

If US leadership would have been awake and not so focused on its own greed, it would have realized that “China went to school” next door under our very noses in Canada to get smart fast on capitalism. As one notable Anglo mining business expert put it the other day:

*“China’s answer in quite a few cases: Canada. Particularly as the chief interest at that time was energy and minerals, both needed to fuel PRC’s industrial expansion. So, you see as a result some of the first international JVs that PRC’s state companies or their subsidiaries made were in Canada - which have global energy and mining markets, especially (cowboy) Junior minnow stuff. Through that environment they got their education in and introductions to corporate structurings, capital raising, stock markets, shares, IPOs, accounting, shell companies, offshoring et al. And how to play the game. Then some State company staff moved on into private enterprise. Having learned.”*

The presumption that USA can just change policies, programs and practices so that “things can get better”, is erroneous. USA now has a deeply flawed leadership culture at many levels in government, defense, intelligence and business sectors that needs to be transformed. US Government program change and leadership cultural change are two completely different challenges. By failing at the later challenge, USA’s competition against CCP will likely be suboptimal. The truth of this should be compelling enough to make a new leadership creature which abandons whatever has failed the nation. But false appetites for old tastes and entrenched greed may well prevail. So, who is watching and countering this today?

The CCP has effectively taken over the Panama Canal, for all intents and purposes, without firing a shot. It essentially owns South Sudan’s and other African nations’ oil infrastructure by similar guile. It is similarly re-taking Oceania in the Pacific region in an island-hopping manner without a single frontal beach assault. It then uses private security forces as proxy armies overseas to secure overseas assets, while using fishing fleets as proxy navies. This is just tip-of-the-spear stuff at present - routine CCP gray space daring that easily troubles US DoD.