

**Background Briefing:** As the China tariff war continues to heat up, there is an obvious question. How did we get here in the first place? It seems China has been waging economic war against the US for almost 30 years, but few recognized it.

**“For over three decades China’s economy was growing at unprecedented levels, with no slowdowns or recession because it is a predatory or parasitic economy on the rest of the world.”**

- Brig. Gen. Robert Spalding (ret)

Brigadier General Robert Spalding III (ret), author of a new book, *How China Took Over While America’s Elite Slept* enters the Economic War Room to help us preserve, protect, and defend the United States of America and our way of life.

**YOUR MISSION:** To better understand the stealth elements of national power that China is using against the US, to help others understand the real risk America is facing, and to learn how best to defend our way of life.



**WARNING:** China has used our openness against us, and it impacts finance, trade, investment media, politics and the internet. Your money, livelihood and way of life are at risk if we do not wake up now.

## **(OSINT)- Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing**

*Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing with highlights. This includes quotes and summaries of conversations in the Economic War Room with Kevin Freeman featuring Brigadere General Robert Spalding. Brig. Gen. Spalding has a doctorate in mathematics and in economics, and was the senior director for strategic planning at the National Security Council. He brings recent insight from the White House regarding exactly what we're facing, what we need to do, and how co-opted our nation has become. America's "elite" have been compromised by China, whether it's academia, Hollywood, or the business community.*

"I realized that there was this very similar attack to the way we would execute an air attack from a B2 against the economy of the United States. And so, it started me on this continuing journey to study all the elements that China brings to bear against the U.S. economy for the benefit of their own citizens and to maintain control over the country. It moves across the realm of finance, trade, investment, immigration, media, politics, and the Internet. It's all involved." -Brig. Gen. Spalding



### **1. From a Military Perspective - We are in an Economic War, but also other wars with China.**

- The Tactics being used:

All elements of national power are being employed. And it's not just to essentially reap economic benefits. It's also to suppress the freedoms America enjoys.

- ✓ It's a psychological war
- ✓ It's a social war
- ✓ It's an information war
- ✓ It's a media war
- ✓ It's lawfare

In addition to the economics, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is concerned politically about maintaining control.

- The Chinese Communist Party is incredibly fearful that those ideas (Free Markets), those visions (Liberty), those principles (Opportunity) are going to win out. They've been on essentially a three-decade tear in really reforming the technological basis of the global economy and pushing the United States to a more totalitarian vision.
- China is dividing the world and trying to peel off allies.

## 2. It is Unrestricted Warfare

### A. At the National Security Council

- China saw how they could use America's openness against us. They got us to adopt their talking points and to play by their rules.



**“We had so thoroughly adopted their talking points about what China wants, how to deal with China, what their real challenges are, that we essentially had bought hook, line and sinker their vision of the world. And we are essentially repeating it within our own ranks.”**

-Brig. Gen. Spalding

B. In Academia

**"The Confucius Institutes are really the center place for suppressing speech and galvanizing totalitarian control over the students to ensure that they don't become too 'Americanized.'" -Brig. Gen. Spalding**

- **We have 400,000 Chinese Students in our Universities.**
- There are so many they stay in clusters and speak Chinese.
- The Chinese are tasked to watch each other.
- Confucius institutes are used by the government to maintain control over the students while they are abroad.
- They are not really here to learn the America culture or our values or even to understand English.
- Confucius institutes are used to suppress speech that the Chinese Communist Party finds problematic.
- China is also influencing our institutions because they signed a contract to limit criticism of China. These institutions will not allow discussions on campus that would be anti-Chinese purposes.
- With 400,000 students paying full fare to the institutions there is tremendous influence and power exerted on our universities.



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"I've heard numerous reports where university presidents have been called by the consulate or the embassy and told, look, if you have this talk by the Dalai Lama, we're going to pull every Chinese student out of your school. And, you know, for most colleges, that means they are immediately in the red and thus cannot sustain their operations."

-Brig. Gen. Spalding

**3. Follow the Money. China uses economic incentives everywhere!**

- The Chinese Communist Party acts across the board, whether in politics, in law firms, in PR firms, on Wall Street firms, or in corporate America. It's all about finance and economic incentives to encourage the Communist Party's agenda.
- Even in Hollywood, you cannot make movies unless they conform with China's rules. Look at credits and they often include Baidu, Alibaba, and Tencent as funders.
- If you want the movie to be distributed in China, Chinese Communist Party censors are going to determine what is seen. The remake of *Red Dawn* was changed from China to North Korea in order for them to get past the censors from the Chinese Communist Party. In the remake of *Top Gun*, it has been reported Taiwan and Japan were removed from his flight jacket.

**4. Why the elites in America have fallen for China's tactics?**

It is not treason. It is the adoption of a flawed viewpoint that allowed China to get its hooks into our financial systems. In other words, "what we saw as a marketplace, China viewed as a battle space."

“Well, you it’s not the same as you would consider these people to be treasonous. In other words, they’re not purposely looking to essentially suppress Americans freedom or, you know, destroy the Constitution.

It’s more an adoption of a viewpoint that was flawed. That adoption is based on economic and social theory. Economic theory says open markets lead to wealth. Social theory says wealth leads to democratization. And so, there was a tacit agreement between America and the Chinese Communist Party that we would open ourselves up and then at some point they would democratize.

Of course, they globalized. They operationalize globalization in a way that that we didn’t understand. In doing so, when they operationalize globalization, they created hooks into America’s elite. In those hooks are basically financial incentives. Venture capital firms have enormous billions of dollars invested in China. Our Wall Street banks have billions of dollars invested in China. Our Fortune 500 companies have billions of dollars invested in China. If they want to ever see returns out of that, they have to do what China wants. China (the Communist Party) has done a great job of essentially setting hooks into our entire elite structure in the United States to get us to stay open for business so they can continue to raid us.”

-Brig. Gen. Spalding



**5. American Elite's Antagonism Toward the Trump Administration might be connected**

When we see push-back about standing strong against China's threat, there are several forces working to maintain the old structure, even if it hurts America and our citizens.

- This mentality makes it more difficult for the President to get his trade policies implemented.
- There is still a belief that Trump is destroying the open system even though his policies are necessary to protect our nation.
- There is a belief that doing anything that would that would counter China's economy is bad. This really enables them to continue to push the narrative that the President is harming America.



**6. If the Elite are successful, what does it look like? What is China trying to achieve?**

- It is a small group of Chinese communist leaders that run the entire country. It is important to separate the leadership from the Chinese people.
- The Communist Party needs to keep the population in line. To accomplish this, they must have strong economic growth.

"It is like a shark swimming in the ocean, it has to keep swimming to survive. Their economy has to keep growing for the communist party to stay in control."

- For 30 years, their economy has grown at unprecedented levels, with no slowdowns or recession. This was only possible because of predatory or parasitic practices against the economies of the rest of the world.

7. If left unchecked what does this means for ordinary Americans?

China, through their Belt and Road Initiative, 5G, and other initiatives where they have economic influence, wants to export their control, not just for China but around the world.

- a) Get used to social credit scores. They are coming here under Chinese influence.
- b) E-commerce not only makes shopping convenient, but really is designed to create automated social control that scores everybody.
- c) 5G technology that controls everything. If you're somebody that doesn't conform to the rules or you have a different idea about the way things should go, then they suppress you.
- d) You can't get a job. Your kids can't go to school. You can't get on an airplane. Your products are more expensive. China seeks to export this model by dominating the next the next evolution of technology (5G).





**Case Study China Influence in the United States today:**

- Roy Jones. He's a he was a mid-level employee of Marriott Corporation, working in Omaha, Nebraska. Roy liked to tweet about Tibet. And essentially the Chinese Communist Party called the Marriott Corporation and told them to fire the guy. And so here is an American exercising his right to free speech, working in an US corporation. And he's fired at the behest of the Chinese Communist Party because they didn't like his tweet.
- That's a very clumsy example of what China is currently doing to automate social control in their own country. They use a social credit score, which is a score that essentially characterizes you as an individual. Do you smoke? Do you drink? Do you jaywalk? Do you have good friends? Do you complain about the Chinese Communist Party? Are you a good Chinese citizen? All things get compiled in the score and they will have even more cameras watching all over the country by 2022. They are supposed to have one camera for every two people in the country, powered by artificial intelligence to do facial recognition.

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## **Why You Should Care:**

- **Please read number 7** of your briefing above again! This is critical and why America needs to fight back, or we will lose our freedoms.
- China is running a predatory economic engine and it is targeting America and you.
- Elites and other interests are too financially hooked to China to consider an exit plan for their capital interest.



*In the Economic War Room, we encourage Americans to be the "small ships that make the difference." You cannot rely on the government or the President to solve your problems. You have to make a difference. It is up to you to help take our country back.*

## Economic Patriot Action Plan

### Action Steps:

**Step 1:** Share this battle plan with friends and reinforce the importance of standing strong in regard to China.

**Step 2:** Brig. Gen. Spalding's ideas to counter the China threat:

- A. Americans need to invest in America, like we did during the Cold War. We used to invest 2% in research and development in the 1960's. Today we are at 0.07% of GDP and most of that goes to the National Institutes of Health, and most of that research goes to China.
- B. We need to invest in infrastructure. We are about five trillion dollars in arrears in infrastructure investment according to Brig. Gen. Spalding.
- C. We need to invest in the industrial base and our people.
- D. Look at STEM education for our kids rather than having **400,000 Chinese students dominate our universities.**
- E. With the money we spend in one year in Afghanistan, you could send 200,000 American kids through four years of school. We need to understand the discretionary spending for national security and how those funds could be better utilized to defend the country.



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**Step 3:** Our Republic was built on putting the good of the country over our individual needs. Many have sacrificed for the freedoms we have. It is critical we are aware of our adversaries'/enemies' motivations and tactics to manipulate results and voter perceptions.

- Think about what the politicians are saying and doing as it relates to their short-term financial interest in China.
- Beware. Even the Republican senate is starting to weaken as it relates to the China trade war and their upcoming election.

**Step 4:** The last two week's missions had this action step and it applies again. We must recognize that the alarmists are often economists bought and paid for by our adversaries. China and other adversaries help fund our think tanks and academies. China gets them to write white papers supporting adversarial positions over what is really America's best interest.

**Look for ways you can mobilize or weaponize your money toward things that strengthen America.** Nominate your financial advisor for our National Security Investment Consultant Institute (NSIC) classes at [EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor](http://EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor).

**We need more Economic Patriots on the team!** Consider what can you do now to help strengthen America or even help someone in need. Keep in touch with your congressional representatives. Choose from the list or set your own goals:

- ➔ Get others to sign up at [EconomicWarRoom.com](http://EconomicWarRoom.com) and review our weekly Economic Battle Plans™. Each of these will address critical solutions to the threats highlighted on this briefing.
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- Share this Economic Battle Plan™ and our short video segments on Facebook or YouTube with friends. We set up the Economic War Room to be your resource for information, preparation, and mobilization.
- Think about ways you can mobilize or weaponize your money towards things that strengthen American. This can be through charitable giving, spending, or investments.

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(share this quote with your friends or at the office)

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-Brig. Gen. Robert Spalding III (ret US Airforce)

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