

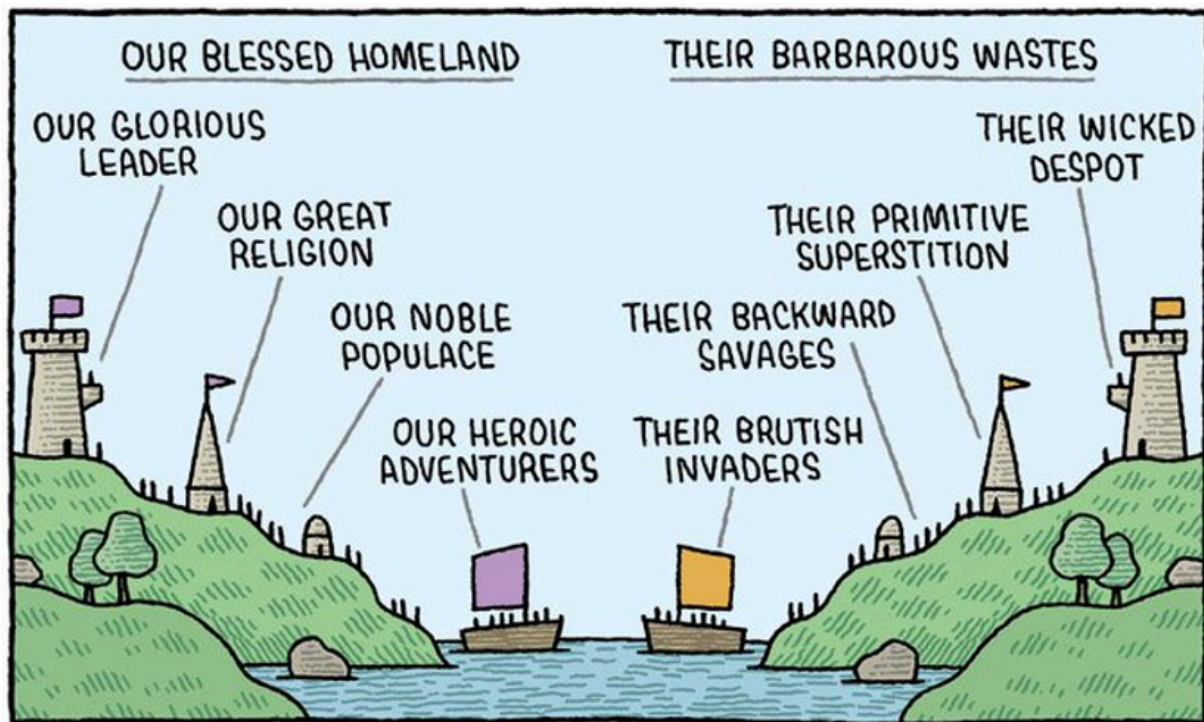


## **The relentless media aggression of the West in the East does not stop at Singapore and shoots itself in the foot.**

*Felix Abt*

Fri 26 Apr 2024

The Economist, the influential neo-conservative British magazine, attacks not only all those it considers enemies of the American and British empires, especially China and Russia, but also all those who do not clearly subordinate themselves to the interests of the axis of Western world domination led by Washington and London.



In addition, the magazine, like other like-minded Western media, applies completely different reporting standards. If the media were to report on their own heads of state in the same way as they do on the heads of state they detest in Moscow, Beijing or Singapore, the coverage would look something like this:

## IF THE PRESS REPORTED ON WESTERN LEADERS THE WAY IT REPORTS ON CHINESE LEADERS

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A terrified world breathed in sharply yesterday as the unelected leader of the world's most imperialist country cemented his power base yesterday.

In an unprecedented rise, Rishi Sunak took supreme control of the UK, a nuclear armed state, without a single vote from the public.

He crushed all opposition by stuffing his governing team with loyalists, making him the most powerful leader since Mao.

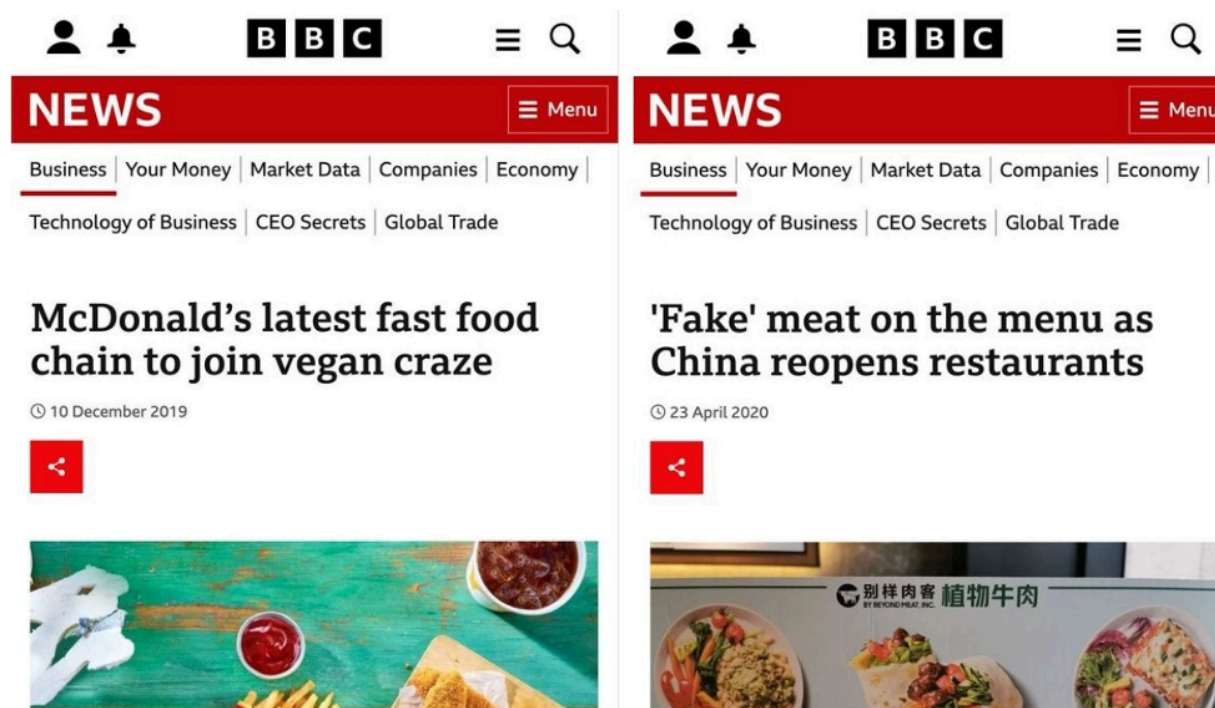
No press or public was allowed into his first talk as party leader, in a clear sign that the totalitarian country's severe free speech problem will worsen.

Dissident leader Keir Starmer demanded an immediate general election but analysts said the chances were zero.

"This is terrible news for the world," said an analyst from the depths of our imagination. "The UK has invaded all but 22 of the world's countries. It sends warships to Asian waters in clear acts of aggression. Expect global disaster."



Here's another example of when we do it versus when they do it:



*Did the Chinese invent the "fake" meat?*

These media outlets must have a widely circulated guide of "positive terms and descriptions" and "negative terms and descriptions" for just about everything under the sun, probably created by Washington: positive for the US and its allies, negative for China, other enemies and their allies. So very transparent.

What their manipulated media consumers didn't learn in this particular case is that it's not even Chinese restaurants selling "fake meat" as the BBC story claims! It's a US-based company selling this meat to US-branded food retailers operating in China.

Normally, when someone finds a cure that beats cancer, he or she should rightly be cheered. But the Western media, dependent on the huge advertising budgets of "Big Pharma", which has no interest in losing its huge cash cow (expensive cancer drugs), is alarmed when China does so, as this Bloomberg report shows:



**Bloomberg Asia**

Dec 16 at 12:56 PM • ⚙️



China is curing cancer faster and cheaper than anywhere else.

But some worry they may be going too fast.

<https://bloom.bg/38GkSEU> (video via **QuickTake by Bloomberg**).



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A decade ago, The Economist and other Western media described an existential threat to our planet: in 2013, it was China's carbon emissions. In 2024, the new threat is China's lead in green technologies!



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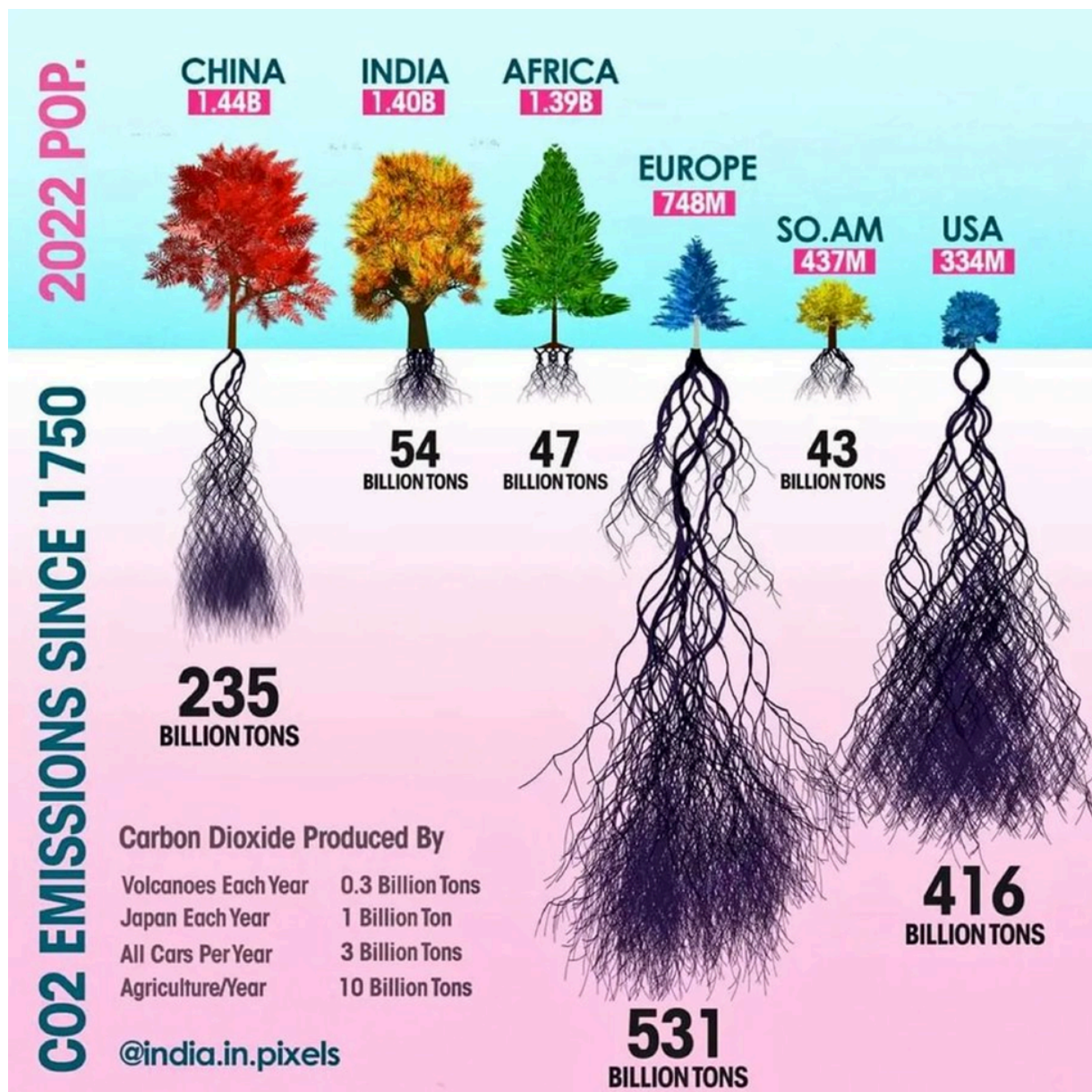
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**Can China clean up fast enough?**



Not to mention the fact that a large proportion of Chinese emissions come from the production of goods for North American and European consumers. Western reporting simply ignores this when it comes to Chinese emissions.

And what is new is that the "yellow peril" from the East is now also coming in the form of electric vehicles that are hitting the planet like missiles, if you believe the Economist:



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## CHINA'S EV ONSLAUGHT



Moreover, China incurs very "high costs" for everything it does - at least according to the Western media. Ideally, it should do nothing or do what the West tells it to do.

## China's wind industrial policy "succeeded" – but at what cost?

By Joseph W. Molitor

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what cost?

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But at what cost?

Rana Mitter

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cost?

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Wuhan one year on: The city that  
appears safe from Covid - but at  
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The Telegraph

China invests in Ethiopia  
but at what cost?

THE IRISH TIMES

China's economy looks to be stabilising, but at  
what cost?

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Serbia has rolled out the red carpet to China -  
but at what cost?

euronews.

Of course, there was never a headline like "*China has lifted over 800 million people out of poverty, but at what cost?*"



Aside from the fact that the Chinese economy is in a more or less disastrous state in Western news coverage, what else can we expect (and hope for) from China? Here are some headlines:

1990. The Economist: China's economy has come to a halt

1996. The Economist: China's economy will face a hard landing.

1998. The Economist: China's economy entering a dangerous period of sluggish growth.

2004. The Economist: The great fall of China

2016: The Economist: Hard landing looms for China



Such headlines can be read constantly in the Economist and other Western media, even if the wishful thinking driven by deep ideological convictions is called into question by the facts presented by the IMF, for example:

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# China will become the global economy's biggest growth driver in the next 5 years, doubling the US contribution, IMF says

Phil Rosen

Mon, Apr 17, 2023 • 2 min read



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While the bad "news" from China's economic front is no longer taken quite so seriously, there is still the story of the genocide of the Uighurs in China, launched by the "Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation" in Washington - founded by a bipartisan law signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, which is particularly directed against China. (Incidentally, today's China has little to do with a communist dictatorship and much more to do with its time-honored meritocracy, as I have explained in detail in [this article](#). You won't find that out in the Western mainstream media).

The original widespread accusation of the physical extermination of the Uyghurs was conveniently transformed into cultural genocide due to a lack of evidence. The Western narrative is now that minorities in China are being forced to give up their languages and cultures in order to become quasi Han Chinese.





The Xinjiang traffic police are warning drivers in the photo above that driving on this side of the road is prohibited and violators will be fined. In Xinjiang, Uyghur and Chinese characters suffice instead of English. This is what "cultural genocide" looks like, as it is described in the West. The Economist's fake report on the alleged systematic suppression of minority languages in China was exposed in [this article](#).



The "brutal oppression" of the Tibetans is also regularly discussed in the Western media, but not from the time when they had to fight for their daily survival as serfs under the slave rule of the Dalai Lama. In the meantime, China has invested billions in Tibet, and the Tibetans, without the Dalai Lama, a Western hero who used to be [paid by the CIA](#), have achieved a relatively high level of prosperity that is far removed from their former abysmal poverty.

As for the "cultural genocide" propagated by the West, it is not only the Tibetans in Tibetan schools who have to learn Tibetan as well as Mandarin, but also the Han Chinese living in Tibet.



*Children are also safer under Chinese rule than under the rule of the Dalai Lama. Picture of a recent encounter with a boy where the Dalai Lama asked him to ["Suck my tongue!"](#)*

If the media find it increasingly difficult to portray China as the biggest polluter or to spread the horror story invented in Washington about the genocide of the Uyghurs, they can always invent other stories. For example, Winnie the Pooh is banned in China because, in the racist eyes of Western journalists, he resembles the



Chinese head of state Xi Jinping, who allegedly feels threatened by the toy bear. This brazen lie was spread by the BBC, CBS News, Der Spiegel and the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, among others. I have refuted it in [this article](#) with clear evidence.

The following screenshot from my investigative article shows that the Chinese, who are supposedly oppressed by Xi Jinping, can conveniently order Winnie the Pooh on their electronic devices and have it delivered to their homes.

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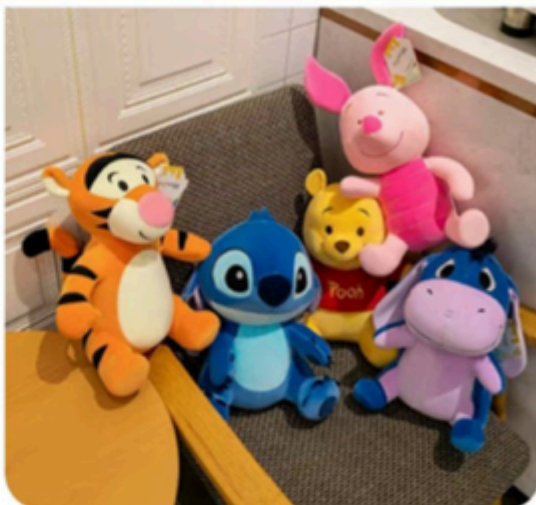
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It is not only the way in which biased Western mainstream media report on ideological opponents in the East that says a lot about the media themselves but also what they prefer not to report on.

For example, the investigation of British crimes by academic researchers is not a topic for the Economist and other Western media. Research findings are only published in non-Western mainstream media:

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*Between 1880 to 1920, British colonial policies in India claimed more lives than all famines in the Soviet Union, Maoist China and North Korea combined.*

By Dylan Sullivan and Jason Hickel

2 Dec 2022

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*And lied about it.*



**Jason Hickel**  
Professor at the Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB) and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts

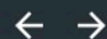
 

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Inevitably, Singapore also found itself in the Economist's crosshairs for committing the sin of remaining neutral in Washington and London's intense efforts to impose another [century of humiliation](#) on China.



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## China's 'Never Again' Mentality

Western analysts often overlook how much of China's modern-day policy is driven by the collective trauma of its colonial past.

By **Mark Tischler**

August 18, 2020

*The "century of humiliation" by Western colonial powers, including two brutal opium wars waged by the British, has left China terribly impoverished and humiliated. If the collective West has its way, history will repeat itself. (China's "never again" mentality: title screenshot from The Diplomat)*

Singapore's Home Affairs and Law Minister [K. Shanmugam](#) responded succinctly to the unobjective and derogatory articles by the London demagogues in a short message on "X" (formerly Twitter): "*The Economist can't resist sneering at us. It's an instinct lodged deep in the unconscious of the British commentariat class. They can't stand that a people they were accustomed to lecturing are now doing better than they are, across the board. Take governance: DPM Lawrence will be our 4th PM in 59 years. Meanwhile, in the UK Mr. Rishi Sunak is their 4th PM in 4.9 years. Mr Boris Johnson, when he was PM, accepted a holiday worth £15,000, and £50,000 for renovations of his residence, from donors. In Singapore, anyone who did what Mr. Johnson did would have been charged in court. On the economy: We started as a British colony, with a per capita GDP of USD 500, Now, it is more than USD 80,000. According to a recent Forbes report, we have the fifth highest GDP per capita in the world by PPP (purchasing power parity) terms. Well ahead of the UK. Or our media: the Economist refers to our 'docile press'. It obviously prefers a situation like in the UK, where one person can control major media outlets, and have politicians pay*



*court to him, and where media owners can influence who gets elected, and who becomes PM. A similar situation in Australia was described, by a former Australian PM, as a cancer on democracy."*



*New York Times Magazine headline screenshot*

Minister Shanmugam mentioned Rupert Murdoch, the media oligarch who owns a sizable portion of the media in the UK and Australia and who heavily influences and "democratically" decides on political decisions and leadership roles.



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[Economist: Beyond Banyan's Shade]

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*X message by Singaporean minister K. Shanmugam*

The minister also opposes other Western countries that want to turn Singapore into an extended conflict zone for their own interests, such as Israel.



*"X" message from the Singaporean news agency CNA with Minister Shanmugam*

Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam told the Israeli embassy to take down a "completely unacceptable" Facebook post because it could threaten the safety of Jews in the country.

The post by the Israeli embassy read: *"Israel is mentioned 43 times in the Quran. On the other hand, Palestine is not mentioned even once. Each and every archeological evidence – maps, documents, coins, link the land of Israel to the Jewish people as the indigenous people of the land."*

Here's how Shanmugam, a practicing Hindu, explained his demand to take the post down:

*"The post is wrong at many levels. First, it is insensitive and inappropriate. It carries the risk of undermining our safety, security and harmony in Singapore. We look after the safety of everyone in Singapore – majority and minorities - including Jews and*

*Muslims. Jews in Singapore have very little concern for their safety and security but posts [like this] can inflame tensions and can put the Jewish community here at risk. The anger from the post can potentially spill over into the physical realm."*

This is remarkable in that Singapore's ministers are among the most intelligent and capable in the world. It is an open secret that Singapore's successful model is a role model for the East Asian countries of South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and China.

And with that, the minister orders Israel to stop disseminating anti-Palestinian discourse for the benefit of themselves, that is Israeli diplomats, as well as other Jews, as it would incite antisemitism.

He also said something else that is equally noteworthy and appropriate:

*"It is wrong to selectively point to religious texts to make a political point. Even worse, in this current situation, for the Israeli embassy to make use of the Quran for this purpose. Also this post is an ASTONISHING attempt to rewrite history. The writer of the post should look at UN resolutions, see if Israeli actions in the past few decades have been consistent with international law before trying to rewrite history."*

As they are unfortunately not quoted in the Western media, it is as self-explanatory as it is obvious that these Singaporean voices of reason are not heard (let alone understood) in the West. This may be seen as a further indication of the decadence the collective West has chosen for itself.

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