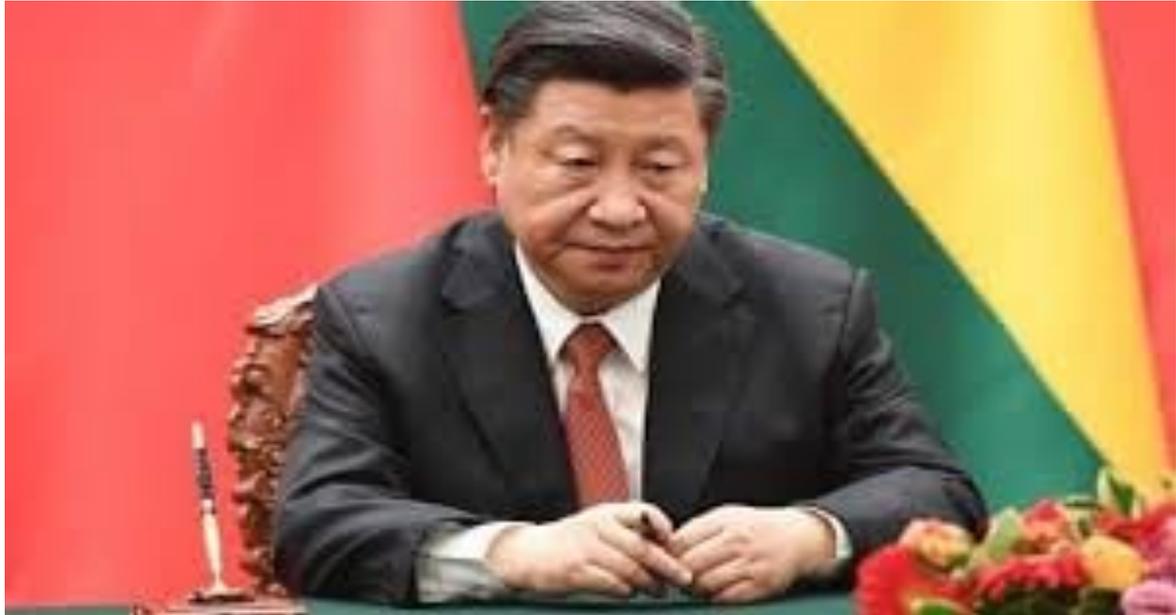


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These are the dark days of summer despite hours of long daylight. The world, especially the USA and countries belonging to BRICS are grappling with an invisible, deadly enemy trying to destroy our economy and our way of life. China, who created this virus to destroy the US and countries belonging to BRICS is at 29th position in terms of people affected by this deadly virus. Their GDP grew by 3.2% in the second quarter of 2020 while USA's contracted by more than 30%; India's and Europe's declined by double digits in the same period.

Here are the top five countries worst affected by CVIOD-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) as of August 2, 2020: USA, Brazil, India, Russia and South Africa. Other than USA, all those countries belong to BRICS.

We all know that the USA and India are impediments to China's ambition in dominating the world both militarily and economically. The rest of the countries belonging to BRICS namely, Russia, Brazil and South Africa along with India are the emerging economies capable of threatening China's geo-political and economic ambitions. So, doesn't the spread of the coronavirus seem like a sinister design by China to dominate the world? You be the judge.

To understand this further, let us examine China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). BRI hopes to deliver trillions of dollars in infrastructure financing to Asia, Europe, and Africa. If the initiative follows Chinese practices to date for infrastructure financing, which often entails lending to sovereign borrowers, the third-world will be subservient to China sooner than later. BRI raises the risk of debt distress in

borrower countries. On top of that, China's lending is not recorded by institutions like International Monetary Fund and World Bank. How smart?

China is acting like a loan shark. Countries that fail to service their loans are pressured to support China's geostrategic interests. Not only that, China has been accused of requiring to own facilities such as seaports and mineral mines in countries that default on China's loan.

In 2012 Sri Lanka turned to China for loans and assistance with an ambitious port project. Since Sri Lanka defaulted on Chinese loan, it had to hand over the port and 15,000 acres of land around it for 99 years to China in December 2015. The transfer gave China control of territory just a few hundred miles off the shores of its rival, India. This also provided China a strategic foothold along a critical commercial and military waterway. The same story is being repeated with Pakistan's Gwadar port, the deepest seaport on earth. Gwadar Port is in Baluchistan province of Pakistan which is operated and controlled by China Overseas Port Holding Company.

China developed Coronavirus, a biological weapon and planned to use that to destroy its rivals. The virus leaked either intentionally or inadvertently from its lab in Wuhan. China quickly controlled the spread of the virus from affecting big cities like Shanghai and Beijing. During that time, it also stopped all the flights coming into China, but kept the outgoing flights open intentionally to spread the virus in Europe, the USA and the countries belonging to BRICS.

Work in Progress

While countries of the world are struggling to find a cure for Covid-19, China is creating new viruses (biological weapons) to follow the present one. The scientists have identified a new strain of flu soon to come from China that will become another pandemic. It's called "G4 EA H1N1."

If this trend continues (and will continue, most probably), China will soon be the master of the world, if not of the whole universe.

Conclusion

Unfortunately, there are two factors working against the free world. First, they do not have seasoned diplomats who can match the skill and experience that the Chinese leaders possess. The politicians in the free world are preoccupied with power grab and demagoguery rather than caring for the interest of their country. Reminds me of, "Nero fiddled while Rome burnt." In the United States the opposition has spent last four years trying to remove its president. The Congress has not passed any bill to advance infrastructure, education, immigration reform and healthcare. As a matter of fact, they want the economy to deteriorate even further to help them win the presidency in 2020.

Secondly, the US companies and the European politicians (and companies) both have easy virtues. They can sell their soul and their country for gaining a penny in profit. Big businesses are already itching to start manufacturing in China where labor is cheap and without regulation and has a great supply-chain-network to conduct the business.

Sorry for the gloom and doom, but that's the way it appears to me. Please feel free to submit your point of view on this matter. Thank you for your attention.