

Rupturing US/China Relations: The Destructive Race to Roll Out 5G Technology, A Breach Too Wide to Fix?

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History one day may explain that the US was its own worst enemy — along with being responsible for unparalleled harm to most people at home and abroad worldwide.

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Both China and the US are rivals, not partners, risking a clash of civilizations that could rupture the relationship or something worse — possible military confrontation by accident or design as the bilateral breach grows wider.

The latest shoe to drop came Tuesday. Trump's FCC banned US companies from using its \$8.3 billion Universal Service Fund to purchase equipment or technical services from Chinese telecom giants Huawei and ZTE.

A statement by FCC chairman Ajit Pai said the following:

"Based on the overwhelming weight of evidence (sic)," the agency declared both companies and affiliated operations "national security risks to America's communications networks – and to our 5G future (sic)."

US imports of their equipment and services were restricted or prohibited months earlier.

The same goes for obstructing their purchase of US high-tech parts and components from US companies without Washington's approval.

Notably Huawei is leading the race globally to roll out 5G technology — with multi-trillion dollar market potential despite the serious risk to human health and welfare.

The Trump regime falsely claims Huawei and ZTE equipment can spy on US government and private entities, no evidence presented backing the accusation.

Huawei's founder Ren Zhengfei and company chairman Ken Hu earlier stressed that the company "firmly stands on the side of customers when it comes to cyber security and privacy."

No evidence disputes him. The real issue is the race for global 5G leadership.

The US and China are competing for which country will be the leader in this technology that'll define the next generation of mobile Internet use, online-connected devices infrastructure to smart cities, and driverless cars.

Mobile Internet requires agreed on global standards, 5G specifications agreed on in late 2018.

The race is on between Chinese, US, and European firms for who'll emerge as the 5G leader.

Huawei is far and away in the lead, why the Trump regime and Congress are waging war on the firm and China by other means.

It's all about aiming to prevent China and other nations from challenging US political, economic, financial, technological and military supremacy — hardball its chosen strategy.

US policy under both wings of the one-party state want corporate America to have a competitive advantage over foreign firms.

Sino/US tensions continue to escalate — despite no threat to US national security by any foreign governments.

The tougher Washington gets on China, Russia, Iran, and other nations free from its control, the greater the risk of confrontation.

China will surely retaliate in its own way at its own time in response to hostile US actions, including the latest ones.

Washington's drive for unchallenged global hegemony poses an unparalleled threat to peace, stability, and humanity's survival.

The lesson of two global wars were forgotten or never learned.

Is a third one inevitable — potentially with super-weapons making long ago ones used seem like toys by comparison?

Will humans be the first species ever to destroy itself — and all other life forms with it?

What's inconceivable is ominously possible because of US rage to dominate other nations worldwide — no matter the risk to survival.

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