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Who are you really?

An appeaser, an apologist, or an agitator?

And what would you have done in 1933?

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Would you have stood up to Hitler when he came to power? Or would you have been an appeaser, like Chamberlain? Or perhaps even a supporter of fascism, like the Daily Mail's owner at the time?

We all like to imagine we're courageous enough to stand up to tyranny and persecution. That we would have stood up to the villains of the past. Seen them for what they really were, even helped rescue their victims from danger. We certainly don't like to think we would have bought their goods or funded, *invested* in their economies...

Well today, you're going to find out what you're made of.

Because it's all happening again. And you're actually facing the choice we just posed as a hypothetical.

Fittingly, our story begins with the son of a Jewish refugee who fled the Holocaust, one Dr Jacob Lavee. Dr Lavee works as a surgeon in Israel, and back in 2005 he had a patient in need of a heart transplant.

One day, his patient was overjoyed to tell him that a matching donor had been found for him in China and that the operation was scheduled to take place in two weeks' time.

Take a moment and dwell on the end of that sentence before we continue. The average waiting time for a heart transplant in the UK is months if you're incredibly lucky, years or never otherwise.

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But more importantly, *organ transplants cannot be booked in advance*. You can't freeze the organs of the recently deceased and then take them out when they're needed in the future like in some sci-fi novel.

No, Dr Lavee knew, there was only one way it was possible for the Chinese hospital to provide such an appointment: because they knew when the donor was going to die. And they knew when the donor was going to die because they were going to kill them.

Thanks to Dr Lavee's efforts following this experience, Israel banned its citizens from getting transplants from China. In his own words:

"My personal motivation going into this issue was the fact that I am the son of a father who was a refugee from a Nazi concentration camp, and I told myself that we cannot repeat the same story that went on during the Second World War, during the Holocaust, where the entire world knew about the Holocaust of the Jewish people and did nothing. Here we know about the genocide of people within China, about the crime against humanity that is taking place in China, and I needed to do something about it."

This issue of *The Fleet Street Letter Monthly Alert* can be summed up put bluntly as a question.

How would you treat a country whose government systematically murders people for their organs on an industrial scale, for no "crime" other than their ethnicity or their religion?

They don't even give the victims anaesthetic. They just paralyse them, crack their bodies open and rip the organs out.

So what would you do about it?

But the future is what matters to investors. And so, this month, your *The Fleet Street Letter* editorial team has put together what we call a Predictions Pack. It's practically a tradition, after all.

Perhaps you'd boycott goods from this country. Perhaps you'd raise awareness through signing petitions, or donate to a charity that seeks to aid and protect the victims.

Whatever the case, you'd think twice before investing in that country and supporting the economy of a regime perpetrating such heinous crimes. Now, imagine for a second that suddenly many investors and consumers come to this realisation... and that the country in question is the engine of the entire global economy.

When the world realises the sheer depravity and near indescribable hell the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has wrought upon the citizens it deems to be a threat, the consequences for the global economy will be severe.

But those are some big claims. Let's be specific.

China's ethnic, religious and political cleansing

So what is really going on inside China and the north-west region of Xinjiang specifically? And is it really bad enough to cause a major geopolitical, economic and even financial crisis?

In short: yes – but only once the world knows exactly what is going on there. And if Google searches are any guide, people are beginning to get very interested in the topic:

Global Google interest in "Xinjiang"



Source: Google Trends

So let's show you what is going on there, so you can grasp just how bad things are. As Sir Geoffrey Nice, a British lawyer who previously prosecuted the Yugoslavian president Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes and genocide, explained to the United Nations: "The time of convenient 'uncertainty', when all these entities could say the case against (China) was not proved, is past."

While mass incarceration is the least dramatic part of what you're about to discover, it's the best place to start. Because it is of course how these things always begin...

Vocational training *macht frei*

The Washington Post and Daily Mail estimate up to three million people have been incarcerated in the region of Xinjiang, largely in internment camps built since 2017.

They're mostly from the Turkic Muslim group known as the Uighurs. The religious group Falun Gong is also a target thanks to its shady practices (slow-moving exercises and meditation), as well as its subversive moral philosophy (with its central tenets of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance). Both groups, as well as Christians and Tibetans, are enemies of the CCP as they represent an alternate identity with a separate allegiance than to the atheistic CCP.

The district of Xinjiang has produced terrorism from separatists and Islamic terror groups, which has led to a brutal crackdown on the Uighur population as a whole under the guise of "poverty alleviation". From Foreign Policy:

In Xinjiang, state-mandated poverty alleviation goes along with different forms of involuntary labor placements. Under the banner of "industry-driven poverty alleviation," minorities are being torn away from their own jobs and families. Just as brainwashing is masked as "job training," forced labor is concealed behind the euphemistic facade of "poverty alleviation."

The irony of placing interned Uighurs into labor-intensive sweatshops is that many of them were extremely skilled businesspeople, intellectuals, or scientists. Several years ago, flourishing Uighur businesses abroad were severely impacted by seizures of passports, and Uighurs have been progressively forced out of eastern Chinese labor markets. While there are many Uighurs living marginal economic existences, this group are not people who need unskilled labor jobs paid at around 85 cents per hour.

But for Beijing, the real aim is not to improve Uighurs' lives. It is to achieve so-called social stability in its most extreme form imaginable: the state controlling the educational, work, and care placement of every family member, however old they are.

As you'll discover from the harrowing examples to come, the Chinese government's "solution" to the unrest from Xinjiang is to destroy the culture, any dissidents, and even "breed out" the Uighur ethnicity itself.

China argues that the internment camps are for vocational and cultural training. That they're voluntary. That they're about freeing people from misguided ideas and thoughts.

Funnily enough, a former teacher who escaped one such camp told the BBC that even its teachers were forced to be there...

What's really going on inside? Well, the Washington Post called them "Concentration Camps".

But an internal document from the Chinese government was leaked to the press, providing some detailed answers about each step of the path that typical inmates follow.

Life on the inside

According to the BBC's Panorama journalists, who investigated the leaks, many of the Uighurs are first imprisoned in the camps because suspicions about them cannot be allayed. That's a new one – not just "arrested on suspicion" of something, but imprisoned for the failure to allay suspicions!

Others are brought in supposedly because they were found to have the messaging app WhatsApp on their phone.

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Once caught and rounded up, the prisoners are sometimes blindfolded, cuffed and herded on to trains in large groups after getting their heads shaved. This drone footage shows one such example.



Source: YouTube – War on Fear

Then they're shipped off to the camps, which have been built since 2017.

The UK government's diplomats have confirmed these are internment camps, likely extrajudicial, and not vocational training centres. Torture is said to be rife inside.

The inmates supposedly spend their time retraining for various vocations by singing the national anthem repeatedly, learning Mandarin Chinese and thanking the CPE for its hospitality.

They serve at least a year inside the camp, at which point they must convince various committees they've been reformed. Then they are often sent into forced slave labour in China's factories.

Once they make it home from the slave labour, they are followed, monitored and "should not leave the line of sight for one year". In the cities of Xinjiang, there are surveillance cameras covering every front door.

If the prisoners get home, they might find someone new in their bed with their wife, as mandated by the CPE.

The "Pair Up and Become Family Program"

The mainstream Australian news website News.com.au reported the following:

As part of the "Pair Up and Become Family" program, Han Chinese men stay with and sleep in the same beds as Uighur women. According to the Chinese Government, the program is designed to "promote ethnic unity".

But to Rushan Abbas, a Uighur activist whose family members have been detained in the Xinjiang camps for more than a year, it's nothing more than systemised rape — part of the Government's brutal ongoing crackdown against the country's ethnic minority.

"This is mass rape," she told news.com.au. "The Government is offering money, housing and jobs to Han people to come and marry Uighur people.

"Neither the girls nor their families can reject such a marriage because they will be viewed (by Chinese authorities) as Islamic extremists for not wanting to marry atheist Han Chinese. They have no choice but to marry them.

"(The Han Chinese) have been raping Uighur women in the name of marriage for years. It took more than a year for the media to pick that up."

In one alleged case, 77 Uighur Muslim girls were married to Han Chinese atheist officials as a group in one day in a mass ceremony.

Mass wedding ceremony



Source: Twitter – @SamEdwardx

Another whistleblower who allegedly attended such a wedding put it like this:

After locking up all the Uyghur males in concentration camps, China is forcing Uyghur women to marry Chinese men. A genocide is taking place in the open yet the international community including Turkic and Muslim countries continue to ignore the cries of their Uyghur Muslim brothers and sisters.

But don't worry. It gets worse.

"Poverty alleviation" and profiteering from persecution

As ever, there are those simply trying to make a quick buck from persecution. This takes various forms, including those you'd expect and have heard about in the media.

American news publication Foreign Policy investigated just how ingrained "coerced Uighur labor" is in China's economy. It concluded it "touches almost every part of the supply chain" and "forced labour is concealed behind the euphemistic facade of "poverty alleviation"." Tesco recently found that out the hard way when its Christmas cards were implicated.

There's a particular industry caught up in all this, which I think is worth noting. China produces about 22% of the world's cotton and last year, 84% of Chinese cotton came from Xinjiang. Unsurprisingly, "what is almost certainly coerced labour is very deeply entrenched into the supply chain that exists in Xinjiang," according to Nathan Ruser, researcher at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

You may be surprised to know that Japanese clothing retailers Muji and Uniqlo, both very popular in the West, proudly use "Xinjiang Cotton" as a selling point in their marketing. It's worth checking for this on the labels of your clothing if you shop there. But plenty of other brands are caught up, including H&M, Esprit and Adidas according to a Wall Street Journal investigation.

Volkswagen also has a factory in the area, but don't worry – the company has stated, "We assume that there is no forced labour"...

Financial newsletter topics aside, I thought you might like to know that your t-shirt might have been made by someone who experienced China's persecution first hand. Would you have bought Nazi goods because they were cheap and high quality?

But the slave labourers would be the lucky ones. Because the worst example of China's atrocities isn't the harvesting of cotton.

Chilli paste self-sterilisation

To hear Wikipedia tell it, this section is really quite unremarkable: "Recently there have been attempts to restrict the Uyghur birth rate and increase the Han fertility rate in portions of Xinjiang to counteract Uyghur separatism."

No doubt apologists for the CCP have been hard at work here. For if you ask escapees what

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happens in the camps, the reality is much darker.

Most newspapers stick to verifiable information about Xinjiang. But the Daily Mail's article also discussed what escapees claim happens in the camps. You may want to skip this section.

But the escaped women and local rights groups say attempts to curb the Muslim population - using methods such as rubbing chilli paste on women's privates - are common.

Student Ruqiye Perhat, who was arrested in Xinjiang in 2009 and spent four years in prison before fleeing to Turkey, told the Washington Post: 'Any woman or man under age 35 was raped and sexually abused.'

And others who have fled the camp more recently claimed the rapes had become more systematic than in normal prisons.

The camps' guards would 'put bags on the heads of the ones they wanted' before dragging the women outside and raping them through the night.

In one case, a human rights activist claimed there had been seven instances of women forced into having intrauterine devices implanted.

And it was claimed women who were pregnant when they were arrested were made to have brutal abortions.

Gulzira Mogdyn, 38, who fled to Almaty, Kazakhstan, told of the gruesome way officials cut her open and ripped out her fetus without anaesthetic.

Others have previously said the Chinese guards would also medically experiment on them ahead of planned organ harvesting.

Women who have survived the camps speak of being given medication that stops their menstrual cycles. One of the first Western reports on the horrors going on in Xinjiang, which barely attracted a whimper of attention from the press over eight years ago, claimed the cold-blooded infanticide of Uighur babies was occurring:

If a Uighur couple had a second child, even if the birth was legally sanctioned, Chinese maternity doctors, [a nurse in the hospital] observed, administered an injection (described as an antibiotic) to the infant. The nurse could not recall a single instance of the same injection given to a Chinese baby. Within three days the infant would turn blue and die. Chinese staffers offered a rote explanation to Uighur mothers: Your baby was too weak, your baby could not handle the drug.

The diabolical human disassembly line

There's something we didn't mention earlier about the Uighurs in Xinjiang. Literally every Uighur, not just those in the camps (some 15 million people), have been given blood and DNA tests. Those in the camps are also given ultrasounds and tissue tests and have their organs inspected by doctors (often in between torture sessions).

The victims are told this is done "for their health". Nothing could be further from the truth.

The average waiting time for a liver transplant in the UK for adults is 135 days. For kidneys, the average wait is longer at 2.5 to 3 years. But in China, you can get an organ in as little as two weeks. And as alluded to at the beginning of this issue – if you're a foreigner who'll pay, or a party official, you can book the surgery in advance.

By the tribunals calculations, between 60,000 and 90,000 organ transplants take place in China per year. But according to the government's statistics for 2017, there were only 5,146 eligible donors. Clearly, the maths doesn't add up, not by a long shot.

The organs are coming from somewhere else. From other "donors". From the Uighurs, from the Falun Gong practitioners, and likely from the Tibetans and Christians who are also being tortured and murdered in the camps. All "killed to order" for organ tourists with money or CCP officials.

The whole point of the blood, DNA and tissue tests and ultrasounds is to log their medical details into an organ database, so if a CCP official or a foreigner with cash wants a transplant, then their medical data can swiftly be matched with an unwitting victim, who can then be brought in and murdered at a time best suited to the customer.

Of all this hideous hellishness, what you're about to read is one of the most disturbing corners of

the story. But please bear with us; there's a reason we're being this graphic. It's specifically the sickening nature of what's going on that'll force the world to react.

Live harvesting

As live organs are less likely to be rejected by a new host, the innocent victims have their organs removed while they're still alive – they're not even given any anaesthetic.

If they're lucky, they're shot in the right side of the chest to put their body into shock before they're cut open and their organs are harvested. But there's evidence that even a gunshot is not afforded to some of the innocent victims, who are fully conscious and die screaming as their organs are cut from their bodies.

The sheer diabolical scale of this operation is hard to comprehend. To process this murder of tens of thousands every year and transplant their organs... such a system requires significant infrastructure, and Lord knows how many participants. The true number of victims will no doubt be debated by historians in future decades.

Such sickeningly horrific scenes could be taken straight from Dr Josef Mengele's infernal practice during the Holocaust. Remember them when you hear somebody label politicians they dislike as "Nazis", as is now fashionable. (Isn't it incredible how President Donald Trump's visits to London are heralded by all manner of protests, and yet when Chairman Xi Jinping pays a visit, he elicits barely a peep of protest from the very same people?)

The tragic truth?

Much of this awful information was brought to light and verified by the Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting of Prisoners of Conscience in China, known as the China Tribunal. It began in December 2018, and gave its final judgement in September 2019, after which its final judgement was presented to the UN Human Rights Council. It was hosted in London, led by Sir Geoffrey Nice, who we previously mentioned prosecuted the former Yugoslavian president Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes.

The tribunal received evidence from medical experts, human rights experts and witnesses including victims from the camps and even a Chinese surgeon who had performed such a transplant.

An Australian group of lawyers, academics, and medical professionals, forming the International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China, backed the accusations. To the tribunal, China's actions:

"... will, inevitably, be likened to the worst atrocities committed in conflicts of the 20th century; but victim for victim and death for death, the gassing of the Jews by the Nazis, the massacre by the Khmer Rouge or the butchery to death of the Rwanda Tutsis may not be worse than cutting out the hearts, other organs and the very souls of living, blameless, harmless, peaceable people."

The tribunal judged the above atrocities crimes against humanity, while making sure to point the blame not at the Chinese people, but at their government:

In the wonderful, diverse, cultured land of China where, today, the PRC and the CCP may be involved in many more areas of life than is the case in some other countries, any who interact in any substantial way with the PRC including:

- *Doctors and medical institutions;*
- *Industry, and businesses, most specifically airlines, travel companies, financial services businesses, law firms and pharmaceutical and insurance companies together with individual tourists,*
- *Educational establishments;*
- *Arts establishments*

Should now recognise that they are, to the extent revealed above, interacting with a criminal state.

The Chinese response to the findings of the tribunal, presented to the UN in Geneva, was fascinating. According to Reuters, government officials denied that the practice is widespread and argued that the government had stopped harvesting the organs of executed prisoners in 2015.

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Perhaps that's why they call them "Vocational Training Centres" now...

That ends of our tour of "life in Xinjiang". But we're not finished. Because even after they've died, the CCP still isn't quite finished with the Uighurs.

This bone is "too big to be a human's"

The desecration of burial sites is a good example of this attempt to wipe out the Uighur identity. Satellite images show the desecration of 30 traditional Muslim burial grounds in the last two years, replacing them with car parks and other facilities, including a "Happiness Park", with fake pandas. The Chinese government calls it the "standardisation" of graves.

When foreign journalists visited 13 former cemeteries to survey the aftermath of Chinese attempts to "move" them, local officials denied the remaining human remains were human at all: "one even picked up a bone, held it next to his right shin and declared it "too big to be a human's". According to the Australian news site News.com.au, one case included "the destruction of coffins in central Jiangxi last year to force locals to cremate" their relatives.

It should also be noted that crematoria are being built in Xinjiang, with job adverts posted for "stouthearted" guards to man them – I'll let you make the historical comparisons. From Radio Free Asia in 2018:

When asked if authorities are building crematoria throughout the region, the staff member said the facilities "are being built everywhere," and typically require a staff of 15 people, who cremate two to five corpses each week in a process that takes around 90 minutes for each body...

... members of the exile community say that authorities use the crematoria to secretly "deal with" the bodies of Uyghurs who have been killed by security forces during protests against pervasive discrimination, religious repression, and cultural suppression under Chinese rule in the XUAR, or who have died under questionable circumstances in re-education camps...

Amid concerns over the expansion of burial management centers in the XUAR, a job posting listed on the official government website for the region's capital Urumqi last month called for "50 security personnel with above average health, who are physically and mentally fit, and exceptionally brave, to work in the crematorium located in the city's Saybagh district for a salary of more than 8,000 yuan (U.S. \$1,215) per month."

And that brings our tour of life and death in Xinjiang to an end.

Think this is too horrific to be true? We don't blame you. We wish everything you've just read is falsehood and fiction. If you have the stomach for it, go to chinatribunal.com, look at the evidence for yourself. Read the tribunal's [damning final judgement](#), accompanied by all the terrible testimonies. Feel free to look up and check any of the articles we've quoted from other publications to verify them.

How has this tour of the atrocities left you feeling? I hope it puts our opening question to you into context: what would you have done in 1933? Would you have appeased or apologised for the Nazis, or agitated against them?

When concentration camps and other monstrosities were discovered during the fall of the Third Reich, many Germans claimed not to have known what was going on. You do not have that excuse.

So, with that in mind, would you have relied upon the Nazis for your goods and services... or to deliver investment returns for your retirement? Because that's what we do now for China.

We're right back there, with the same type sorts of atrocities taking place. Only this time...

You won't be able to say you didn't know

Recalling atrocity stories during World War I that later proved to be false, American journalists tended to be cautious about claims of mass murder. So even though they reported the news, their editors rarely featured those stories on the front page and were careful not to emphasize claims of atrocities. Nevertheless, on December 13, 1942, Edward R. Murrow of the CBS radio network bluntly reported, "What is happening is this. Millions of human beings, most of them Jews, are being gathered up with ruthless efficiency and murdered. The phrase 'concentration camps' is obsolete, as out of date as economic sanctions or non-recognition. It is now possible only to speak of extermination camps."

– Facing History

Just as in 1942, the news of the horrors are being reported. But it was only after the war that the sheer scale and depravity of the Holocaust was widely appreciated. It was only when cameras were brought into the camps, and soldiers returned home with their stories of discovering them and going inside, that the horror of it reached a global audience.

Thanks to the internet, the preponderance of cameras around the world, and the ease of communication, discovery of the CCP's crimes can go viral without Western troops invading the camps. War won't be required to trigger worldwide revulsion.

And as China's relations with developed nations around the world – specifically the US and its allies – erodes, such a turn in opinion seems inevitable.

Since the end of the first Cold War, lacking a major superpower to compete against, politicians throughout the West have entertained and subscribed to the notion that there's little more important than GDP growth. China's risks to national security, its brutal authoritarianism and human rights abuses, have all been purposefully overlooked by Western political and industrial leaders greedy to grow their economies by plugging them into China's massive capacity for labour and consumption.

But that era of globalisation and "GDP at any cost" is coming to an end. The rise of China as a military adversary with grand designs upon its neighbours and the world has seen to that. When the CCP's diabolical deeds gain global recognition – as we believe they soon will – those in the West who turned a blind eye to its evil will be branded apologists and appeasers, just like those who stood pat while the Nazis gained power. "Made in China" labels will be spurned by consumers, and global supply chains will be forced to move from the country, if not by their governments, then by their customers.

Sonny Bill Williams, the famous rugby player, summed it up eloquently when he said that "It's a sad time when we choose economic benefits over humanity". He was talking about the horrors that await those in China's camps, and how they've been swept under the carpet by politicians too afraid to challenge China and disrupt the global economic status quo.

The last time the world punished the CCP for its brutality was in 1989 after the Tiananmen Square Massacre. But in 1989 China wasn't anywhere near as closely integrated into the global economy as it is now. China has become an engine of global economic growth thanks to its gigantic debt expansion and colossal fiscal stimulus programmes, which have created vast networks of infrastructure, and 50 million vacant properties (20% of all properties in the country).

"Just look at all the infrastructure they've built, the growth they are creating, the prosperity they've brought to the entire country so rapidly," say the appeasers. Some even go so far as to say Western democracies should follow China's model.

But people said just the same thing about Hitler – even Nickolai's German family. At first, he did great things for Germany – like building the Autobahn, and "giving people jobs". It was only later that the price to be paid was revealed.

Appeasers in plain sight

However, just as back in 1942, the press are afraid. Not just of being accused of spreading fake news, but also simply of offending China.

Just look at this headline from the front page of the New York Times a couple of weeks ago. Afraid of offending the Chinese government, it pussyfooted around the grim reality with a sugar-coated headline:



Source: *The New York Times*

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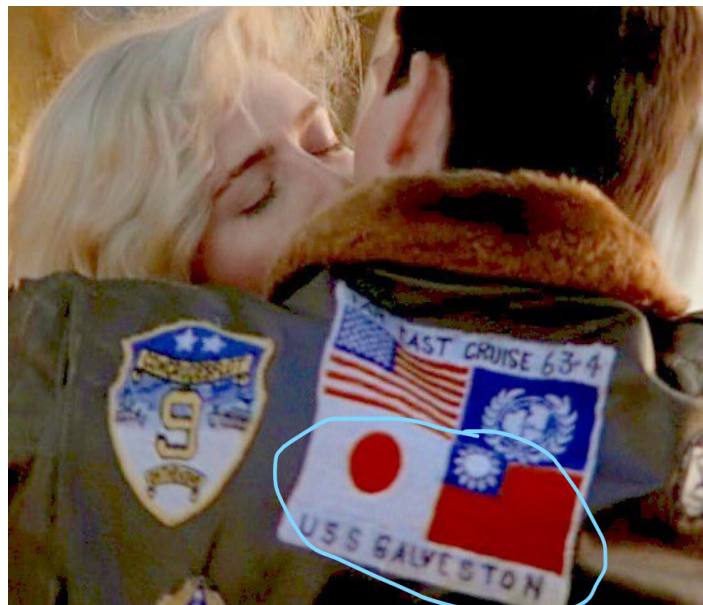
(In fairness, the body of the article has merit, revealing yet more of the grim reality for kids living in Xinjiang. The headline was subsequently changed after it went to print to the more suitable “In China’s Crackdown on Muslims, Children Have Not Been Spared”. It was likely the editor was afraid of ruffling CCP feathers, and changed the headline for the print edition.)

China’s grand censoring reach throughout the West is worthy of an issue in itself. Probably the shiniest of China’s acquisitions is Hollywood – there’s a reason you don’t see any Chinese villains or bad Chinese government behaviour at the movies. Chairman Xi has re-emphasised Mao Zedong’s edict that art should serve politics, and that doesn’t just mean art in China.

Chinese enterprises have poured over \$8.6 billion since 2012 into Hollywood, buying up film production companies and cinema chains, and major films portraying China in a way thought of as negative by the propaganda office are prevented from being made from the get-go.

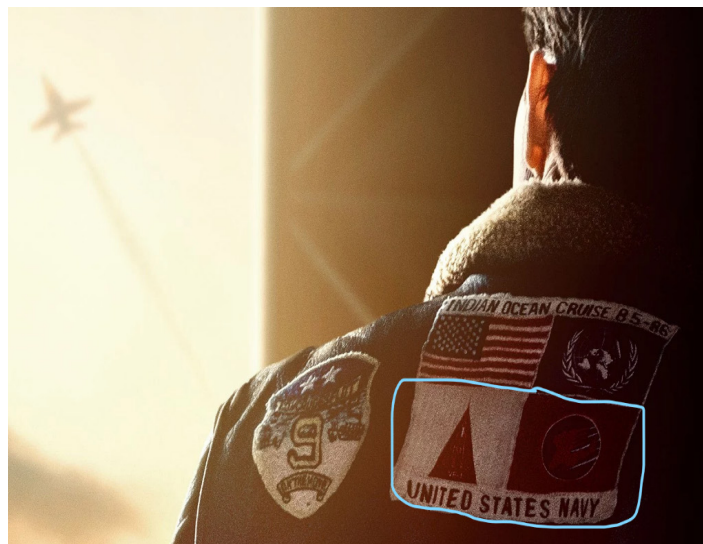
The James Bond movie Skyfall had to remove a scene in which Bond kills a Chinese security guard, because it shows a Chinese person being killed by a foreigner. A scene was removed in Men in Black 3 in which civilians’ memories are erased as it may have been perceived as a commentary on China’s censorship.

An example you’ll be able to see in cinemas later this year is in the upcoming Top Gun sequel, where Tom Cruise’s jacket in the original...



Source: still from the Top Gun film

Has been altered to be rid of the Taiwanese and Japanese flags:



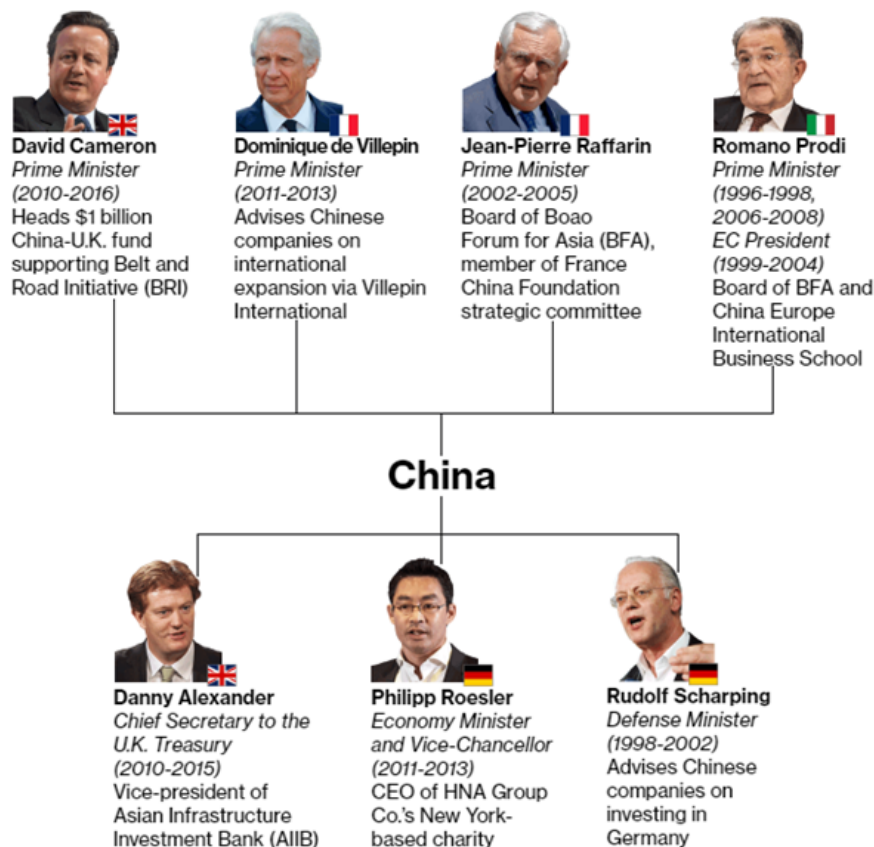
Source: poster for Top Gun: Maverick

When Red Dawn was rebooted a few years back, the original script's idea of a Chinese invasion of the US was scrapped in favour of an even more unlikely North Korean invasion.

But the majority of China's influence in Western film is not nearly so obvious.

As many Hollywood films now make significant portions of their revenue in China, in some cases even more than they do in the US, any movie concepts that might offend the propaganda wing of the CCP are disincentivised from the very start. The Chinese propaganda department is deliberately vague in its demands to make movie makers second-guess themselves and self-censor any plot element that could be even remotely viewed as anti-China.

Politicians are similarly lured into speaking softly about China. China's explosion of wealth has lured in many European politicians, who are keen to assist the CCP in its ambition to ingratiate itself with Europe's political and business establishment. Just take a look at this rogues gallery from Bloomberg:



Source: Bloomberg

But it's not just those who've left public service who're afraid to displease the red flag.

Here's "progressive firebrand" Jacinda Ardern, the prime minister of New Zealand, on what she did for the Uighurs when she visited Beijing (emphasis ours):

*"I raised the issue directly with the Premier and with the President. **You can't do much more than that.**"*

"At the same time, simply I'm referring back to the United Nations response because it is a comprehensive one, it discusses a range of responses and expectations."

At the end of the very same article:

*Li Haidong, a professor at the China Foreign Affairs University's Institute of International Relations **in Beijing**, told the Global Times: "New Zealand's approach in dealing with China is wiser and more pragmatic than other Western countries."*

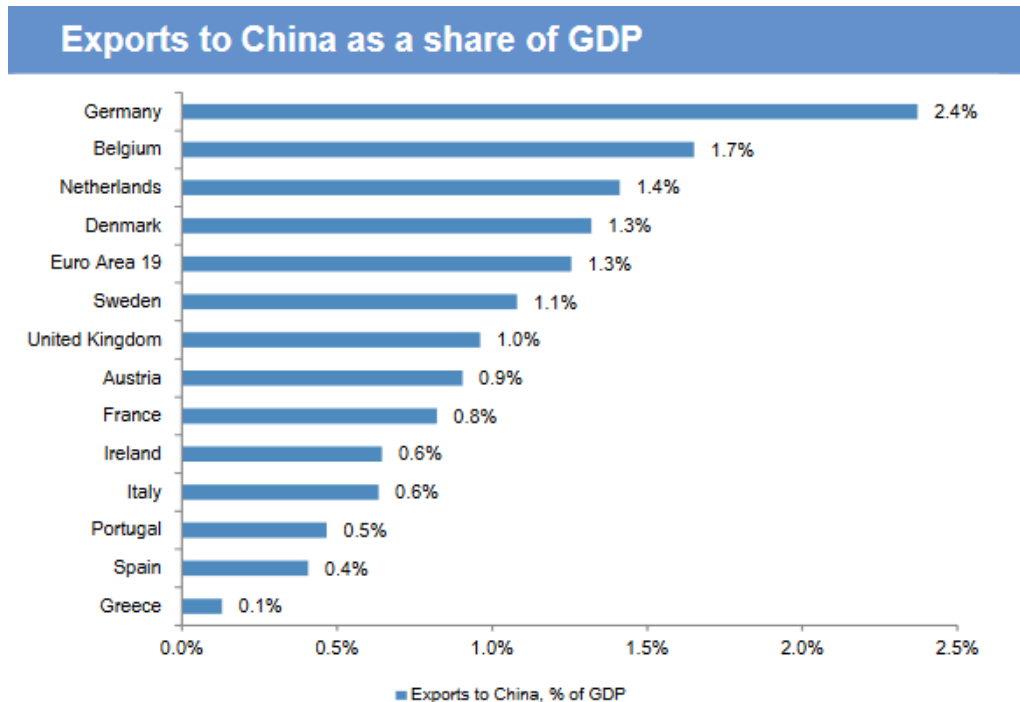
Yeah, great job, Jacinda Chamberlain.

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The reason many Western leaders bend over for Beijing is because disrupting Chinese trade would cause economic pain in their own countries, which would harm their re-election chances and scuttle their second career working for some pro-China institution.

But the horrors of Xinjiang can only be politely deflected by the political classes, media and Hollywood for so long.

These are the countries in Europe most likely to apologise for and defend the CCP, and resist any change to the status quo. Ironically, Germany is number 1:



The massive reliance Germany has on Chinese demand for German goods is likely why Angela Merkel has been so reluctant to shun Huawei

Source: The Market Ear

For years, Falun Gong emigrants in Melbourne have been putting on a display of the various forms of torture they'd been subjected to in China. But it just doesn't seem real on the streets of Melbourne. Those times are over.

The Xinjiang story is increasingly gaining traction, as that Google Trends chart from earlier attested to. Politicians and their voters around the world are increasingly paying attention to the story. Everyone from Premier League stars and rugby players to the US secretary of state and vice president are openly trying to tell you about what's going on. Even the BBC reports on some of it!

The whistleblowers are reaching critical mass...

The Arsenal midfielder Mesut Özil recently caused a storm with a Twitter post about Uighurs on his Twitter account. Here's some of what he wrote:

Qurans are burned... Mosques were closed down... Islamic theological schools, Madrasahs were banned ... Religious scholars were killed one by one ... Despite all this, Muslims stay quiet.

Özil heavily criticises Muslim politicians for not speaking out about the plight of their own people. That was the basis of his message – it wasn't an outcry for attention. But it kicked the hornet's nest. He was widely condemned. And the debate became all about whether he should've spoken out instead of what he spoke out about – a classic tactic to contain whistleblowers.

Another example is Mike Pompeo, the US secretary of state (who has been very vocal on the plight of the Uighurs, as we'll come to). This Sky News headline read, "Mike Pompeo backs Arsenal's Mesut Ozil after criticism of China's treatment of Uighurs".

One cunning example comes from American teenager Feroza Aziz. Her videos about how to apply makeup suddenly went viral on the Chinese video sharing platform TikTok, reaching 1.4 million

views, plus more than 5 million on Twitter.

Why? One of her make-up tutorials begins with a close-up shot of her using an eyelash curler, and begins instructing her avid fans on how to use it. But then things take an unexpected turn:

"Then you're going to put [the eyelash curler] down and use your phone... to search up what's happening in China, how they're getting concentration camps, throwing innocent Muslims in there, separating families from each other, kidnapping them, murdering them, raping them, forcing them to eat pork, forcing them to drink, forcing them to convert.

This is another Holocaust, yet no one is talking about it. Please be aware, please spread awareness [on] Xinjiang right now."



Aziz was repeatedly banned from TikTok, each time after mentioning Uighurs.

After Özil criticised Muslim politicians for failing to deal with or publicise China's persecution, he was "disappeared" in China. His Chinese Weibo social media account, which had more than 4 million followers, was closed and his 30,000-strong fan club was closed down.

Computer games like *FIFA* and *Pro Evolution Soccer 2020* no longer feature the player. Arsenal fans in China can no longer watch the Gunners play. As one company's statement put it, Özil "hurt the feelings of Chinese fans and violated the sport's spirit of love and peace. We do not understand, accept or forgive this."

Özil's club also abandoned its player. Former Arsenal manager and FIFA's chief of global football development Arsène Wenger argued that Özil had to "accept the consequences" of his statement.

Speaking out gets you silenced, at best.

Not that Özil stands alone in the football world. Mid-tier German side FC Köln has ended its academy relationship with China, citing human rights issues. But examples like this are noteworthy because they're exceptions.

Ostracising whistleblowers and activists has been incredibly successful. As has censorship. Chinese viewers of the US Democratic presidential debate suddenly saw their screens go black as candidates were asked about Xinjiang.



Will Ripley
@willripleyCNN

CNN live feed of Democratic presidential debate goes to black in Beijing. Candidates were asked about China's human rights record & the mass detention of Muslim minorities in Xinjiang. [#PresidentialDebate](#)



2:01 AM · Dec 20, 2019 from Beijing, People's Republic of China · Twitter for iPhone

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Source: Twitter – @WillripleyCNN

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But the public is catching on, more and more. And there's a growing potential for a leader who knows just how bad things are in China, and that public opinion is about to swing behind them.

Some leaders know that appeasement has failed

The Tribunal merely notes, with disappointment, how both UK and Australian governments have expressed no desire properly to test the allegations by themselves or through the United Nations. It might be expected that allegations such as these - as grave as any on a death for death basis that were proved against the worst political mass murderers of the 20th century - might be thought worthy of the most urgent and potentially beneficial action that the world order would allow.

Not to be expected, it seems, of the UK and Australia. As noted, the USA took a different line.

– The China Tribunal (emphasis ours)

Deep in the vaults of the British Library, by St Pancras International Station, are issues of *The Fleet Street Letter* from the 1930s. They detail how it was dawning on the British establishment that the policy of appeasing Nazi Germany had failed. The question was what to do next.

That is where we are now. A few political leaders around the world have figured out that appeasement hasn't worked, and are working actively against China's ambitions: the US in particular.

Leon Panetta, former US secretary of defence, director of the CIA, White House chief of staff, and director of the Office of Management and Budget has said of Xinjiang. "I do believe that countries will come together to say, 'This cannot be tolerated. We cannot allow this kind of indignity to take place in the world of the 21st century.'"

Mike Pompeo, US secretary of state, has been giving incendiary speeches. One cannot help but wonder whether they would have got much more attention had they been made by Hillary Clinton. Pompeo has given press conferences detailing China's "brutal detention and systematic repression of Uighurs and members of other Muslim minority groups in Xinjiang" and openly called for China to "immediately release all those who are arbitrarily detained and to end its draconian policies that have terrorized its own citizens in Xinjiang." He's also urged other countries to reject Beijing's requests for their Uighur populations to be sent back to China.

VP Mike Pence remains incredibly hawkish on China in the White House, and reaffirmed his anti-CCP stance in late 2019 in a speech at the Wilson Center:

To uphold the values of freedom-loving people everywhere, we've also called out the Chinese Communist Party for suppressing freedom of religion of the Chinese people. Millions of ethnic and religious minorities in China are struggling against the party's efforts to eradicate their religious and cultural identities.

After the speech in a Q&A session, Pence, who holds strong Christian beliefs, appeared personally distressed by the persecution of minorities. Considering he'll be plugged into US intelligence, it's likely he's aware of the organ harvesting. He didn't pull any punches when it came to accusing others of appeasing China either, attacking a very long list of entities in the US who had taken Chinese money in exchange for influence: universities, state and federal officials, think tanks, the NBA and Nike.

Just like Sonny Bill William's quote, Pence summed up the future of US/China relations in two sentences:

In response to America's actions and resolve, some multinational corporations say our economic policies are too tough, and that advancing our interests and our values runs contrary to better relations with China. Needless to say, we see it very differently.

Nikki Haley, former US representative to the United Nations, has made it quite clear the threat represented by China. How's this for Cold War rhetoric?

In recent years, many problems have been described as requiring "whole of government" responses. China requires a response that is not just "whole of government" but "whole of nation." Fortunately, there is support across the political spectrum for countering China's new aggressive policies. We must act now, before it's too late. The stakes are high. They could be life

or death.

Keep an eye on Haley, as she's likely to run for president as a Republican candidate in 2024. If Pence runs as president with Haley as his VP (or vice-versa) and they get in, the results will be explosive, and very bearish for China.

Whatever the case, there is now bipartisan support in the US for a much more cautious approach to China. The full force of public opinion and the demand to act has not yet swung – but it's coming.

When will the public snap?

Let me ask you the same question we started with in a different way: how bad do things need to get before you take note? And I mean truly take note. To the point where you want to take action.

What level of depravity must you be shown before you start buying your clothes from different shops, start voting for different politicians and start demanding something be done?

Murder for organs? Infanticide? Forced abortions? Self-sterilisations with chilli?

Uighur activist Rushan Abbas, whose aunt and sister both disappeared at the same time, despite living 1,400 kilometres away from each other, has the same question for you:

What are we waiting for? Mass executions and gas chambers before we take action? What is it going to take to have the leaders of world communities – particularly Western democratic countries like Australia – to act? Executions? Is that what it's going to come down to?

Every possible “buzz word” description of the atrocities is bandied about in the media. The Guardian called it “ethnic cleansing”. The US Congressional-Executive Commission on China argued there may be “crimes against humanity”, while the China Tribunal concluded they definitely were. And so on and so forth.

Dr. Adrian Zenz, a Xinjiang expert interviewed on BBC's Panorama programme, said it best, if you're looking for historical perspective: “The world should acknowledge this for what it is. The largest internment of an ethnic minority since the Holocaust”.

To hear history rhyme particularly loudly, check out this declaration from a Chinese Research Institute claiming that Han Chinese are not actually Homo sapiens at all, [but a species apart from the rest of humanity](#). Or take a look at this Chinese news outlet celebrating a Chinese cultural pilgrimage and declaring that [“blood is thicker than water”](#) ([skip to 0:53 if you're in a hurry](#)).

All the signs are there that this is leading to an international crisis borne of confrontation. But it hasn't happened yet. Why?

The return of “machine gun” Joe McCarthy

You likely heard a lot about the Overton Window in 2019. It refers to the range of policies that's considered mainstream and acceptable. Idealists don't pay attention to it, which is why they don't get elected or shouldn't become politicians.

The Overton Window on policy towards China is about to lurch towards taking action. Campaigning to end trade and political ties with a nation which does all of the things discussed at length above will prove an intensely popular electoral strategy.

If a capable and charismatic politician like Nigel Farage can convince millions to leave the European Union, then it's only a matter of time before an ambitious politician seizes the opportunity on China. There is a massive political career opportunity to be made in doing it – the horror of China's crimes require little embellishment, and it's so easy to illustrate how political and industrial leaders are being cowards.

And this has all happened before, with such success that the man who achieved it had an -ism named after him: Senator Joe McCarthy, creator of McCarthyism. McCarthy's “Red Scare” was *too* successful in making Americans aware and afraid of the Soviet threat to the point that his name is now almost exclusively invoked in a negative context.

It'll take a “missionary” character to bring the story of Xinjiang on to front pages and into the trending tab of social networks. But once they do, the world will change. Whoever it is has the distinct advantage that until now the public have only really seen the US/China conflict through

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the illusory and conceptual term “trade war”. Present the truth of China’s mistreatment of Uighurs for what it is, a close relative of the Holocaust, and it will be much simpler to get the public on board with your agenda.

Once that initial shock has occurred, you can imagine how quickly the backlash against Chinese influence could occur. When suddenly much more public scrutiny is placed on China’s influence in Hollywood, US and European politics, those seen to be abetting China for a paycheck are going to be harshly rebuked.

Of particular note will be China’s influence on foreign universities, through the Confucius Institutes which the CCP has spent some \$278 million on setting up abroad. There are 29 of these institutes attached to UK universities alone, sold as benign entities that teach Chinese language and culture.

But they’re directly funded by the Chinese military, and engage in a whole host of sinister activity, like spying on Chinese students studying abroad, suppressing criticism of the Chinese government, and indoctrinating students with CCP propaganda.

Indeed, Jonathan Zimmerman, a historian at New York University, has said the institutes are China copying the 1930s “Mussolini model” of financing Italian language schools in the US for Fascist propaganda purposes.

A government that kills people for their organs is infiltrating your politics, your entertainment, and your children’s education – it’s not hard to see how another Red Scare could break out, if it’s said persuasively enough.

We can’t tell you when this missionary figure will arrive, but they will – the political opportunity is simply too great. And when they do, you’ll know it.

When they arrive and take this story globally, look to who immediately gets to work defending the Chinese government and attempting to downplay the atrocities, for their bread is likely buttered by Beijing.

Apathetic future

But what if we’re wrong about all this? What if people don’t care about the incarceration of millions in camps where they are tortured, forced to self-sterilise with chilli paste and have their organs removed for sale or babies removed for ethnic cleansing?

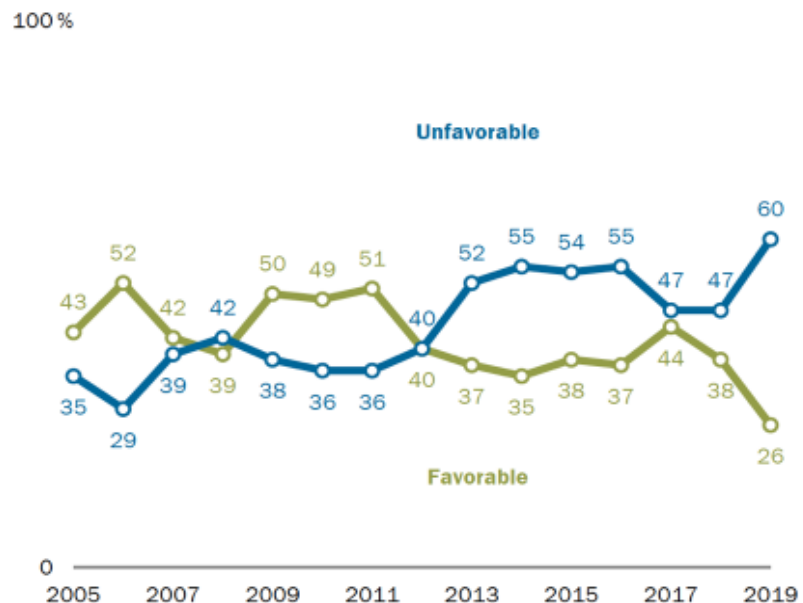
Or, what if we choose to pray and hope that China will change itself for the better? What if we swallow the appeasement policy that “The best we can do is encourage it to change by integrating more, not less”?

Well, the investments discussed above are largely prudent in this scenario as well. Investing in emerging markets with a bright future, a major provider of 5G infrastructure and a domestic boom in Britain is not reliant on a China bust-up.

Shifting your investment exposure away from China means missing out on any Chinese economic or financial asset boom. We believe this is an opportunity well worth missing given the risks of a

Share of Americans who have unfavorable view of China reaches new high

% who say they have a ___ opinion of China



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey. Q8b.

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geopolitical crisis, the fact that any capital in China can be seized at will by the CCP, not to mention that you may end up subsidising the regime which is committing a 21st century Holocaust.

How the worm turns

This month's issue wasn't designed to offend you. It's designed to make you realise what is going on inside China, and appreciate just how depraved and truly diabolical what is going on there is before the rest of the world wakes up and takes action. Because when it does, everything from the clothes you wear to the value of your portfolio will change drastically.

How things change is up to you – whether you're prepared for and know what's coming, and whether you acted in advance to protect yourself. Speaking of which, there's a recent instructive example of just how fast these things can escalate.

Aung San Suu Kyi was once the darling of the Western world and its human rights campaigners. She won the Nobel Peace Prize for promoting democracy in Myanmar in a non-violent way, despite being interned by the military for years. In 2012 she accepted the award, as well as the United States Congressional Gold Medal.

A month ago, Suu Kyi found herself defending her government from accusations of genocide at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. On Christmas Day, the Tampa Bay Times headline summed it up best: "A Nobel laureate justifies genocide and ethnic cleansing".

That is how the worm can turn.

It is turning on China today. Arguably the second most important economy in the world, and the leading light for global economic growth. But soon it will be an economic pariah as South Africa once was during apartheid.

Just make sure the worm doesn't turn on you. Not your wealth or your way of life.

And one last thing – coming from the perspective of one of us with English and German grandparents.

When your grandchildren ask you, "What did you do about the Chinese persecution of the Uighurs?" how will you respond?

"Nothing"?

"Well, you see, China made lots of cheap things for us, and it built lots of nice infrastructure for its people. And you should see how much GDP growth its government created?"

We'll leave you with the following harrowing comic about the plight of a Uighur woman which went viral and has been viewed by more than 25 million people all around the world. It was created by a Japanese cartoonist (which is why you probably haven't seen it yet), so you have to read it from right to left. [Read it here.](#)

That cartoon partly inspired this monthly issue. The need to speak out, as much as prepare our readers for what it all means. And it means a lot. Enough to make the world sit up, take note *and then act*. When it does, your life will change.

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