

習近平喚醒睡獅

中國將發生驚天動地的變化

最近看到一段網路消息,習近平在黨內講話中宣稱要:"走一條好路", "走一條新路", "幹出新的事業", 並指示規劃中國改革開放的新航程。讓改革走出僵局與困境, 需要一個新的設計師。習近平已經站在了這個位置上, 他的勇氣、擔當、實幹苦幹的精神, 讓他作為全面深化改革"頂層設計師"的形象日益清晰。

現在摘錄一下他計劃將逐步為全國人民落實以下事情:

- 1、逐步把財政支出的50%以上用於民生, 行政經費降到20%以下, 並制定和實施嚴格的行政經費支出標準。
- 2、實行全民免費醫療和免費教育。
- 3、控制物價, 大幅提高人民收入特別是中低收入群體的收入, 大幅提高最低工資標準。
- 4、給中小企業減稅, 個人所得稅起征點提高到10000元以上。
- 5、向壟斷開刀, 取消一切壟斷, 哪怕是軍火生產廠也不允許壟斷; 同時嚴令銀行、電信這些部門把不合理收費全部取消。
- 6、學習東歐, 將國企全部民營化, 股份分給全國人民; 停止強制結存外匯, 藏匯於民。
- 7、不再托房市, 一絲一毫也不托; 徹底改革股市。
- 8、取消計劃生育, 撤消計生委。
- 9、取消一切特供和特權。
- 10、除了國家最核心的機構, 其他所有黨政機構外部取消站崗的。
- 11、撤銷所有文工團性質的機構, 解散全部人員。
- 12、逐步停招公務員, 每年裁減公務員, 將所有與立法、行政、司法、軍事無關的准行政機構從行政序列中砍掉, 停止用財政經費供養他們。
- 13、適當時候, 改五級行政序列為三級, 即中央、省、縣(縣以下全砍, 實行人民自治)
- 14、官員財產公開, 允許人民隨時在網上查看。

中美論壇稿約

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Tune RGB to Get a Bright Future for Taiwan

In display thesaurus, RGB is a well-known acronym; Adjusting Red, Green and Blue to full scale will get you a bright screen for your computer or TV. As a display technologist in my earlier life, I would like to use the above metaphor to prescribe the future for Taiwan. If I could make sense to you, then would you please share this article with your next generation and other American Born Chinese (ABC) having a relation to Taiwan or people from Taiwan by blood, by name or by culture?

Over the past two centuries, the world has endured two world wars and mankind has come a long way in advancing civilization, materialistically through science and technology. Even though we still face lots of problems, but humans are far more confident now in dealing with them, food, energy, even the huge challenge such as climate change. One universal value gaining recognition by the world is that education empowers people and empowered people make better decisions utilizing democracy. However, democracy is a method or tool which may be applied in different systems and societies; the more educated the people are, the more effective the democracy is. Democracy works in corporate boardrooms as well as in workers unions but not necessarily following the same exact procedure or bylaws. In countries, democracy can work in parliaments as well as in governments utilizing different democratic methods such as performing direct election and legislation or indirectly through representation. Different political systems have evolved, adopted and modified democratic methods to suit their systems, influenced by their unique historical and cultural background, inherited philosophies and education which together help define their desired ideologies. Ideology is central to a society but democracy is only a means adopted to support the ideology.

The United States is a country with multiple ideologies but her majority population believes in a mixture of liberalism, capitalism and socialism. The democracy employed in the U.S. is by and large an indirect representation system where political parties represent people in nominating candidates for government and legislature positions. People cast direct ballots which are counted to elect their representatives who in term make the binding selection. The US constitution was revised 27 times. The different democratic methods used in different states came with different historical background; the federal and state laws were evolved over time to guide the democratic methods and vice versa.

Taiwan and Japan, allies of the U.S., have been influenced by the American style of democracy; but each has different historical and culture background and philosophies. Japan, which surrendered to the Allied Forces at the end of WW II (an atrocious war she inflicted on her

巴黎血案與文明衝突

1993年, 已故哈佛政治學教授, 鼎鼎大名的山姆·杭廷頓在《外交事務》上發表了一篇文章, 題目是"文明衝突乎?", 引起了多方面的熱議和辯論。隨後, 於1996年, 他進一步發揮, 出版了《文明衝突與世界秩序重組》一書。這是這位思想保守但是眼光獨到的學者出版的第三部經典著作, 而他提出的命題, 即二十世紀是意識形態鬥爭的世紀, 二十一世紀是世界走向多元化的世紀, 也是不同文明之間頻頻發生衝突的世紀, 似乎從2001年的911事件開始, 逐步得到了驗證。

老實說, 我們難以理解, 為什麼一個小小的、乖離世俗規範的《查理週刊》, 專門以漫畫來諷刺和侮辱權貴為能事, 平常銷路非常有限, 可是在幾位漫畫家被打死之後, 居然引起那麼大的波瀾? 如果不是因為文明衝突的話, 是什麼? 芝加哥每天都可能有好幾起槍殺事件, 而絕大多數的人不聞不問, 並且絕對不會演變成國際事件。在伊拉克, 敘利亞、利比亞、也門、巴基斯坦等阿拉伯國家, 動輒幾十人喪命在爆炸事件中, 大家也習以為常, 可以說到了漠然以對的地步。中東好幾百萬的難民前途茫茫也沒有引起人們的注意。偏偏巴黎的《查理週刊》血案中13人被殺, 卻引來了150萬人的大遊行, 據稱有四十多國的元首或高級官員參加。難道他們都贊同言論自由可以用來侮辱任何人, 或者任何宗教? 還是因為, 言論自由代表西方文明的核心價值, 即使被濫用也需要維護?

如果濫用言論自由也必需強力維護的話, 那麼, 伊斯蘭教的原始創教人的尊嚴是否也應當得到維護呢? 顯然, 伊斯蘭教眾認為理所當然。所以射殺漫畫家的兩兄弟是他們的英雄。據NBC電視臺傑出的中東特派員激動地報導, 繼巴黎大遊行之後, 有十個伊斯蘭國家, 包括非洲的尼日爾和東亞的巴基斯坦, 都發動了大遊行, 譴責《查理週刊》的褻瀆宗教行為。如果這不是

文明衝突, 那我就不知道什麼才是文明衝突了。

如果是一場文明衝突的話, 值得一問的是, 到底是誰主動挑起這場文明衝突的呢? 1月18日《紐約時報》頭版有一個醒目的標題:"從膽怯的業餘者轉變成巴黎殺手", 然後它用了整整兩大版面來記述這兩兄弟的心路歷程和極端化的過程。它的第一段是這麼寫的:

"在美國侵入伊拉克的一年後, 一名22歲的送意大利餅的外賣員覺得他無法忍受了。對美國大兵在Abu Ghraib 監獄中虐待伊斯蘭俘虜的視頻, 他感到噁心。他計劃到伊拉克去跟美國部隊作戰。他開始在網上學習使用AK-47, 然後他用紙上畫的槍支跟人學習射擊。"

報導接著說, 2005年, 他搭乘飛機去中東時被警察逮捕。他後來對詢問他的人說, "好幾次我想退出, 因為我不想死在那邊...可是, 如果我不去, 別人會說我是懦夫, 所以我決定去..."

那是2005年。十年後, 他跟他的哥哥在也門接受了訓練, 成為願意以生命來維護阿拉的鬥士。

以後的史家多半會證實一點, 那就是: 在911之後, 美國侵入阿富汗, 追殺本·拉登, 會被世界上絕大多數人, 包括伊斯蘭教眾在內, 認為是正義的, 所以不會激起伊斯蘭世界的憤怒和報復心, 尤其是因為阿富汗人不是阿拉伯人。伊斯蘭教眾的憤恨和報復心理主要是因為美國侵略伊拉克引起的。可以這麼說, 美國侵略伊拉克以及後來引發的一系列中東的動亂是把本來對付本·拉登的合理報復行動轉變為宗教衝突, 也就是文明衝突。這個轉變帶來了歐洲境內的阿拉伯人的極端化和暴力化。

據報導, 歐洲有好幾千名跟這兩兄弟想法相近的年輕人潛入中東, 追蹤伊斯蘭國或基地組織, 跟北約部隊對抗。而歐洲國家擔心的是,

讀者迴響 察言觀色看世界

有氣節者當以死諫, 如介之推者, 火燒山林也無法逼其受晉文公之祿。這些台灣和香港的絕食者, 只是為博得媒體版面, 以達其政治目的。而這些人平常都是錦衣美食者, 那嚐過飢餓之苦, 絕食不到兩天, 就受不了了。施明德、林義雄為崇高的理想而絕食, 猶讓人佩服。阿扁和呂秀蓮之流只是自取其辱。這種人多餓死幾個, 台灣只會更好。

法國在歐洲各國中擁有最多的穆斯林移民者。民意調查42%不贊成"查理"漫畫污辱穆斯林的群眾中, 一定有相當一部份是穆斯林。扣除這些人後, 其百分比可能就不會那些醒目了。自由要有適當的克制, 污辱別人容易, 被污辱而不作過激的反應難也。文人畫家之筆本應揚善揭惡, 而不是藉以侮辱人也。

我一個朋友發來一份關於查理週刊的電郵, 與大家共享。

1. 自由的真諦是 "自由以不妨礙他人自由為真自由。"雖有些拗口, 但你懂它的意思。因此自由是有限制和限度的。
2. 新聞自由是自由。
3. 宗教自由是自由。
4. 當新聞自由侵犯了宗教自由的領域, 就產生衝突。

查理雜誌曾受到法國政府的警告, 但我行我素。他們也受到穆斯林極端份子的小型攻擊, 但還不知收斂; 這是造成大難的原因。這是近因。

Julian Liu

gradually.

Unlike Mainland China parted from the Soviet Union since 70's, Taiwan was not able to break off from the dependency on the U.S. initially for fear of the mainland attack and later for lack of opportunities. When Hong Kong was returned to China from the British (1997), it opened an opportunity for Taiwan to define a proper and favorable position to re-unite with the mainland, but unfortunately Taiwan was then in the hands of a wrong leader. Li Teng Hui (Presidency from 1988-2000), a deep mole in KMT with Japanese inheritance, essentially blew away all opportunities for producing a favorable reunification with the mainland; and worse he groomed a political faction to push for Taiwan Independence and dependency on Japan. Li's protégée Chen Sui Bian later became the most corrupt President in Taiwan's history. Li and Chen did not succeed in gaining Taiwan's independence simply because Japan was always controlled by the U.S. The U.S. insisted in maintaining an ambiguous state for Taiwan since she has not figured out a clear China strategy since Nixon was impeached out of office. Taiwan came a long way in practicing democracy, but Taiwan did not have great leaders with sincerity to bring Taiwan people to understand the changing trends of ideology and democracy happening around the world, especially the transformation of Mainland China. They failed to understand and articulate that the future of Taiwan lies in a smooth and favorable reunification with the mainland.

Today the Chinese Taiwanese (excluding those who made riches and left living elsewhere) treasure their land, care about their environment and want their island to be 'green'. The mainlanders visiting Taiwan was mostly impressed by the 'green island' and had viewed it as a model for mainland. The Taiwan people have worked hard and earned their prosperity and they have a warm heart evidenced by their charities and how they treated the disadvantaged. The Taiwan people simply can be represented by a 'red heart'. Not very differently though the mainlanders are also diligent workers striving for success. What the Taiwan people desire but don't have is a blue sky; in the traditional Chinese philosophy, it means a wise, able, fair and just governing system free of external influence and threats to allow them to beat their red heart and love their green land. In fact, this is what the Chinese mainlanders desire as well.

Both Taiwan people and mainland folks have the same RGB dream and it can be realized by the reunification process; metaphorically it is tuning the red, green and blue spectra to get a bright future! The people must demand their leaders to understand the RGB metaphor as their common dream and to work sincerely towards the reunification to provide the nation, Taiwan and mainland, a blue sky so all her people, everywhere, can work to their red hearts' desire to reap their rewards; and to love their land to keep it green forever. The Taiwan people must wise up to realize that their RGB dream depends on the reunification process. Any politician doesn't believe in RGB and unification does not belong to Taiwan!