

Paranoid Politics and Weather Balloons

Cynical political manipulation as usual.

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First, it appears I was wrong about the ability of the USG to shoot down China's weather balloon. However, there is a persistent caveat here—never take at face value what the government and its propagandist media "report," especially in regard to manufactured enemies.

📺 [#BREAKING](#): Incredible HD footage of the Chinese surveillance balloon being shot down

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Watch incredible HD video of the moment when the Chinese surveillance balloon was shot down by a single missile from an F-22 fighter jet from Langley Air Force Base pic.twitter.com/KjwTrgcvcb

— R A W S A L E R T S (@rawsalerts) [February 4, 2023](#)

The above video is very interesting. Notice how the missile apparently hits the payload. Now that the payload was blown to smithereens, there will be no way to verify exactly what the purpose of this balloon was. Anything that remained went into the drink.

Even if the USG navy manages to raise this wreckage from the ocean floor, I would not believe what they'd say about it, considering the long USG history of pathological lies.

I don't think this thing was a surveillance balloon.

The question is, why would China use a slow-moving and easily detectable balloon for surveillance when it has three Yaogan-31 "observation" satellites in addition to the Jianbing-8 constellation of surveillance satellites? In short, China has the technical capability to put surveillance satellites in orbit. This includes its top-secret, geostationary orbiting Tongxin Jishu Shiyan-1.

In fact, China has a large number of military satellites in orbit. According to [Business Standard](#), “China’s 2015 Defense White Paper described space as a military domain, and China currently has 75+ military satellites operated by the Strategic Support Force of the People’s Liberation Army.”

According to the [BBC](#),

the experts point out that balloons can be fitted with modern technology like spy cameras and radar sensors, and there are some advantages to using balloons for surveillance—chief of which is that it is less expensive and easier to deploy than drones or satellites.

Indeed, and easier to detect and shoot down.

The USG insists—as usual, void of evidence—the balloon was surveilling nuke silos in Montana. This is a load of propagandistic hogwash.

The fact is, we don’t know for sure what the purpose of the balloon was, and we never will. The logical assumption is this was a weather or meteorological research balloon that had blown over USG territory due to prevailing westerlies.

According to the “Sage from South Central,” blue-checker and talk radio host Larry Elder, the balloon had something to do with nukes.

Chinese balloon called 'dry run' for EMP attack
Nuke at altitude could destroy electronics for hundreds of miles
<https://t.co/1xOcYVqRir#ChineseSpyBalloon>

— Larry Elder (@larryelder) [February 3, 2023](#)

The [Washington Examiner](#), owned by “conservative” billionaire Philip Anschutz (associated with the neocon-infested American Enterprise Institute), is pushing this scary story on largely ill-informed and easily frightened Americans.

High-altitude balloons, such as the one China has floated over mountain state military bases this week, are considered a key “delivery platform” for secret nuclear strikes on America’s electric grid, according to intelligence officials.

Ah, yes, intelligence officials, the same folks who lied America into the Iraq war, claiming Saddam had WMDs and fallaciously warning we were all going to die if we didn’t invade and kill 1.5 million Iraqis.

Of course, when that bogus science fiction story was exposed, it was explained away as an “intelligence failure,” when in fact it was a series of lies told to a compliant stenographic media by pathological neocon liars in the Bush regime.

The EMP “threat” is pushed by the American Leadership & Policy Foundation. Additionally, Congress has established an [EMP commission](#) “pursuant to title XIV of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.”

“China’s recent balloon flyover of the United States is clearly a provocative and aggressive act. It was most likely a type of dry run meant to send a strategic message to the USA. We must not take this for granted,” warned Air Force Maj. David Stuckenberg in a 2015 foundation report.

“Not since WWII has North America faced a threat of this nature. Project FuGo in Japan used balloons to float bombs on the trade-winds across the Pacific to the U.S. and Canada.”

Blue checker and former Speaker of the House, the “honorable” Newt Gingrich, also apparently believes the commies want to take down our civilization.

Newt fails to mention the obvious fact China would not attempt this because it would result in USG thermonukes reducing China to a radioactive wasteland. Neocons and their neolib buddies think you’re stupid—and, unfortunately, far too many Americans are.

Defense experts warn that Chinese balloons can be the top ‘delivery platform’ for a nuclear EMP attack [@SecretsBedardhttps://t.co/Pv6JFEg4Xk](https://t.co/Pv6JFEg4Xk)

— Newt Gingrich (@newtingrich) [February 4, 2023](#)

Others are also repeating this paranoiac stupidity to drum up viewers, subscribers, and customers because fear sells:

Alex Jones talks about the Chinese balloon

“could very well be an EMP weapon package or a test package to test an EMP attack. <pic.twitter.com/gV2ItCSmD0>

— Kali Patriot (@CNNizFakeNewz) [February 4, 2023](#)

The Hill division of war propaganda incorporated is more subtle. Note here that, despite a complete lack of supporting evidence, the balloon is described as a surveillance device.

China condemns US "attack" on surveillance balloon as "overreaction" <https://t.co/XdZ6HN1U02> <pic.twitter.com/Q3Q1yzAOgF>

— The Hill (@thehill) [February 5, 2023](#)

Bill Clinton’s former Defense Secretary and former Republican senator [William Cohen](#) has thrown his weight behind the cynical EMP farce to stir up paranoia and fear. Or maybe, now well into his dotage, he believes this nonsense.

“I think we would have because the first thing we need to do is, number one, is the balloon a military or security threat, but number two, can we get information out of it before we destroy it? We didn’t know, for example, if it could have contained something within the balloon other than helium that could have posed a threat to us. Do we know if it has any kind of biological component to it? So you want to ask those questions.”

Too late, Bill. The remains are on the ocean floor. The payload was targeted and blown up. All that is left is speculation, fear-mongering, and scary stories of lights out and cannibalism.

In other words, political manipulation as usual.

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