

## The China Protests - Legitimate Grievances Hijacked by Outside Elements

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In the two years since the World Health Organisation declared the beginning of the COVID-19 'Pandemic', anti-lockdown protests around the world have been routinely demonised by corporate media outlets.

Regularly lambasted as being 'organised by the far-right' and 'super-spreader' events, protests against lockdowns and vaccine mandates have also drawn a brutal state response in a number of Western countries, including <u>Germany</u>, <u>Holland</u>, and perhaps most notably, Canada.

In January 2022, following Ottawa's decision to impose a vaccine mandate on truck drivers re-entering the country from the US, the world's largest land border and a vital component of the Canadian economy, a nationwide Freedom Convoy would commence in the second largest country on the planet.

In response, the government of Justin Trudeau – previously <u>mooted</u> by the World Economic Forum as one of its 'Young Global Leaders' – would respond in an authoritarian fashion, freezing the bank accounts of protest organisers and attacking demonstrators using <u>mounted Horses</u> and <u>teargas</u> canisters.

Therefore, onlookers were bemused this week by Trudeau's declaration of <u>support</u> for antilockdown protesters in China, currently demonstrating against Beijing's 'zero-Covid' policy.

Indeed this was a view echoed by the western <u>media</u> in lockstep, less than a year after the same outlets were condemning European and American demonstrators for carrying out the exact same actions.

To understand the sudden change in attitude towards anti-lockdown campaigners by the corporate press, one must first look at other events that also occurred in January of this year.

During the same week as the World Economic Forum's virtual Davos Agenda <u>event</u>, the twoyear 'Pandemic' narrative collapsed almost instantaneously in multiple western countries including <u>Ireland</u> and <u>Britain</u>. The WHO, a body with a known record of <u>corruption</u> and <u>ties</u> to pharmaceutical giants, would also call for the <u>ending</u> of all travel restrictions during the same period.

In further coincidental timing, a week after the Davos event, Hungarian business magnate and Open Society founder George Soros would give a <u>speech</u> to the Hoover Institution in the United States, outlining his view of CCP Chairman Xi Jinping as being the 'greatest threat that open societies face today' and predicted that widespread opposition to the Chinese leader's 'zero-Covid' policy would eventually lead to his removal from office. It would be a view that Soros would again <u>express</u> during his address of the World Economic Forum's Davos summit in May of this year, and indeed, it is a situation that is now playing out in real time.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, minor anti-lockdown protests that had begun at the start of the month following the decision by the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou to re-impose restrictions, would grow exponentially in the aftermath of an apartment fire in the northwestern Xinjiang province, leading to the deaths of ten residents, with lockdown restrictions being blamed on preventing firefighters from reaching the scene.

In classic colour revolution style, the 'A4 Revolution' has been given coordinated sympathetic coverage by the mainstream media, similar to the 2014 Euromaidan Ukrainian regime change operation, in which the Open Society Foundations also played a key <u>role</u>. What has been given less coverage however, is the <u>decision</u> by Chinese authorities to listen to the legitimate grievances of anti-lockdown protesters and subsequently <u>remove</u> restrictions in Guangzhou and the city of Chongqing, the focus shifting to the wider demand for the removal of Xi Jinping's leadership instead.

Indeed, this was echoed in an <u>article</u> supportive of the protests by the National Endowment for Democracy, a Reagan-era Neoconservative foundation that effectively acts as a <u>privatised version</u> of the CIA, fomenting regime change from <u>Libya</u>, to <u>Belarus</u>, and now, using anti-lockdown protests that would have been widely condemned less than a year ago, China.

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Featured image: Protesters carry blank papers and chant slogans as they demonstrate in Beijing, China against the country's notoriously strict COVID-19 lockdown measures, on Nov. 27, 2022. In response, the Chinese government has eased some of them.(NG HAN GUAN/AP)

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