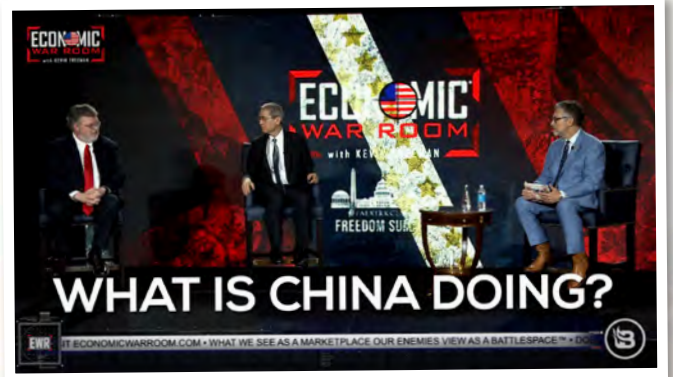


Background Briefing

Summary from and release from 7/28/20 event.

This briefing is a recap from a special edition of the Economic War Room at the Falkirk Center Freedom Summit. This briefing included two guests. Gordon Chang, who is one of the greatest experts on China anywhere in the world. Also, Rod Martin, a futurist, thought leader and entrepreneur who understands the direction where things are heading.



Your Mission: To better understand China's Impact on Freedom and Liberty.

Ep. 3-120 (OSINT) Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing. This includes quotes and summaries from the Falkirk Center Freedom Summit at The Trump Hotel in Washington DC. Kevin Freeman facilitated this session with Gordon Chang and Rod Martin.

About: Gordon Chang - He's the author of **The Great US China Tech War** and **Losing South Korea**. His previous books on **Nuclear Showdown North Korea Takes on the World** and the **Coming Collapse of China**, which is an important one.

Gordon lived and worked in China and Hong Kong for almost two decades, most recently in Shanghai, as counsel to the American law firm Paul Weiss and earlier in Hong Kong as a partner in an international law firm, Baker McKenzie. He's been writing on China for a long time and has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, American Conservative, International Herald Tribune, Daily Beast, National Review, Barron's. He has also appeared frequently as a guest on CNN, Fox News, Fox Business, CNBC, MSNBC, PBS, BBC, Bloomberg Television and he's a guest in the Economic War Room. Frequently he served two terms as a trustee for Cornell University and his Twitter handle is Gordon Chang.

About: Rod Martin – Rod D. Martin, founder and CEO of [The Martin Organization](#), is a technology entrepreneur, futurist, hedge fund manager, thought leader and activist from Destin, Florida. Fox Business News calls him a “tech guru,” Britain’s *Guardian* describes him as a “philosopher-capitalist,” while *Gawker* once labeled him “another of [PayPal founder] Peter Thiel’s brilliant nonconformists.” He has addressed audiences on four continents, has written extensively for publications such as *Forbes*, *Human Events*, *Inc. Magazine*, *Fortune*, *Affluent Investor* and [FoxNews.com](#), and is a member of [Stratfor](#)’s Board of Contributors.

About Kevin Freeman: Kevin Freeman is considered one of the world’s leading experts on the issues of Economic Warfare and Financial Terrorism. He has consulted for and briefed members of both the U.S. House and Senate, present and past CIA, DIA, FBI, SEC, Homeland Security, the Justice Department, as well as local and state law enforcement. His research has been presented in critical DoD studies on Economic Warfare, Iran, and Weapons of Mass Destruction presented to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense, Intelligence. He has traveled extensively with research trips to Russia and China and throughout Europe and the Americas. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for Security Policy and a Contributing Editor to *The Counter Terrorist* magazine.

“COVID-19 is the greatest economic weapon unleashed in the history of the world.” –Gordon Chang



1. Gordon Chang Shares His Insights regarding COVID- 19 and the Chinese attack on America.

- China deliberately took steps that led to the release of this disease around the world.
- You can go back to the fact that Wuhan doctors knew that this disease was huma-to-human transmissible no later than the second week of December.
- Despite knowing this, China didn’t say anything publicly until January 20.

"If Beijing had said nothing about human-to-human transmittal in that five weeks, that would have been grossly irresponsible. But worse, what they tried to do was to convince the world that it was not H to H (human to human)."

- At the same time, Xi Jinping, the Chinese ruler, pressured countries not to impose travel restrictions and quarantines on arrivals from China. You put those two things together and you come to the conclusion that this was going to lead to the disease, which should have been just contained to the central part of China, (spreading)...to the four corners of the globe.



"That shows what it appears Xi Jinping had going in his mind. I think that he looked around China, saw how it crippled his country and decided he was going to get even. In fact if that's what he did, we've got to be concerned that this was a malicious assault on our country and countries around the world." –Gordon Chang

Xi Jinping argued and lobbied to not restrict people from leaving China so that they go around the world. But there were travel restrictions going into Beijing itself?

Gordon summarizes the events as follows:

- From January 23, Wuhan and surrounding cities were locked down.
- That eventually came to be about seventy-five million people at the same time (after January 23).
- We know the Xi Jinping spent a lot of effort on lobbying other countries.
- President Trump declared the travel quarantines and restrictions on just January 31, he took enormous heat from Beijing, as well as from domestic critics who called him xenophobic.

"China had to know what they were doing. This is the first time in history, that one country has attacked all the others in the world. And we have seen now hundreds of thousands of Americans have died so far and there's trillions and trillions of dollars of economic damage."

- They not only encouraged travel, they also restricted it domestically coming in.
- At the same time China also scooped up personal protection equipment.
- American suppliers of PPE found that their container ships were confiscated by the Chinese and then sold off into China or provided into China.
- China knew something was going on. This was back in January, I believe, maybe early February. They knew something was going on and they were making the situation worse for the rest of the world and better for themselves.

“Maria Bartiromo, the Fox Business anchor, talked about this on the air, how she said that they turned around ships which had PPE that were bound for New York hospitals. Peter Navarro mentioned that one American factory making N95 masks was actually nationalized by Beijing.” –Gordon Chang

2. Riots in America? China found counterfeiting US \$1 bills.

At the end of January Customs and Border Patrol seized nine hundred thousand one-dollar bills from China.

- Nobody counterfeits one-dollar bills, why go to the trouble?
- And by the way, nobody, in China’s near total surveillance state, can counterfeit US currency without the Communist Party knowing about it.
- So what’s going on here? Chang believes that China was trying to fuel protest groups in our country.
- In May in Louisville, We also saw Customs and Border Patrol seized 10,800 parts for assault weapons. These came from Shenzhen in China.
- We’ve got to be concerned about China’s links to these protest groups.
- Finally, the Justice Department says, it closed the China’s Houston consulate because of spying and yes, they were also involved in other dangerous activities.

NOTE: While unconfirmed, Chang suggests there’s a hint that the Houston consulate was involved in links with protest groups providing financial and logistical support. These need to be investigated.



WARNING: Vice president Biden basically said that China is not competition for us and the Chinese leaders are not bad folks. And that's his general posture. We've got to be concerned that he's not taking a robust view of China's challenge to us. Going back to Xi Jinping, the Chinese ruler, his view of the world is not some sort of Westphalian system where countries compete with each other and cooperate. What he believes in is worldwide Chinese rule, the imperial notion of Tanesha or Chinese rule as the only legitimate ruler of all under heaven.

3. We cannot ignore the obvious US/China corruption issues forever.

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- The Chinese have done a phenomenal job of infiltrating and buying off American officials for decades. Peter Schweitzer has done a terrific job of documenting this.
- Hunter Biden was given millions of dollars from the Chinese Communist Party while he was on an official trip with his dad as Vice President.
- There are multiple examples of payoffs and China's Communist Party infiltration in America.

Case Study: The Houston Chinese Consulate:

"The Houston consulate was involved in espionage. We learned some of that when the State Department, the Justice Department and the US intelligence community had that joint briefing. A couple of things were going on there. First of all, of course, there was the espionage. There are a lot of energy companies in Houston. Those energy companies are in the South China Sea, which China claims as its own, but which everybody else says is international global commons. So there was the spying element.

And it's not just China. Countries use their consulates for spying. **But in China's consulate in Houston, it was especially intense. It had gone beyond the bounds of what is generally considered acceptable in terms of consular activity.**

Also, they were using the consulate for **Operation Fox Hunt. This is Xi's attempt to bring back Chinese officials who have fled.** And so Ministry of State Security agents were operating out of the Houston consulate.

And they were also **monitoring strictly Chinese students in the US and many of those students were being mobilized for political purposes.**

There are these **unconfirmed rumors that the consulate had these links with protest groups in the US,** so the US had to send a message. You know, Secretary Pompeo met his Chinese counterpart in Honolulu last month. I understand that there were certain warnings delivered. The Chinese just completely ignored them. And so we had to do something. So this is not like the US wanted to do this. It had no choice but to do this. And we know that the other four consulates are also engaged in nefarious activities.”

–Rod Martin



4. **Democrats wanted to make it all about Russia, when the real economic and geopolitical threat was China.**

We are trying to defend an international system that has been in place since the Treaty of Westphalia of 1648. China wants to go back to the Imperial Times. It's an existential challenge.



“The idea that Russia, with an economy roughly the size of Texas is a massive geopolitical threat is a little odd, especially when you're facing an actual geopolitical threat in Beijing that is rising quickly, largely on the backs of our propping them up, our handing them technology hand over fist, our having done everything we can to facilitate their rise for now, as you said, half a century, but particularly an odd quarter century in which there's no geopolitical benefit to the United States to do so.” –Rod Martin

Surprisingly, it seems some are now just starting to realize that these people don't have our best interests at heart.

"The mere fact that Chinese people are individually wonderful folks does not change the fact that they have an evil regime. German people are wonderful individually, too, but that doesn't make Hitler good." –Rod Martin



5. China has its own Economic Problems.

- China's got some real problems in addition to the coronavirus.
- They've got too much debt, which they have just accumulated, which really limits their long-term potential.
- They have other structural problems, one of them being that Xi Jinping is trying to move the country back to a Maoist, state-dominated economy. **We know that has never worked.**
- They've got environmental disasters, whether it's the engineering failure, the Three Gorges Dam, or any of a host of other environmental problems.

At Issue: Unfortunately, we see American corporations giving them a pass on environmental, social and governance, (ESG) They're holding American companies to the ESG standards and they're allowing the Chinese to violate them and look the other way.

6. The race to space is critical – China will have difficulty beating us on the technology front, but they understand its importance.

- Innovation and the potential of the future is driven by private enterprise and is likely not developed by government.
- China, which is top down, has had to steal the intellectual property to compete.
- They will steal certain things that I'm about to mention, but I don't know that it will do them that much good in the near term.

- Musk and other companies have developed low-cost solutions that big governments cannot compete with.

Look at the development of space transportation in the United States, which has been largely dominated by a handful of rocket systems that were designed in the 50s and 60s.

And to this day, if there were no Elon Musk, you would need to be launching payloads on, for instance, an Atlas 5 and you'd spend about \$150 million to launch that payload, but you wouldn't have transparent pricing. You wouldn't actually know what you were paying until the end of the process.



Musk is cutting the cost to less than half at around \$62 million per payload. SpaceX will unleash a new era and indeed already has begun to do so.

7. As we look at China's Empire strategy, it is important to consider your financial investments and the risk of Chinese investments.

America needs to raise up patriotic investors who are going to guarantee that the liberties of the United States of America are shared with the rest of the world rather than taken away by the Chinese Communist Party.

We are facing an existential fight and it's why we're here at the Freedom Summit with the Falkirk Center.

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- You can find out ways to invest that helps the United States system and maybe not supporting the Chinese Communist Party?
- There are very direct ways to invest and make an impact.

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Working together, we can also make a difference with our investments. We're going to be talking about the freedom that we can bring to people as they weaponize their money. Make no mistake, working together we're an economic force as you weaponize your money to fight the war with your spending, giving, and investing.

You can watch the entire episode on XOTV. This includes both the opening statements but also an important Q&A with these key leaders.



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Shareable Quote:

“What we see as a marketplace our enemies view as a battlespace.”

–Kevin Freeman

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