

Variations in Capitalist Corruption

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Five years after his extraction from Hong Kong and an investigation and trial, Chinese/Canadian oligarch Xiao Jianhua, founder of the Tomorrow Group, China's largest privately owned financial group, was sentenced to 13 years in prison and fined an UN-American \$8 billion. Along with the usual corrupt practices that are the norm in all major capitalist financial enterprises, what especially annoyed the elite is that his bribes of innumerable public officials in various forms amounted to \$100 million. Contributing to the corruption they are supposedly combating, the Chinese state has fed it by increasing the money supply to \$23 trillion (twice more than our Fed has shelled out), and what a surprise for these naive capitalists that much of it is used for wheeling and dealing rather than advancing the real economy.

The ruling elite is responsible for everything they criticize in addition to being hypocritical because they have large sums buried in Caribbean island banks. They are playing an 'above it all' game in their endless and futile efforts to force capitalists to stay focused on China's growth. The laws of capital are based on whatever is easiest, quickest, and large. In the practices of corruption, capitalism is at its most efficient.

The July Gallup poll found that only 14% of persons interviewed had confidence in the American justice system. As a result of the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission was created to investigate its causes covering the years 2007-2010. Obama was very soft on financial crime as he wasn't born into wealth and required a lot of outside help. His AG and head of the Criminal Division, Eric Holder and Lanny Breuer, were both trained in executive corruption by serving in the firm Covington and Burling which was the chief legal front of the tobacco industry in keeping sales up while people died over 40 lucrative years for both. When FCIC records were released it showed that a number of criminal cases were sent to the Justice Department and not one of the 9 individual cases or the 14 corporations were criminally prosecuted.

The American system of justice regarding capitalists is an initial tremendous burst of righteousness which then peters out to boring

nothingness such that those wanting justice are ashamed to have thought it might be possible.

Snippets

– According to the US National Association of Realtors Chinese buyers were the top foreign purchasers of US homes for the tenth consecutive year. \$6.1 billion over a 12 month period were spent on property purchases. This was 27% more than the previous year and that 6 out of 10 purchases were paid in cash. Note that the count included buyers from the China proper, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

– Employees of HSBC China’s joint venture have formed a Chinese Communist Party branch. This apparently is a first for a foreign owned finance operation. CCP branches are common on the mainland and since 2018 are required for private firms to list on domestic markets. Of course, they are about as communist as our local post office.

Powell’s 8-Minute Speech Erases \$78 Billion From Richest Americans

That is Bloomberg's Friday headline. The media's bullshit machine managed to gerrymander stocks up to a 50% recovery from the last major decline only to have a 3-4 percent decline across the indices (the DJIA down more than a thousand points) when Powell declared the battle against inflation is nowhere yet done. The economy is moribund here and worst in Europe. Sustaining a functioning economy/society are losing causes when burdened with the war in support of Ukrainaziland.

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