

Trump Is Mistaken

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President Trump recently reversed an earlier vow to ban Chinese nationals from attending American universities. Instead, his new policy will *increase* student visas for Chinese students from 300,000 to 600,000 over two years. This is a big mistake for several reasons, and he should reconsider. (Even Donald Trump isn't always right about everything.)

Those 600,000 Chinese students represent an enormous **surge in demand**, which contributes to insanely high tuition rates at both private and public universities. Chinese students aren't the only cause of high tuition, but they are a significant factor. We can't continue to burden additional generations of Americans with oppressive levels of student loan debt, especially when the principal of their loans often greatly exceeds the value of the education they received.

Gen-Zers have incurred student debt much greater than that of prior generations, and more importantly, it FAR exceeds the rate of inflation. Banning 600,000 Chinese students who pay full-tuition would ease demand for a college education, and should eventually lower its cost. This would directly benefit serious students in legitimate courses of study, as well as their parents. It won't help idiots who study CRT.

Trump assumes that the revenues from those 600,000 Chinese students will prevent many U.S. colleges from going bankrupt. He seems to believe that many "*historically black colleges*" (HBCs) could be among the first victims of a ban, but I'm not convinced that Chinese nationals attend HBCs. Since blacks can now attend any school where they are accepted, would it be such a tragedy if some HBCs were to close?

Many degree mills -- kept afloat by a ridiculously generous federal student loan program -- would disappear faster than fried chicken at a "**stoned, soul picnic**" without the tuition revenues from Chinese students. With less demand translating into lower tuition costs, most

universities would be forced to scale back the size of their administration and faculty. That would be beneficial for everyone except the *deadwood*.

When the wife of *Crazy Bernie* Sanders bankrupted Vermont's **Burlington College** with a commercial loan it couldn't afford, were we any worse off without **Burlington** and its \$36,000 per year tuition in 2018? Those who *studied* wood-working as a *major*, like *Crazy Bernie*'s daughter, could still attend a variety of trade schools. That should be a good thing, because it will eventually restore the significance of a college degree.



If the survival of U.S. colleges and universities have become dependent on the tuition paid by Chinese students, that's proof they need to drastically reduce their bloated administrations and faculties, and adopt austerity programs just as businesses in the private sector do. The practice of paying six-figure salaries to DEI hires -- in order to add their names to faculty rosters -- would disappear. That's a *good* thing, too.

There's another factor to consider here, as well. Chinese students in America -- and the staff of China's many **Confucious Institutes** -- are required by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to cooperate with China's espionage agents when it's demanded of them. The leverage for the CCP's extortion are their families remaining in China, who are essentially held hostage.

Chinese nationals attending our universities are exposed to the latest technologies developed by American engineers and scientists, many of which end up being stolen. They also learn the skills necessary to engage in cyber-warfare programs against us. The Chinese don't come here to learn about democracy or Western cultural traditions of freedom and *Rule of Law*, they come here to steal technology. We must stop providing China with the opportunity to use our technologies against us.

Even more disconcerting than the commercial technologies and processes China has stolen from us is their theft of many critical weapons systems. **A classified study by the *Defense Science Board* indicated that China stole the blueprints to as many as 24 highly-sophisticated American weapons systems, including the Patriot Missile, The Aegis Missile, the F/A 18 Fighter, the V-22 Osprey combat aircraft, and the Littoral Combat Ship.** (Ellen Nakashima. "*Confidential Report Lists U.S. Weapons System Designs Compromised by Chinese Cyberspies.*" *WASHINGTON POST*, May 27, 2013.)



China's J-20 Stealth Fighter Sure Looks Like Our F-22

Rather than play *Welcome Wagon* to Chinese students, as Biden did to the Third World, America should end all diplomatic, travel, educational and cultural exchanges involving Chinese nationals. These merely provide "cover" for their espionage operations. We should also repatriate China's "*diplomatic community*" for the same reason, and expel the staffs of its approximately 100 ***Confucius Institutes***, as well. All have a role in Chinese espionage operations in America and elsewhere.



Confucius Institutes on American Campuses

Here's one final consideration: In 2019, facing five more years of Trump's tariffs on their exports and his loud denunciations of China as an international pariah, the CCP may have devised a plan to damage Trump's re-election prospects by sabotaging the Trump economy. They may have intentionally unleashed the *ChinaVirus* on the world, knowing it would quickly infect the U.S. because of the immense volume of human and commercial traffic between our two nations.

The *ChinaVirus* created an opportunity for "*Democrats*" to steal the 2020 election using mass-mailed ballots. ("***Never let a catastrophe go unexploited.***") By stealing the election from Trump, China rid itself of its greatest opposition and the primary impediment to its further accumulation of power. By helping "*Democrats*" steal the 2020 election, Trump's enemies won and only the American People lost.