

Trump Blames China for His Own Failings

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The US is a nation in longterm decline, a process ongoing for decades, notably post-9/11.

Its focus on militarism, war-making, corporate welfare, and police state harshness comes at the expense of economic and human development.

Other nations are rising, notably China, heading toward becoming the world's leading economy, its political influence growing worldwide.

It's a reality not going down well in the US, what lies behind Trump's China bashing and trade war.

US hostility toward Beijing is all about its sovereign independence, growing economic, industrial, and technological development, along with its increasing preeminence on the world stage.

Will US anti-China rage lead to war? What's unthinkable is possible because hardline Republican and Dem leaders tolerate no challenges to US global dominance that's waning.

Did COVID-19 spring like Topsy or was its emergence planned? US intelligence and the Pentagon knew of the threat long ago.

The US warned Israel and other allies of possible outbreaks last year.

According to ABC News, a November 2019 Pentagon National Center for Medical Intelligence warned of widespread coronavirus outbreaks.

Israel's Channel 12 reported that US intelligence warned the Netanyahu regime of the threat posed by the coronavirus.

According to analyst Kevin Barrett, the US "torpedo(ed) the entire global economy to break the global supply chains so that the economy would become less globalized and individual countries would be looking elsewhere rather than to China for their goods."

The strategy aims "to stop the rise of China to number one world power status. To do that it has to slow down Chinese economic growth considerably."

China owns over \$1 trillion worth of US Treasuries. Does the Trump regime intend confiscating them to pay damages to US businesses harmed by COVID-19— what Beijing had nothing to do with?

Will Sino/US relations be damaged longterm because of intensified Trump regime's war on the country by other means?

According to Bloomberg News on Saturday, Trump is increasingly blaming China for COVID-19 outbreaks.

“(W)e’re doing investigations (sic),” he said. If Beijing was “knowingly responsible...there should be consequences.”

The die is cast, the Trump regime blame game taking shape. Congressional legislation is in the works to let COVID-19 businesses and ordinary Americans sue China for damages.

Not a shred of credible evidence suggests it’s responsibility for global outbreaks. Facts never interfere with US intentions.

Trump falsely claimed “(o)ur relationship with China was good until they did this (sic).”

“The question was asked, ‘would you be angry at China?’ Well, the answer might very well be a very resounding yes, but it depends: was it a mistake that got out of control, or was it done deliberately?”

Falsely claiming the latter is where things are heading.

A Trump campaign fund-raising email accused China of lying about the origin on COVID-19 outbreaks.

On Sunday, China’s Global Times said “(e)very move to stigmatize (the country) evokes our historical memory,” adding:

“Many Chinese netizens have responded strongly,” saying:

“They want compensation? If they want to get even with China, let us start from the damage China suffered since the first Opium War in 1840!”

A Global Times editorial slammed US COVID-19 Big Lies. In an election year with public support for Trump waning, based on recent polls, he’s going all-out to blame China for COVID-19 while falsely claiming he’s doing a great job to combat it.

Polar opposite is true on both counts. On Friday, Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) said the following:

“Trumpist quackery takes on a few key forms, one being that the Chinese government is responsible for unleashing the virus on the world as some act of germ warfare...”

Another US view is that “scientific wisdom on responding to the crisis is liberal fakery meant to unnecessarily cripple the economy,” adding:

“We can’t disregard these as lunatic conspiracy theories on the fringes.”

“These speculations, rumors and outright lies have a way of starting in partisan media and bubbling up to a level where they affect our political discourse and public health.”

Lunatic fringe claims of Chinese biological warfare show how far extremists in Washington and establishment media are willing to go — facts never backing their claims because none support them.

US media-spread disinformation shifted from the debunked bat theory to COVID-19 escaping or released from a Chinese bio-lab. No evidence supports either claim.

When repeated endlessly, Big Lies take on a life of their own, notably about China in the current environment, the convenient bogeyman of the times.

Carpet bombing Americans with fake news about the country will likely worsen ahead.

Most people are none the wiser, believing what's pounded into their minds by establishment media with no credibility.

COVID-19 will pass in the fullness of time.

Harm to ordinary people and Sino/US relations will surely be long-lasting — to the detriment of public welfare and world peace.

A Final Comment

According to MarketWatch, "US public opinion toward China is at an all-time low, and it's not solely about the coronavirus," adding:

"Americans...blame China's government for the pandemic and believe Beijing can't be trusted on a range of issues."

A March Gallup poll showed two-thirds of Americans view China unfavorably.

According to senior Gallup editor Jeffrey Jones:

"Americans' views of China have rarely been positive over the past four decades, but they have never held the country in lower regard than they do today."

Poll results were published in early March before COVID-19 outbreaks began escalating greatly.

Current sentiment among Americans toward China is likely less favorable than weeks earlier.

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