

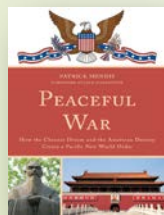
American Vision and Chinese Mission

Will President Xi's New Silk Road Create a "Pacific" New World Order?



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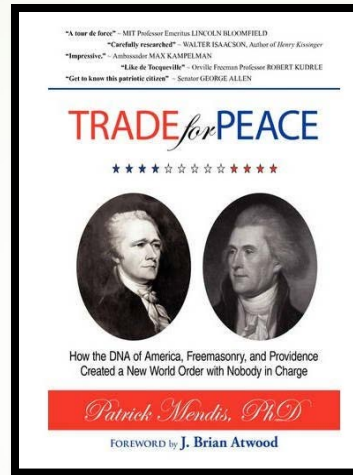
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The American “Empire of Liberty” “Hamiltonian Means to Jeffersonian Ends”



Alexander Hamilton



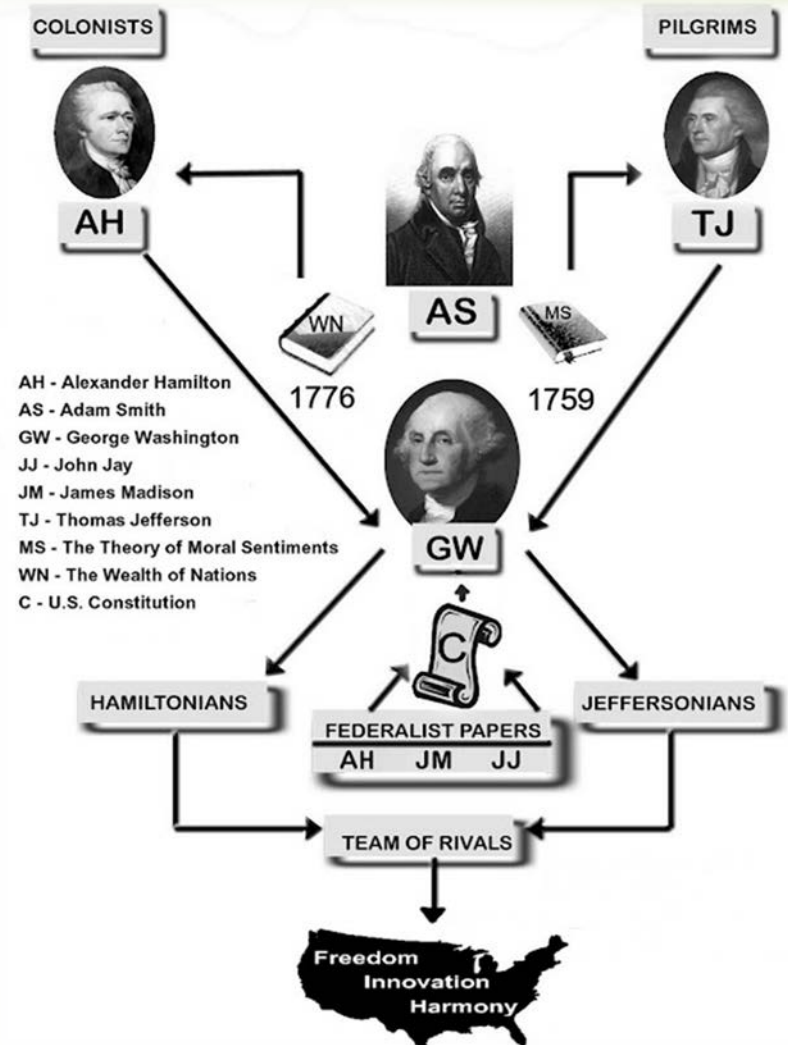
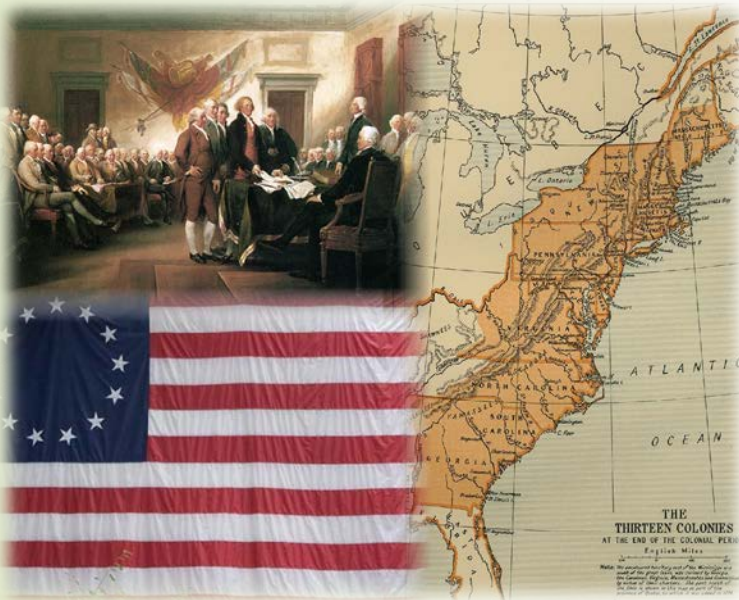
Thomas Jefferson

The U.S. Constitution

“To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.”

The “Experiment” of the United States

The American “Experience” of the Pilgrims and Colonists



Chinese Culture and Confucian Governance

On *Culture*:

“Chinese are regarded as an ancient and highly civilized nation.”



On *Confucius*:

“What Confucius proposed to the princes:” moral governance “according to this [Confucian] model” for a “happy and flourishing empire” in America.

~**Dr. Benjamin Franklin**, *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 1737

Philadelphia and Peking (Beijing)

The 40th Degree N. Latitude



“This country may be improved beyond” what “might have been expected” if we could be “so fortunate as to introduce the **industry** of the Chinese, their **arts** of living and improvements in husbandry, as well as their native **plants**, America might in time become as populous as China, which is allow to contain more **inhabitants** than any other country, of the same extent, in the world.”

~**Charles Thomson**

Secretary “Prime Minister” of the Continental Congress

Chinese Manners and Morals



The Chinese were “a people of mild manners and of good morals.”

~**Thomas Paine**, Author of *Common Sense*, 1776

“Past is Prologue”

Searching for Inspiration:



“America would in time come to possess much likeness in the wealth of its industries to China.”

~**Dr. Benjamin Franklin**, *Circa 1771*

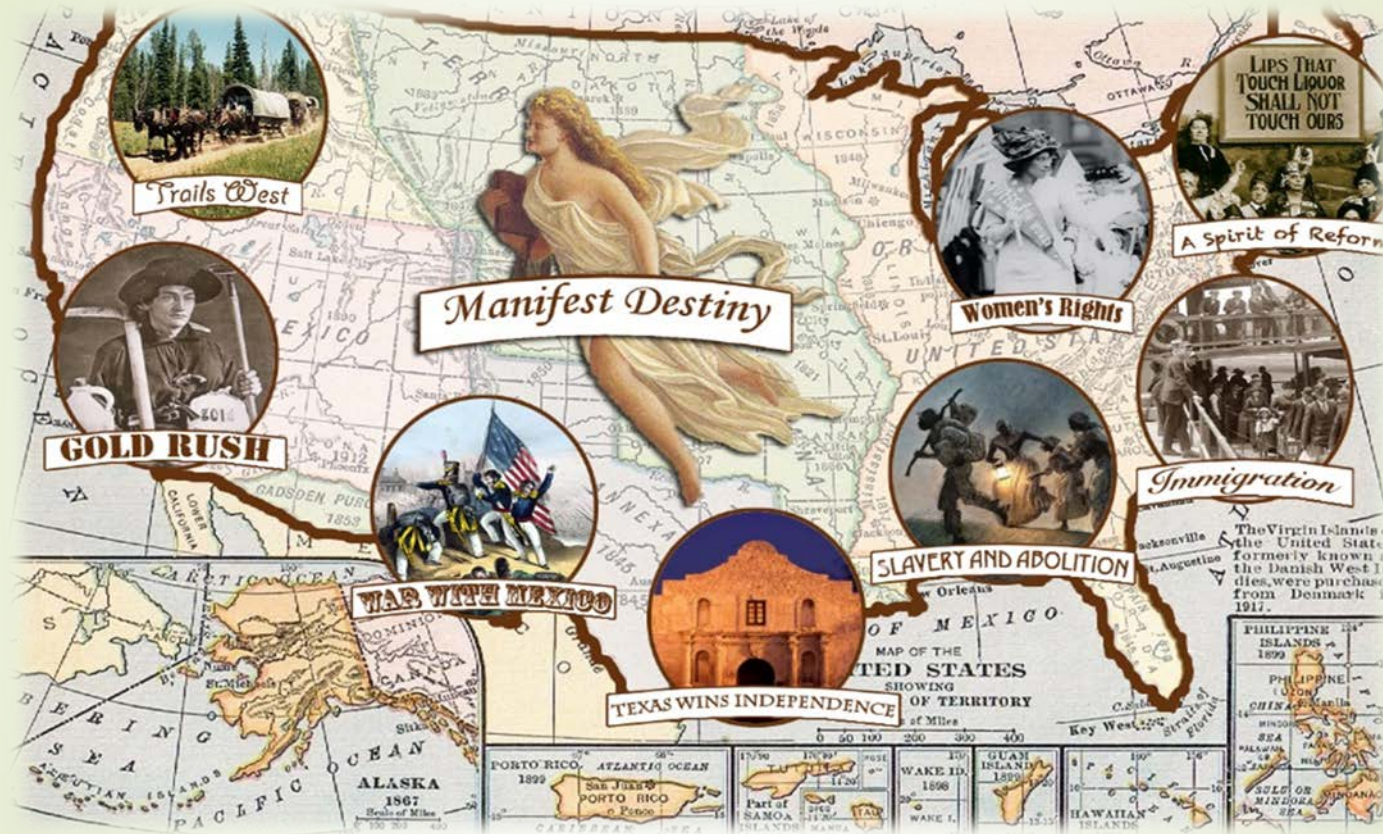
The Jeffersonian “Empire of Liberty”



The U.S. wanted “the most direct and practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce” with **China**.

~President Thomas Jefferson

The Westward Journey



“Go West, Young Man, and grow up with the country” **Horace Greeley, 1865**

The Pacific “Railroad” Civilization

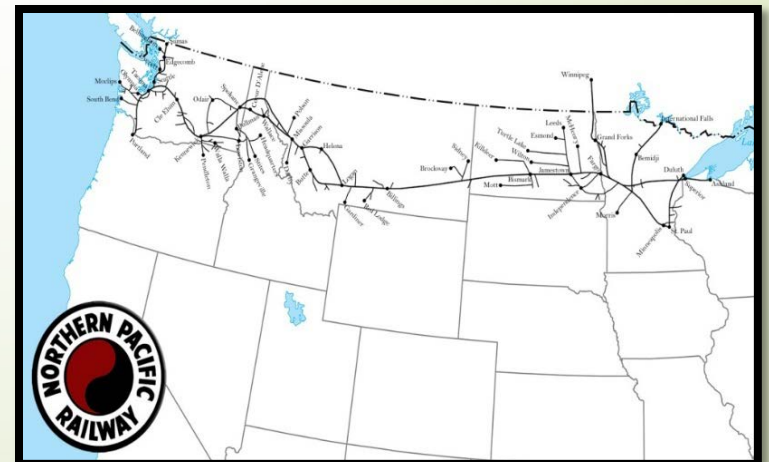
Union Pacific Railroad



American symbol



Northern Pacific Railroad



Chinese symbol



The One Belt, One Road Initiative (BRI)



❑ The Silk Road Economic Belt – “**The Belt**”

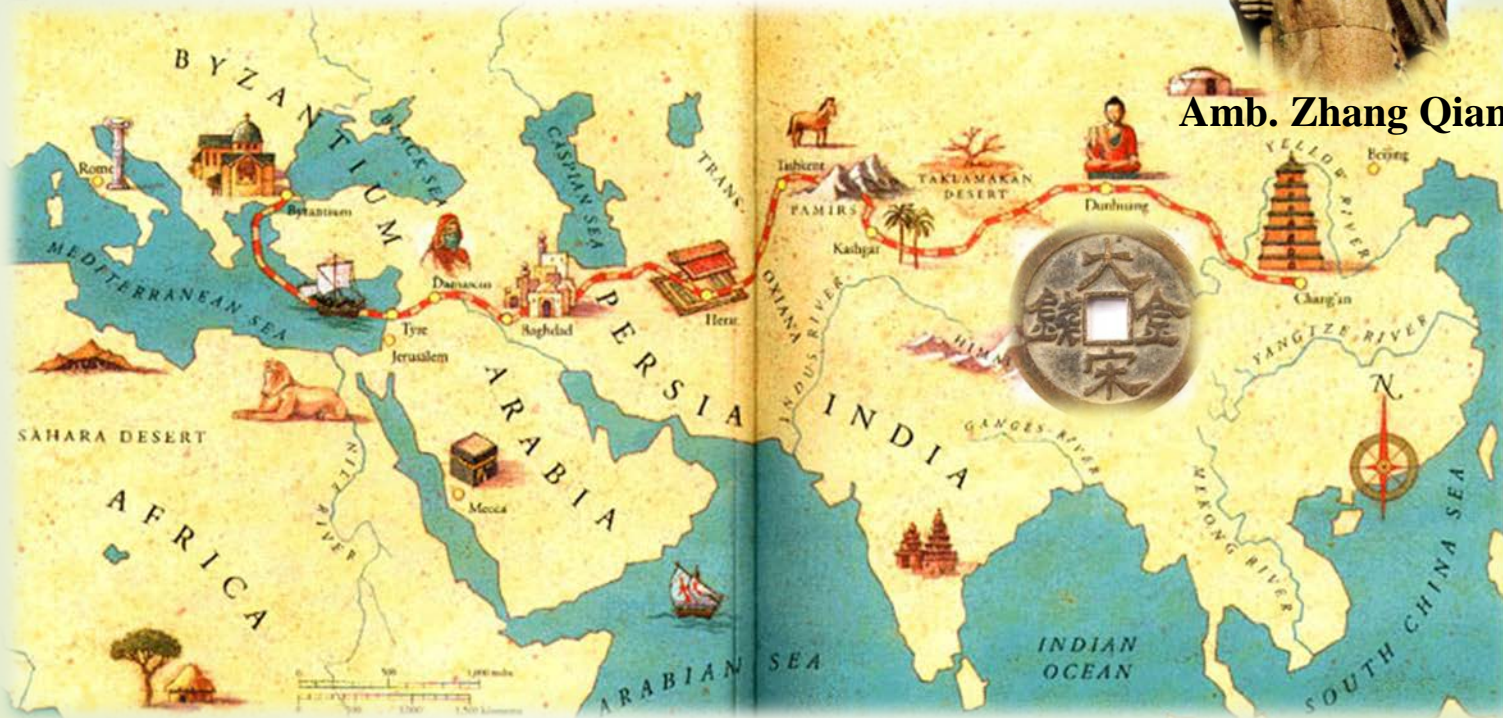
❑ The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road – “**The Road**”

“The Great Rejuvenation of the Chinese Nation”

President Xi Jinping

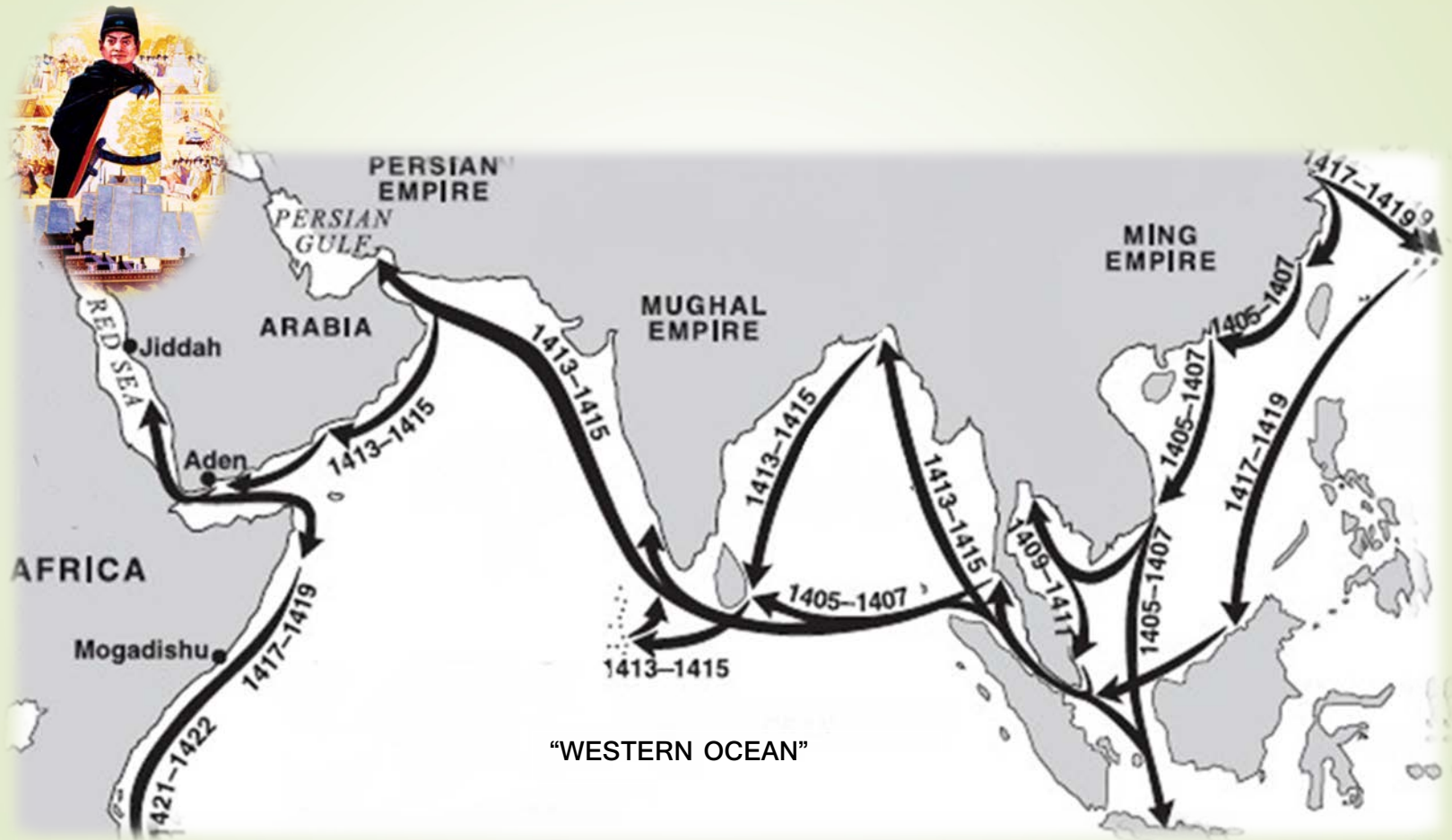


Amb. Zhang Qian



Western Han Dynasty, 206 BC-24 AD

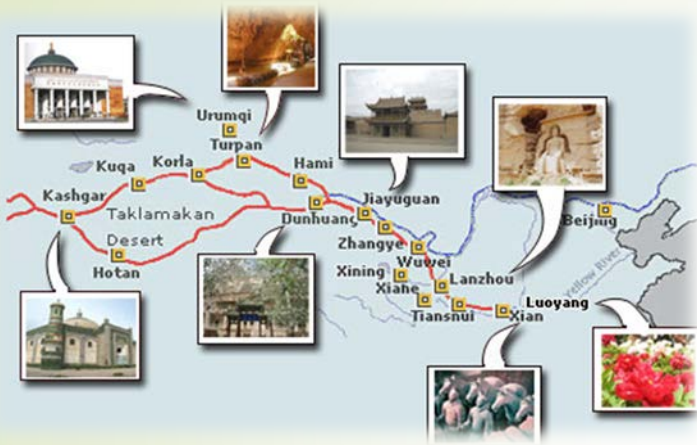
Admiral Zheng He's Seven Voyages



Ming Dynasty, 1371-1433

Reviving the “Celestial Empire”

“Monks” and “Merchants” in the Middle Kingdom



“Journey to the West”

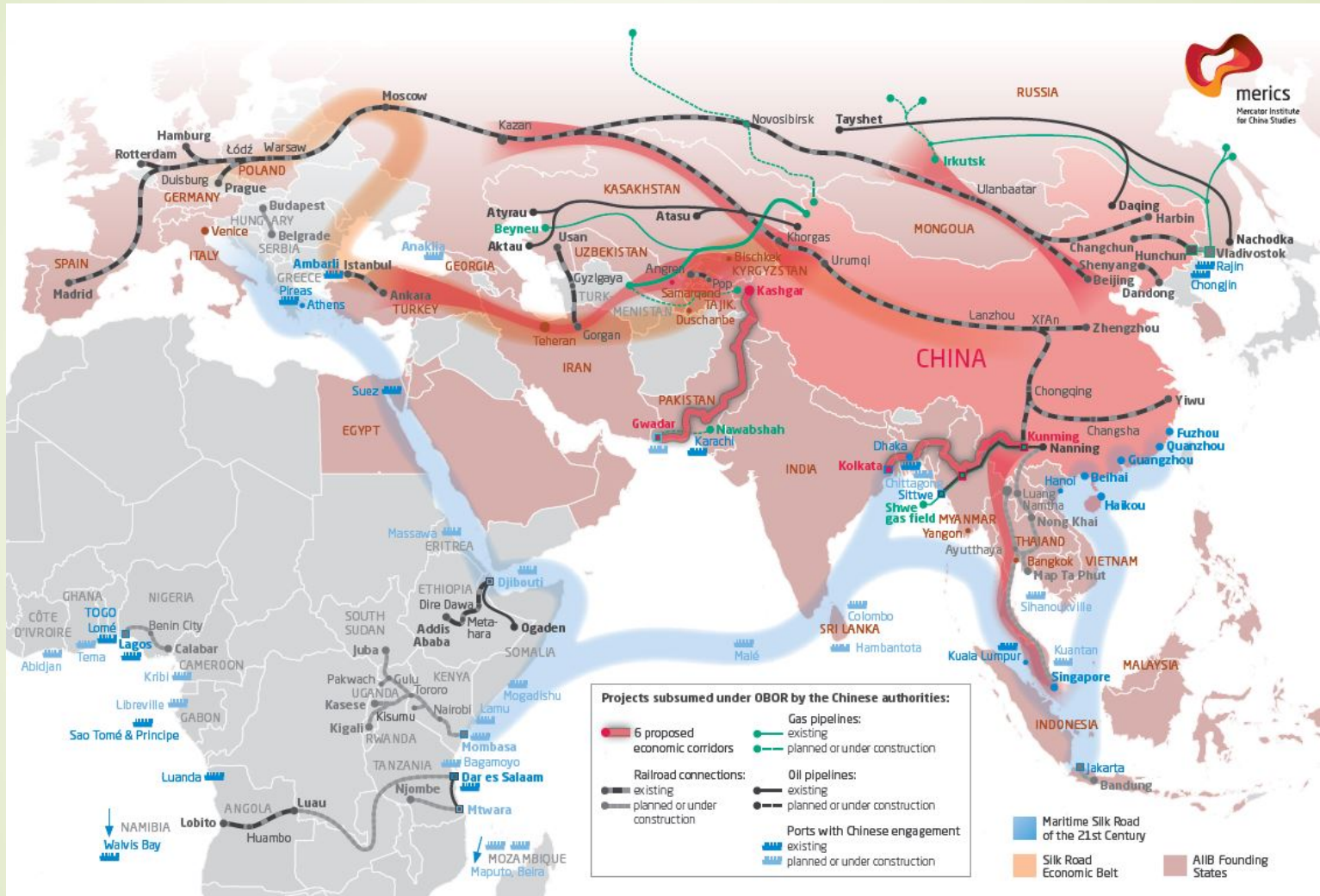


Zheng He's “Western Ocean”



“Trade for Peace”

Revival of the Silk Road

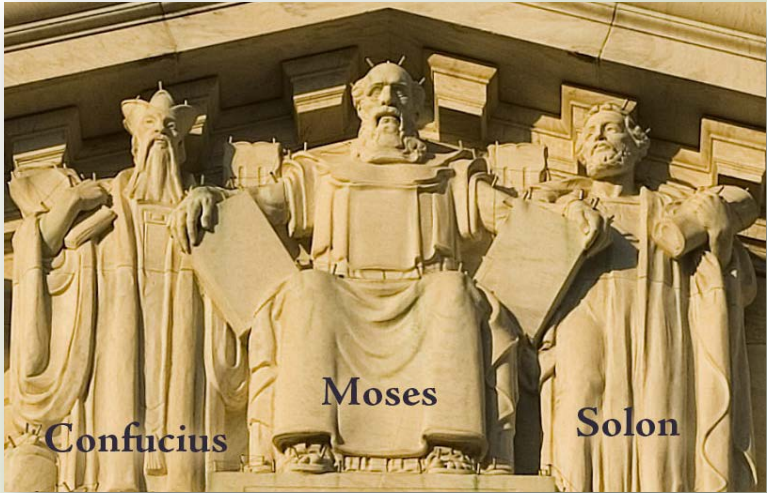


Revival of the Silk Road

History Matters . . .to “Make China Great Again”



Source: *Global Times*



To “Make America Great Again”



“I love [China] . . . their leaders are much smarter than our leaders.”

Donald Trump, July 5, 2015

Foreign Policy on “Shared Interests” with China



“We desire to live peacefully and in friendship with Russia and China. We have serious differences with these two nations, and must regard them with open eyes, but we are not bound to be adversaries. We should seek common ground based on shared interests.”

~**Donald Trump**, April 27, 2016

The Founding Vision and “Commercial” Interests



“Commerce with all nations, alliance with none, should be our motto. Money, not morality, is the principle commerce of civilized nations. Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.”

~**Thomas Jefferson**, March 12, 1799

Non-interventionist Foreign Policy



[The United States] “goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.”

~President John Quincy Adams, July 4, 1821

Championing “America First”

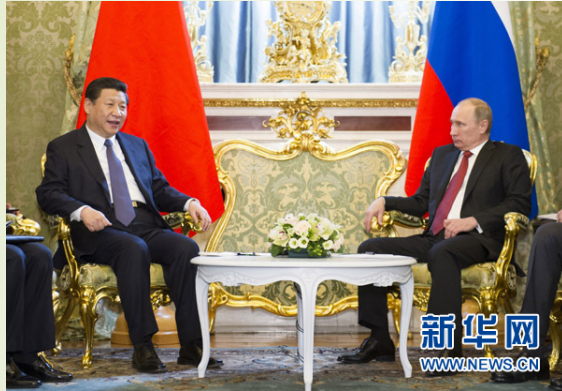


“Buy American and hire American,”

The US should abandon the “dangerous idea that we could make Western democracies out of countries that had no experience or interest in becoming a Western democracy.”

~Donald Trump, April 27, 2016

Policy on “Non-interference”



“Only the feet know if the shoes Fit.”

~President Xi Jinping
March 25, 2013

Will President Trump’s America be Compatible with China?

Founding Wisdom and Pragmatism?



Trump is using the “Hamiltonian vision”—like Deng Xiaoping did—for a better Sino-American relationship

The Art of the Deal (1987): Rhetoric or Strategy?



- Twitting on China as a “currency manipulator” and the builder of “a massive military complex” in SCS
- Challenger to U.S. companies to “compete” in China
- Imposing “tariff” on Chinese imports
- Phone calls with the presidents of Taiwan and Pakistan

Friends in “Trade” and Commerce

Gov. Branstad is
a “old friend.”
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Beijing



President Xi is a
“longtime
friend.”
Gov. Terry Branstad,
U.S. Ambassador to
China

“One of the most important relationships we must improve—and we have to improve—is our relationship with China.”

~President-elect Trump, Dec 8, 2016

Bilateral Approach; Not Isolationism



- Precedence over national interests and state sovereignty
 - Not enforcing uniform trade rules
- Respect for diversity among nations
 - Less recognition of multilateral institutions
- Recognition of cultural integrity and traditions
 - Primacy of bilateral arrangements and treaties

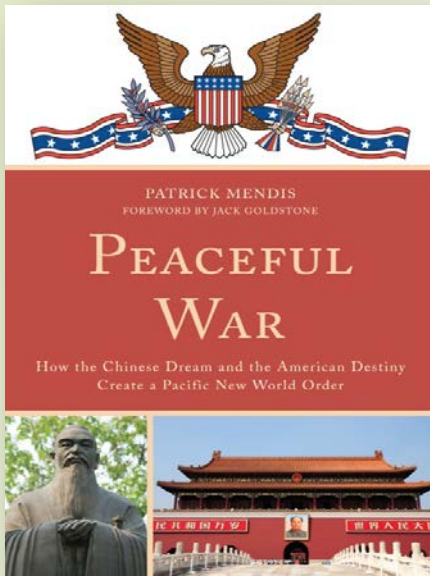
Will President Trump “Make China Great Again”?



Source: *Global Times*

China and U.S. must get it right; otherwise trade wars, geopolitical hostilities, and even military conflicts ensue...

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