

# RED DRAGON IN THE VOTING BOOTH

Communist China's agents are engaging in election subversion and sabotage all over the world, including in the United States.

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In July 2016, Professor Jin Canrong, one of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) top advisors, gave a two-day seminar to party and business leaders at the Southern Club Hotel in South China's Guangzhou City. His topic? How China would replace the United States as the leading world power by a multi-pronged subversive campaign aimed at crippling and destabilizing the United States through the utilization of economic, political, diplomatic, and social weapons. Professor Jin detailed the diverse ways the CCP is working globally to assert Chairman Xi Jinping's aggressive program for world dominance: gaining foreign allies through the investments of its Belt and Road Initiative; gaining dominance in the United Nations and international organizations such as the Food & Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, and International Monetary Fund; entangling the United States in as many foreign conflicts as possible; controlling the U.S. economy through heavy investment in the United States by Chinese (CCP-controlled) companies; and stealing U.S. technology. Most importantly, in connection with our topic here, Jin Canrong openly laid out a brazen plan for increased CCP power in the United States through interference in and manipulation of America's elections.

Before diving into the CCP plans for U.S. election subversion, we should explain who Jin Canrong is and why his statements are concerning. Jin, who is heralded in the People's Republic of China (PRC) as a "teacher of the people," is a professor of political science and associate dean of the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China. His official bio also states that he is "Vice-President, China National Association of International Studies; Vice-President, Pacific Society of China; Adviser, Policy Planning Office, National People's Congress; Standing Councilor, China Reform Forum. Author of more than 100 academic papers, over 500 articles, 7 books and 5 translated books." Jin is what is known in current Chinese parlance as a "Wolf Warrior," one of Xi's new provocative, belligerent spokesmen noted for their confrontational style, in contrast to the false front of cordiality typical under the previous leadership of Deng Xiaoping and Hu Jintao.

Interestingly (and alarmingly), this leading strategist for the communist regime in Beijing is also a celebrated "Agenda Contributor" to the World Economic Forum, the cabal



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**CCP in U.S. elections:** Professor Jin Canrong, a leading Chinese communist strategist and World Economic Forum "Agenda Contributor," has publicly detailed (and advocated) China's efforts to manipulate U.S. elections, such as "buying" congressional seats to turn the U.S. House of Representatives into a rubber stamp for the CCP.





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**TikTok attack:** Promoted as an innocent social-media platform for videos and music, the China-owned app has turned out to be a sophisticated propaganda tool targeting American youth on gender identity, climate change, critical race theory, Black Lives Matter, Donald Trump, and other divisive issues.

of globalist billionaires that view Xi Jinping's mass-murdering dictatorship as the model of governance for their projected New World Order.

Professor Jin has also served as a speaker for the Aspen Institute, one of the leading globalist think tanks, as well as a visiting professor at the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He gets around. So, what do his prescriptions for U.S. election interference entail? "The Chinese government wants to arrange Chinese investments in every single congressional district to control thousands of voters in each district," he told his seminar attendees. Jin, whose bio says that his studies "focus on American politics (US Congress in particular)," notes that the U.S. House of Representatives is composed of 435 congressional districts with roughly 750,000 residents in each district.

"The voting rate in the United States is about 30 percent, which means around 200,000 residents in each congressional district vote for the representative in that district," Jin explained to his seminar attendees. "Normally the difference of votes between two candidates is 10,000 or less. If China has thousands of votes on hand, China will be the boss of the candidates."

According to Jin, "The best scenario is China can buy the United States and change the U.S. House of Representatives into the second Standing Committee of the National People's Congress," a reference to the committee that oversees China's "legislature," which merely formalizes the dictates of the CCP.

So, what is China doing to turn the U.S. Congress into a rubber stamp for the CCP, and how far has China progressed toward that goal? Well, there are many components to this multi-pronged attack strategy, and the full contours of the battlefield are far from clear. A big reason for that lack of clarity is that the leadership of our intelligence agencies who are supposed to be protecting us against these types of threats have instead been working overtime to sabotage Donald Trump (first, while he was our sitting president, and now, as a presidential candidate), as the "Trump-Russia collusion" hoax and the "Hunter Biden laptop is Russian disinformation" narrative — among the many examples that could be cited — have shown.

In April of 2020, then-President Donald Trump said, "China will do anything they can do to have me lose this race" to Joe Biden. He was right. He was the first

(and still the only) U.S. president to break the continuous five decades of treachery by both Republican and Democratic administrations in selling out to Beijing and helping that communist regime become a global hegemon and our most deadly enemy. Among his many policies *vis à vis* China that put him on the top of the enemies list of both the CCP and its Wall Street partners (such as Goldman Sachs, BlackRock, and the US-China Business Council) were placing tariffs on Chinese goods, scuttling the U.S.-China Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), moving to "decouple" and decrease U.S. dependence on Chinese products, encouraging manufacturers to return to the United States, restricting PRC access to cutting-edge U.S. technology (including high-performance semiconductors), restricting Huawei and TikTok from operating in the United States, making the United States energy independent and an energy exporter, and effectively calling out China's hostile actions from a platform and in a manner that no politician had previously dared to employ.

### Communist China's "Whole-of-government" Attack

China's efforts to penetrate the U.S. government predated Donald Trump's 2016 election victory, but definitely intensified with the beginning of the new Trump administration. Xi's regime is employing what is termed a "whole-of government" assault on our electoral system. It is a long-range strategy involving every asset at the regime's disposal. A portion of the CCP's "long game" in U.S. politics became publicly visible with the revelation in 2018 that the late Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), while she was chair of the powerful and highly sensitive Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, had for years employed an asset of China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) on her staff. In 2020 we learned that Representative Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), then a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, had long-standing political and financial connections to a suspected MSS fundraiser and "honeypot" by the name of "Fang Fang." As it turned out, the charming Fang Fang had also ingratiated herself into the good graces of state and local politicians not only in California, but in



other states as well. Reportedly, this included sexual compromise of at least two mayors of Midwestern cities. According to an unnamed intelligence official quoted in the Axios article that broke the Swalwell/MSS spy story, Fang Fang “was just one of lots of agents” operating throughout the country. The CCP strategists know the propaganda importance of securing a pro-Beijing viewpoint from mayors, city and county officials, and state legislators. They also realize that these officials will be the governors, senators, congressmen, and Cabinet officials of tomorrow who will be casting votes and guiding policies that will affect China’s strategic military and economic position relative to the United States. They invest accordingly.

Election subversion comes in many forms, and China is exploiting all of them. One means of gaining political control is direct financing of sympathetic political incumbents or candidates through secret, illegal campaign funding via surrogates or donations to third-party organizations to work either for a desired candidate or, conversely, *against* a candidate viewed as

being anti-Beijing or insufficiently supportive of the CCP line.

Reports from official government investigative bodies of the European Union, the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, and Taiwan paint a very disturbing picture of a global assault by Beijing on the structure of free governments. These official findings are augmented by numerous reports in the establishment and independent media pointing to a whole-of-government war by China using unconventional means. As these reports have begun to stir public anger, politicians have responded with tough rhetoric but have largely refused to follow up with tough action. Prime example: Joe Biden, whose decades-long love affair with Beijing has morphed into charges of outright bribery and treason, as the Hunter Biden laptop scandal and Biden family bank records continue to expose the scope of Biden’s sellout to our most dangerous enemy. In August of this year, Biden said in a letter to Congress that he was declaring a national emergency to deal with China’s advances “in sensitive technologies

and products critical to the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities.” He explained that he was signing an executive order to authorize the secretary of the treasury to restrict or prohibit U.S. investments in certain high-tech sectors in China. However, it’s too little, too late. For one thing, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, a longtime comrade of Xi’s one-party state, has sent plenty of signals to Beijing and its U.S. business partners that, heated election rhetoric notwithstanding, the Biden administration intends to maintain cordial and generous business relations with Team CCP.

### **McCarthy Ouster: Major Boost for U.S. Security**

One of the most positive and under-reported aspects of the recent ouster of Kevin McCarthy as speaker of the House is that his removal has freed up a critical logjam that was preventing the full exposure of China’s hand in America’s capital markets. When the Republican-controlled House Intelligence Committee began looking into the investments in Chinese tech companies by U.S. financial companies such as BlackRock, MSCI, Vanguard, FTSI-Russell, and Sequoia Capital, some disturbing things began to happen. Speaker McCarthy’s Leadership PAC began receiving sizable contributions from Sequoia. Shortly thereafter, McCarthy appointed Michael Turner (R-Ohio, with a dismal score of 49 out of 100 on this magazine’s Freedom Index) to be the committee’s new chairman. Then, according to the Committee on the Present Danger: China (CPDC), a private China watchdog organization, Chairman Turner “shut down the Intelligence Committee’s investigation, presumably at McCarthy’s direction.”

However, a more recently created House Select Committee on the CCP, chaired by Representative Mike Gallagher (R-Wis., Freedom Index score 64) has recently indicated it intends to go where Turner and McCarthy refused to tread. On October 17, 2023, just days before Representative Mike Johnson was elected as the new speaker of the House, Chairman Gallagher and ranking member Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.) sent a letter to Sequoia executives Roelof Botha and Don Vieira requesting specific information regarding



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**China sellout?** Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s Leadership PAC received funding from Sequoia Capital, an important investment firm promoting business in China. Critics say McCarthy “shut down” investigations into the CCP’s deals with Sequoia, BlackRock, and other Wall Street firms.



the firm's relationship with the CCP and its investments in China's military and police surveillance industry sectors, such as artificial intelligence, semiconductor, drone, facial recognition, and other critical technologies.

In addition, Gallagher and Krishnamoorthi wrote, "Sequoia Capital China and Sequoia Capital have both provided extensive support and capital to ByteDance, parent company of TikTok, helping it to raise billions of U.S. dollars. TikTok exposes millions of Americans to CCP surveillance and influence."

Particularly concerning to the bipartisan leadership team of the Committee on the CCP is the announced plan by Sequoia Capital China to split off from Sequoia Capital, in an apparent move to shield itself from U.S. regulatory controls and dodge official scrutiny while still retaining the ability to funnel U.S. investment funds into China and channel Chinese funds into Silicon Valley startups and other strategically targeted investments.

### TikTok: Trump Was Right

"Why Do Young Americans Support Hamas? Look at TikTok." That's the title

of a November 1, 2023, column by Representative Mike Gallagher blasting the mobile-phone app that is wildly popular with a huge majority of American youth. "The app is digital fentanyl made by China. And it is brainwashing our youth against the country and our allies," Gallagher charges. "And we are absolutely hooked, with 16 percent of teens using it 'almost constantly,'" he continues. "Today, 69.7 percent of Americans aged 12-17, 76.2 percent aged 18-24, and 54 percent aged 25-34 use TikTok. By tweaking the TikTok algorithm, the CCP can censor information and influence Americans of all ages on a variety of issues. It can shape what facts they consider accurate, and what conclusions they draw from world events."

President Trump was ridiculed in 2020 when he signed an executive order banning TikTok from government phones and the military and attempted to ban it completely or force it to be sold to an American company. Of course, Joe Biden scrapped the Trump restrictions soon after entering the White House. Well, it turns out that Trump wasn't crazy-paranoid after all. "As painful as it is for me to say, if Donald Trump was right and we could've taken action

then, that'd have been a heck of a lot easier than trying to take action in November of 2022," Democratic Senator Mark Warner of Virginia said two-and-a-half years later. "The sooner we bite the bullet, the better." A headline from the liberal-left Vox in December of 2022 declared, "Maybe Trump was right about TikTok." That same month, President Biden signed a bill banning the app from millions of phones owned by federal agencies. Personal privacy and national security are driving bipartisan local, state, and national efforts to clamp down on the social-media giant. Whistleblowers have testified before Congress that, contrary to claims of company executives, TikTok does indeed allow data, including sensitive financial and identification data, from its 150 million American users to be collected and stored in China.

In 2022, TikTok posted CCP propaganda videos aimed at affecting the outcome of our elections. "Many of the videos attacked specific U.S. politicians before the midterm elections and pushed divisive social issues, without clear labels disclosing they were coming from state-controlled media," *Forbes* reported. "TikTok accounts run by the propaganda arm of the Chinese government have accumulated millions of followers and tens of millions of views, many of them on videos editorializing about U.S. politics without clear disclosure that they were posted by a foreign government." TikTok has been especially adept at promoting propaganda for transgenderism, global warming/climate change, and "social justice issues" (such as #BlackLivesMatter, "equity," and "white privilege"). Of course, the TikTok version allowed inside of China does not allow this type of weaponized content to contaminate its own young people. The CCP's censors and propagandists assure that these toxins are reserved for consumption by "decadent capitalists."

### The Konnech Connection

In October and November of 2022, an election-related drama played out in two courtrooms. In Houston, at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Catherine Engelbrecht and Gregg Phillips of True the Vote (TTV) were on trial in a suit brought by Eugene Yu, president of Konnech, Inc., a Michigan-based provider



**"Trump was right":** President Donald Trump was lambasted by Democrats and media when he restricted CCP-controlled Chinese companies such as TikTok and Huawei. Now, many former critics are admitting he was right.

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of election-management software. Yu alleged that Engelbrecht and Phillips had hacked Konnech's computers and stolen sensitive, private information, as well as defaming Konnech and Yu. The defendants claimed that they had received a massive amount of Konnech data on 1.8 million American poll workers, including personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers, bank accounts, etc., that had been accessed from servers in China. This information, they said, was turned over to FBI counterintelligence agents. Yu insists that he has no connection "whatsoever" with the CCP and that Konnech's data is stored exclusively in the United States.

In an extraordinary ruling, Judge Kenneth Hoyt sided with Yu's demand that Engelbrecht and Phillips reveal the names of the witnesses who had provided the data. When they refused, citing security concerns for the witnesses, the judge found the duo in contempt of court and sent them

to jail. Meanwhile, as Yu's legal team was pursuing TTV's witnesses in Houston, Yu was arrested in Michigan and his computer drives seized on a warrant from Los Angeles County, where he was charged on suspicion of felony theft of "personal identifying information of election workers." "Under its \$2.9 million, five-year contract with the county," the district attorney's office stated, "Konnech was supposed to securely maintain the data and [ensure] that only United States citizens and permanent residents have access to it." However, the DA's investigators "found that in contradiction to the contract, information was stored on servers in the People's Republic of China."

The arrest of Yu was an apparent vindication of Engelbrecht, who has alleged that Konnech tools and software are "developed in, run from, and monitored in China." "Konnech was hosting on Chinese servers the election-related domain names of its U.S.-based customers.... This means



**Exposing the Konnech con:** Catherine Engelbrecht (shown) of True the Vote charges that Konnech, Inc., an election-worker logistics company, has illegally stored personally identifiable information on 1.8 million American poll workers on servers in China.

any customer data transmitted by means of Konnech's customer-facing apps necessarily goes through an insecure server in China," a True the Vote court filing asserts. "The database underpins our elections," says Engelbrecht, "and it goes to China and then back to the USA. It is a hard server based in China."

On November 6, 2022, Engelbrecht and Phillips were released from jail on an order from the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Three days later, on November 9, just as it looked as if things might be moving forward on the Konnech-China investigation, the Los Angeles DA's office abruptly announced it was dismissing charges against Konnech and Yu. "We are concerned about both the pace of the investigation and the potential bias in the presentation and investigation of the evidence," spokeswoman Tiffany Blacknell said in a statement.

*The New American* has not seen the evidence that True the Vote claims to have

turned over to the FBI and the L.A. District Attorney's Office. However, TTV's court filings and evidence produced by independent journalists, in the form of extensive screenshots from Chinese websites, persuasively point to the validity of True the Vote's claims. In addition, TTV has provided sworn testimony from former Konnech employee Grant Bradley, who attests that Konnech's software is the product of "developers, designers, and coders who ... are all Chinese nationals based out of Wuhan, China." He states further, "I witnessed customers' data (specifically poll-watcher information) being made accessible to foreign nationals in China." Bradley also states that Konnech initially identified these workers as "employees," but after coming under scrutiny went through a pretense of firing them and then "hired them back as independent contractors."

### **Communist-globalist Attack**

Earlier this year, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came under pressure when a

secret national security document from 2020 alleging extensive interference by China in Canada's elections was leaked to the media. Trudeau, an ardent admirer of the CCP and a Young Global Leader of the CCP-loving World Economic Forum, has opened Canada's doors to a flood of Xi Jinping's agents. He pretended to be concerned about the allegations in the report (from three years ago!), but has done nothing substantive to end the continued CCP subversion. Likewise, President Joe Biden, facing increasing public outrage over his family's business deals with China, is pretending to take a hard line *vis à vis* Beijing. But, in mid-November, Biden was in San Francisco for a confab with Xi Jinping — along with the Wall Street moguls and Big Tech titans of the US-China Business Council, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the World Economic Forum. The battle continues, not only against the CCP, but also against the CFR, the WEF, and their globalist cabal. ■