the Chinese Communist leaders and the world's political and corporate leaderships.

Mao once told an acquaintance of the author, “We can fool people with the same trick again and again, because people easily forget.” As long as those in charge change the characters, replace the scenery, and realign the perspective, people will fall into the same trap repeatedly. Statecraft has become stagecraft in a way Shakespeare could not have foreseen.



***Truth has many faces, depending on perspective.  
There is no absolute truth, but only consequences.***

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## Chapter One

# Chimerica



***September 30, 2049***

*President John T. Marlinton, at the height of his career, stands nervously behind a ceremonial mahogany high-rise podium set in front of the U.S. Capitol Building. Behind him, Dr. Wang Zhenxi, Chairman of the People's Republic of China, along with General Xia Xiaobing, the Executive Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), show no emotion on*





*their stoic faces. In the VIP seats are leaders and executive delegates from every country on earth. Among them, Russian President Petyr Medvedev, British Premier Sir Gary Lander, and Japanese Prime Minister Makoto Kishi are the focus of media attention. Gathering below them are an estimated two million people, excitedly awaiting commencement of the Inaugural Ceremony.*

*At exactly 10 a.m., a combined group of legendary U.S. Air Force F-35 fighter jets and the world's most advanced PLA J-47 jet fighters fly over the crowd at low altitude, causing a deafening boom. All the jets are emblazoned with the new Chimerican flag. The enthusiastic crowd cheers with loud applause.*

*“My fellow citizens! The voice of President Marlinton sounds from the loudspeakers, echoing throughout the Capitol's surroundings for miles.*

*“Just over one hundred years ago, in this land we segregated our Black brothers and sisters. We did not allow women to vote.*

*“We barricaded our borders with high walls. We made the rich richer and the poor poorer.*

*“Our dreams were denied by empty promises. Our future was buried beneath beautiful lies.*

*Today is a day we will celebrate forever. You, your children, and your children's children, will never forget this day. Today we ignite a timeless torch, bringing back hope to our lives, and equality to our society.*

*“My fellow citizens!*

*There will be no more empty rhetoric. No more deception. No more injustice.*

*Today we are united. Today we are one. Here and now dawns the day of no more wars, no more conflicts, and no more worries, but only peace and*





prosperity.

*Here in this place and now at this historic moment, I proudly declare, the birth of Chimerica!”*

*Marlinton announces this with tears in his eyes. He speaks no longer as the President of the United States. He now speaks as the Chief Executive of the Western Region of Chimerica, a Special Administrative Area of the People’s Republic of China.*

*A 21-gun salute sounds, and a parade led by units of the Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) marches to the Capitol Grounds. The new Chimerican Army comes next, and former U.S. Marines follow in locked step uniform columns. They are followed by huge banner portraits, about thirty feet high, depicting the heroes of Chimerica, with that of Mao in the forefront.*

*If it seems like a far-fetched fantasy, It should!*

It is as improbable as if thirty years ago we had told the people of China they would become the greatest threat to U.S. power. If we had said China was going to economically dominate almost every technology sector. If we had predicted China would be a world’s leading economy upon which many others would depend. Everyone would have answered, “That is nonsense.”

We must admit that the U.S. and the entire free world are facing dire crises: declining economies, waning industries, diminishing technological development, soaring crime rates, weakened militaries, and decaying national values. People are overwhelmed



The United States Capitol building

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by recessions, inflation, unemployment, corruption, censorship, and injustice. They work harder and longer to receive less pay, with decreased buying power. (Please see related news reports in the endnote references No. 279 to No. 477.)

When was the last time there was optimistic, encouraging news from the mainstream news media?

There are many negative news reports about China: concentration camps of Uyghurs in Xinjiang, crackdowns on human rights attorneys, imprisonment of Christians, demolition of temples and churches, a growing number of ghost towns filled with abandoned buildings, a rapidly falling birthrate, the disappearance of small and midsize companies, declining incomes, and rising food prices. The Chinese people are beset by recessions, inflation, unemployment, corruption, censorship, and injustice, more than many in the free world. Many Chinese people, especially the younger generation, have lost hope. They don't believe the future will be better and fear it will only get worse. So, yes, the Chinese people are truly suffering. How is it, then, that the Chinese Communist Party is stronger and more threatening than ever before, in China and around the world? (Please see related news reports in the endnote references No. 478 to No. 581.)

The people of the free world have increasingly negative opinions of China. Reliable polling shows more than 80% of the populations of Japan, Australia, Sweden, the US, and South Korea hold unfavorable views of China. The Chinese government is not popular nor welcomed. Nonetheless, China's influence over nations in the free world grows stronger, in spite of what majorities may think. China has infiltrated and exerted powerful international influence in education, economics, society, politics, and the mainstream media. The most common social media, TikTok, and the most common business



platform, Zoom, are creations and instruments of the Chinese Communist Party. World politicians and major corporations are more closely tied to China than ever. Public opinion about China has never been of concern to the Communist Party. This seems impossible for any other nation in the world, where it is believed that the majority opinion of a nation's people has a major impact on policies and practices.

Public opinion is critical in almost every other nation, but not in China. What makes China different?

The reality is complicated. Major technology companies profit from information and data. They control much of mainstream media and social media. They are deeply involved in politics and elections. They influence our daily lives: what we buy, where we shop, and which movies and TV shows we watch. They suggest who our friends should be, how much we make, and where we spend our money. They tell us what is good for society, which candidates we should support, which policies we should vote for, and the activities in which we should participate. They decide what information is beneficial, and what is harmful to us. They make sure we never see information they deem morally unsuitable.

Objective information often no longer flows to us. Rather, we are force-fed manipulative narratives from major technology companies, political groups, and billionaires. (Please see related news reports in the endnote references No. 582 to No.586.)

Controlled propaganda about life in China has compromised the truth of what we know about it. We have only partial information, half-truths, and disinformation. Most reporters and writers are familiar with only distorted information about their specific fields of interest and are unfamiliar with