

Background Briefing: It's not just Facebook, Google, and YouTube trying to control what you think and say. It's not just easily triggered progressives. We actually have powerful foreign governments demanding that we only say things that they approve. And, we are seeing the most radical elements in America literally going ballistic if even their own dare speak outside the approved narrative. America is being coerced through economic warfare to sit down and shut up. It is time to work together so we can defend our Constitutional Right to Free Speech and teach the next generation about liberty.

"Big Brother is Always Watching.'
What you didn't know is that Big Brother is as likely in Beijing as well as at Google. Five years ago, I was being watched while in D.C. Now, everyone is under Chinese surveillance. Think I'm exaggerating..."
-Kevin Freeman



Your Mission: To understand the economic war on free speech and be prepared to take a stand. (It means more than you think...just look at what is happening in Hong Kong and the US now!)

The Chinese Communist Party is now aggressively attempting to control America's speech and they aren't alone

Ep. 2.61 (OSINT) Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing with highlights. This includes quotes and summaries of conversations in the *Economic War Room with Kevin Freeman*.

Economic warfare against our First Amendment rights. The Chinese Communists are good at it and only getting bolder.

Kevin Freeman reflects on his encounter with a PLA spy at one of his speaking events:

“So I asked her if I said anything that was inaccurate. She smiled and said ‘no.’ I then looked more closely at her business card and asked her, ‘You are PLA aren’t you?’ She smiled again. So I asked, ‘Do I have to worry about getting whacked for speaking out?’ She answered, ‘No. No one will believe you.’

So I was curious and wondered why? and she answered ‘because we own half this town.’ (DC) Who owns the other half? She said ‘the Saudis.’ That was more than five years ago. I’d been pounding the table about the China threat and she seemed right. Whether at the Pentagon, DIA, FBI, Congress, or wherever, I was told ‘China is our friend. They would never harm us.’”

1. Chinese Speech Warfare: Four examples of how China is controlling speech through economic warfare and how one company fought back.

A. The Marriott Corporation:

- » BEIJING— Roy Jones, 49 years old, never thought a \$14-an-hour job running social-media accounts for Marriott International Inc. would require him to know global politics.
- » That was before he used an official company account to “LIKE” a post that applauded Marriott for listing Tibet as a country, rather than part of China, in an online survey. [In other words, his crime was “liking a tweet” that applauded his employer.]

- » Marriott says listing Tibet as a country was a mistake, and Mr. Jones has said the same of liking the post. Mr. Jones paid for his error with his livelihood. Marriott fired him on Jan 14.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/marriott-employee-roy-jones-hit-like-then-china-got-mad-1520094910>

- » “Not only can’t you speak freely inside of China, but you can’t even speak freely outside of China—and that’s really bad,” said Xiao Qiang, a Chinese internet expert at the University of California at Berkeley.

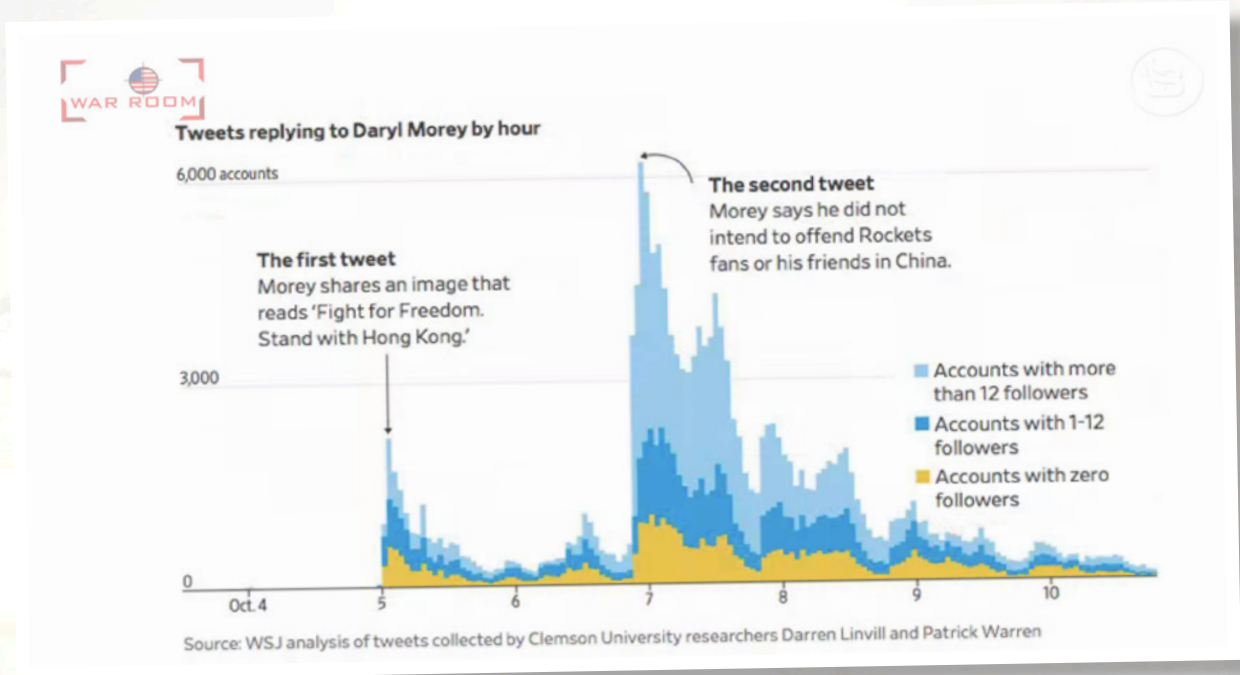
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B. Now, even the NBA is having a hard time with free speech and economics?

- » October 4th when Daryl Morey, the General Manager of the NBA’s Houston Rockets sent what should have been uncontroversial support for freedom in Hong Kong. In fact, the tweet said “Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong.”



- » What happened next? The Chinese information warfare apparatus shifted into high gear to destroy Morey, the Rockets, and the NBA. The Wall Street Journal studied nearly 170,000 tweets to or about Morey over the next week. Here is part of their analysis:



- » Many, if not most of the tweets sent to Morey were from virtually non-existent accounts. Why?

"This is a classic intimidation tactic: mass-posting at someone's account to scream them into silence."

-Ben Nimmo, senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab

- » Morey deleted his tweet in less than an hour after it had become clear that he'd stoked China's wrath.
- » Did America close the ranks to defend fellow American Daryl Morey's stand for freedom? Sadly the answer is **NO**.
- » Was Daryl Morey thinking only of himself by tweeting solidarity with the desire for freedom in Hong Kong? He was standing for Freedom!

Let's look at the LeBron James response:

"Yes, we do have freedom of speech, But at times, there are ramifications for the negative that can happen when you're not thinking about others, when you only think about yourself... so many people could have been harmed, not only financially, but physically, emotionally, spiritually. So just be careful what we tweet and what we say." -LeBron James



Kevin's translation of LeBron James comments: "Daryl, you've upset the Chinese. They make us money. Keeping the NBA rich is more important than the lives of the people in Hong Kong. Don't be selfish."

- » It appears LeBron James is prioritizing economics over America and our principles. China has to love it when their plan comes together.

"We know how professional athletes are all about protesting America. They say it's free speech to kneel during the national anthem. LeBron James has been really strong on this. So what did he say about Daryl Morey? Basically, he told him to sit down and be quiet. It may be free speech to dis America, but don't speak a word against our Chinese masters." -Kevin Freeman

C. Even video Game players are not immune. A video game player gets fired for supporting freedom in Hong Kong.

The facts:

» Activision/Blizzard is a huge video and online gaming company. They have huge tournaments worldwide. In fact, this gaming business exceeds \$150 billion per year.

» One popular game is Hearthstone owned by Blizzard Entertainment. People compete and there are big prizes. Recently, a 21-year old player named Chung Ng Wai won \$10,000 as the top prize in a tournament. It was a big deal.

Chung is a Hong Kong native. Interviewed about his win, he said "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our time." He was stripped of his prize money and banned for one year from the game.



<https://reason.com/2019/10/09/activision-blizzard-china-censorship-chung-ng-wai/>

» After that, three college players of Hearthstone held up a sign that said "Free Hong Kong, Boycott Blizzard," during a competition. They've been banned for six months.

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/10/16/20917574/blizzard-ban-hearthstone-college-students-grandmaster-china-hong-kong-protests>

The examples above show China is having to change their game plan as people begin to fight and speak up. We are in an economic war, and China hopes the more they integrate their markets with the US economics, the more people will look the other way and think Freedom is not as important.

"The intent is to intimidate and silence. But this is also a signal that the Chinese communists could be losing their grip. Remember what happened to me in 2014? The nice member of the Chinese People's Liberation Army posing as a China Studies professor told me that China owned half of DC so 'no one would believe me,' when I warned about China. That was then. Now, we have a new sheriff in town with President Trump and China has got to be concerned." –Kevin Freeman

This is the time we need to stand up for FREE SPEECH!

D. Comedy Central and South Park understand the importance of free speech and China hates it. South Park series was banned in China and taken off the air.

- » On a recent episode, South Park poked fun at China just like they do everything else, including President Trump, American history, politics, and religion. They make fun of conservatives and liberals alike and the humor is often very crude. They have gone after Scientology, Islam, and pop culture.
- » The Chinese communists were not amused. The episode "[Band in China](#)" about a music group in China got the series banned in China—meaning knocked off the air.
- » The episode has become a rallying cry for Hong Kong residents and is being screened on the streets of Hong Kong. <https://www.ign.com/articles/2019/10/11/south-park-band-in-china-episode-screened-in-hong-kong-streets-after-china-banned-series>



- » The funniest part is that South Park chose to apologize via Twitter, essentially mocking the National Basketball Association's cowardly response:

The Comedy Central cartoon is a message of courage for us to stand up for FREEDOM and not kowtow to the economic warfare of China. This is about moral courage.

Sadly, there are big American companies willing to extinguish freedom for the hope of making money.



South Park
@SouthPark

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OFFICIAL APOLOGY TO CHINA FROM TREY PARKER AND MATT STONE.

"Like the NBA, we welcome the Chinese censors into our homes and into our hearts. We too love money more than freedom and democracy. Xi doesn't look just like Winnie the Pooh at all. Tune into our 300th episode this Wednesday at 10! Long live the Great Communist Party of China! May this autumn's sorghum harvest be bountiful! We good now China?"

11:22 AM - 7 Oct 2019

2. Similar to China, The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) uses economics and political correctness to label groups as hate groups to stifle America's free speech.

- » Despite being seriously discredited the SPLC continues to hamper free speech. There were whistleblowers from the SPLC, telling just how bad this group really is. It's all about the money and they make a lot of money silencing speech.
- » Leftist organizations like the ACLU used to stand for free speech, but those values have been compromised.

» A few facts about the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC):

- 1) It is a fundraising machine. \$328 million in assets in 2015 tax filing with much of it offshore in Bermuda.
- 2) The Washington Post questions their fairness (*The State of Hate: Researchers at the Southern Poverty Law Center have set themselves up as the ultimate judges of hate in America. But they are not judging fairly.*)
- 3) The SPLC lost a lawsuit and had to pay \$3.375 million to a Muslim they falsely accused of being an anti-Muslim extremist because he was upset with radical Islam.
- 4) The SPLC was “liked” and followed by the Congressional Baseball Game shooter.
- 5) SPLC was a primary source of information for attempted mass murderer Floyd Lee Corkins at the Family Research Council...His goal was to kill people. He was armed with a semi-automatic weapon, 100 rounds of ammunition, and 15 Chick-fil-A sandwiches to smear in the faces of those he killed.

NOTE: Often, the SPLC is used by other groups like CAIR, the Council on American Islamic Relations. CAIR was an unindicted co-conspirator in the Federal Holy Land Foundation case a few years ago. You should know that the United Arab Emirates, or UAE, designated CAIR as a “terrorist organization” back in 2014 due to ties to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood.

While the UAE calls CAIR a terrorist organization, most of Washington is afraid to get on their bad side. They use economic influence and threats of hate labels to stop American free speech.

3. Triggered progressive groups have lost perspective on free speech, a topline look.

It seems like free speech is only allowed now if it fits a specific progressive narrative. Conservatives are happy to allow all forms of speech so they can survive based on their own merit. The progressive left won't even tolerate dissent from one of their own.

Case studies – What is happening to American and Free Speech.

Even Ellen Takes Heat:

- » Ellen DeGeneres was basically told to “sit down and shut up” because she dared to speak civilly with former President Bush? Yes, leftist Ellen DeGeneres, an outspoken progressive Lesbian was attacked and denounced for saying it's ok to have a polite conversation.



A City Council Meeting - Oak Park, IL October 8, 2019

- » “Oak Park Village Board members have been at odds since April over what has traditionally been the ritual post-election re-adoption of the village’s diversity statement...they wanted to edit a single sentence and got this response:

Trustee Susan Buchanan questioned why white male trustees were offering opinions on the wording of the diversity statement? From Oak Park news:

“I am so tired of hearing two white men tell us what systems of oppression are!” said Buchanan to applause from the audience. “For Christ’s sake, no! You don’t know what systems of oppression are; you haven’t been oppressed,” she said.

"This is like if you guys wanted to tell us what it's like to have a menstrual cycle. You don't know what you're talking about."

The mayor, a native of Palestine, tried to intervene but was told that he was too light skinned to have a say.

<https://www.oakpark.com/News/Articles/10-8-2019/In-heated-debate.-Oak-Park-adopts-diversity-statement>

"In other words, you can't speak at all if you are a white man. Or if you aren't white, but you have light skin. Or, if you're a man at all. Or if you're a woman like Ellen, even if you are a Lesbian. Really, you shouldn't be allowed to speak UNLESS you carry the progressive viewpoint. Even then, we will argue over a single word. That is simply how crazy this has become." –Kevin Freeman

Why you should care?

- » Free speech is being restricted and many Americans are ignoring it. What are the Chinese, other authoritarian regimes, and progressives really concerned about?
- » Freedom of speech reinforces all other human rights.
- » Short term economic factors are now inhibiting free speech and ultimately liberty.
- » China, the SPLC, and triggered progressive groups seem to be winning the idea that some freedom of speech is not acceptable.

"Hand in hand with freedom of speech goes the power to be heard, to share in the decisions of government which shape men's lives." –Robert Kennedy

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 and create a voice for economic liberty.

Action Steps:

Without free speech, or with new proposed limited free speech America is in trouble.

- 1. Watch Episode 19 on free speech and download that battleplan.** Also, review our discussions with General Robert Spalding in **Ep 52, and Ep 57**. The EWR show and battleplans provide more insight of how China is using America’s freedoms against us. Battle Plan 57 shows directly how they plan to control free speech through the 5G platform.
- 2. Be sure to speak up and stand for freedom. Stand up for what you believe.**
- 3. Send our free speech battle plans to friends and help them understand what is really at risk!**
- 4. Think about the above, and consider how economics can cause even patriotic Americans and American corporations to compromise their principles.** Remember, **“What we see as the marketplace, our enemies view as a battlespace.”™** Do not go down the slippery slope that it is OK to limit some free speech.

We need more Economic Patriots on the team! Consider what you can 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 on our website (<https://www.economicwarroom.com>) and review our free weekly Economic Battle Plans™. Each of these will address critical solutions to the threats highlighted in this briefing.
- Subscribe to [BlazeTV](#) and view current and past full episodes.
- Follow, like, comment, and share on [FB](#) and [Twitter](#). Look for short video segments on [FB](#) and make sure those are shared. (We recognize these tools may be compromised at times, but if they are not filtered, they are the major platforms available to reach out to the public. (Alternatives social platforms above are under EWR consideration)
- Check out [XOTV.me](#), a new free speech video platform Economic War Room is proud to partner with. It is free, but consider making a donation to help with Economic War Room's research and production.
- Share this battle plan and our short video segments on [FB](#) or [YouTube](#) with friends. We set up the Economic War Room to be your resource for information, preparation, and mobilization.
- Do this now! Have a financial action plan based on multiple geopolitical scenarios developed now. Advanced preparation is key. Trying to figure what to do when an economic event happens is usually too late.
- Talk with your financial advisor as it relates to your savings/investments. Ensure your advisor understand the potential impact economic/geo-political scenarios could have on your portfolio. [LOOK FOR ECONOMIC WAR ROOM'S ADVISOR AND INVESTOR ONLINE TRAINING COURSES LAUNCHING SOON.](#)

Shareable Quote:

**“... and no such thing
as public liberty
without freedom
of speech.”**

–Benjamin Franklin

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<https://www.economicwarroom.com/battleplans>

China's Threat to American Free Speech

Criticizing LeBron James is 'racist,' says China Communist Party

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NBA Commissioner Adam Silver: China asked me to fire executive that started controversy

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Turkish-exiled NBA star Enes Kanter has powerful response to LeBron James' pro-China defense

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