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Within the last two days the *New York Times* produced four anti-China opinion pieces:

- [Are the Chinese Protests a Moment or a Movement?](#)
- [The Communist Party Is Losing China's People](#)
- [Banana Peels for Xi Jinping](#)
- [Xi Broke the Social Contract That Helped China Prosper](#)

All four predict doom for China and president Xi's leadership. In typical color-revolution fashion the sudden onslaught of these pieces follows recent reports of minor protests in some Chinese cities related to zero-Covid measures.

But the biggest recent protest was actually a labor conflict at a factory where the Taiwanese contract manufacturer Foxconn is [producing iPhones](#):

{ A violent workers' revolt at the world's largest iPhone factory this week in central China is further scrambling Apple's strained supply

and highlighting how the country's stringent zero-Covid policy is hurting global technology firms.

The troubles started last month when workers left the factory campus in Zhengzhou, the capital of the central province of Henan, due to Covid fears. Short on staff, bonuses were offered to workers to return.

But protests broke out this week when the newly hired staff said management had reneged on their promises. The workers, who clashed with security officers wearing hazmat suits, were eventually offered cash to quit and leave.

Within a day that labor conflict was largely resolved.

Other protests were mostly small symbolic events carefully designed to get some media attention in the 'West'.



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For a huge country like China the total number of protests was

laughable small:

Nathan Ruser @Nrg8000 - [23:17 UTC · Nov 30, 2022](#)

For our China Protest Tracker map, we tracked reports of 7 protests that took place across China on November 29th. Totalling 51 protests since November 25th, across 24 cities. See the third edition of our map.

There are signs of foreign meddling:

Angelo Giuliano 🇮🇹 🇨🇭 / living in 🇨🇳 @Angelo4justice3 - [3:08 AM · Nov 30, 2022](#)

Telegram Channel / protests China

They have open channel with Western journalists, here is the list.

Here a list of organisers, all based outside China.

Sydney Daddy one of them, YouTuber based in Australia.

So much for "organic" movement.

Covid protest YES, foreign meddling NO

Image

To me this looks as if some 'western' color-revolution instigators are trying to hitch a ride with reasonable protests against some zero-Covid measures. They are likely to fail.

Exactly three years ago Wuhan reported the first case of an unknown type of pneumonia. China had since then adopted a whatever-it-takes stand against the spread of Covid. While the zero-Covid measures at times seem harsh they are also a necessity. The Chinese medical system is still underdeveloped and can not handle large outbreaks in multiple big cities. Not all Chinese elderly are vaccinated. A free running epidemic would cost several million lives and would leave tens of millions hampered with long-Covid conditions.

That is unsatisfying for the young who are unlikely to die of Covid-19 but have to live with the zero-Covid restrictions. But China is a Confucian society. People in China are traditionally valuing their elderly. China's constitution makes care for the elderly in ones family [an obligation](#) for every Chinese citizen:

Article 49 Marriage, families, mothers and children shall be protected by the state.

Both husband and wife shall have the obligation to practice family planning. Parents shall have the obligation to raise and educate their minor children; **adult children shall have the obligation to support and assist their parents.** Infringement of the freedom of marriage is prohibited; **mistreatment of senior citizens**, women and children **is prohibited.**

China can therefore not open up and let the pandemic run its course. Its government would likely see more protest than now should it suddenly decide to fully open up and to let the elderly die.

But China can, as Peter Lee predicted, modify its current policies.

chinahand @chinahand - [12:54 UTC · Nov 30, 2022](#)

My prediction that CCP crabwalking to a new covid policies (w/ collateral political and public health implications) holding up rather well. Subscription required!

[Less Than Zero...Covid](#) - Peter Lee's China Threat Report on Patreon.

Two weeks ago the Chinese National Health Commission had already [announced 20 new guidelines.](#)

What it can further do to avoid more demonstrations and unrest is to apply sensible zero-Covid measures in a less restricting way.

Some local governments have already [reacted to some of the protests](#):

Chinese cities including Beijing, Guangzhou and Chengdu, where the virus is rife, have continued to optimize their anti-epidemic policies in recent days, with Guangzhou resuming businesses, allowing dine-in services in low-risk areas; and shopping malls gradually opening in Beijing starting Thursday. Some cities have also started to allow close contacts to have home quarantine under certain conditions and exempt some groups from routine nucleic tests.

Chinese Vice Premier Sun Chunlan underlined again on Thursday the importance of **continuously optimizing** China's response to COVID-19, following similar remarks she made on Wednesday saying the country is facing a new situation and new tasks in epidemic prevention and control **as the pathogenicity of the Omicron virus weakens**.

Epidemiologists said such optimized measures aims to strike a better balance between COVID-19 control and ensuring people's normal lives. Allowing home quarantine for some risk groups also relieves pressure of already strained hospital resources.

China wants to hold out as "the pathogenicity of the Omicron virus weakens."

The Omicron variant seems to be more transmissible but less lethal than the original version of SARS-CoV-2 or the delta variant. But we do not know if it will further develop in that direction. New variants are found on a nearly daily basis. If China can hold out for another years until an even milder variant becomes prominent it probably can avoid a huge number of deaths.

Some economist [predict](#) that China will open up around the mid of next year:

China is expected to fully lift its Covid restrictions in the third quarter of 2023, leading to a dramatic economic rebound, said Hu Yifan, regional chief investment officer and chief China economist at UBS Global Wealth Management.

The estimate echoes a forecast by Bloomberg economists, who said they expect a full reopening by mid-2023. A survey by Bloomberg News earlier this month showed that most economists see reopening starting in the second quarter of 2023 after China's annual top political meetings.

The Chinese government has given no public indication on the timing of an exit from the current "zero-Covid" pandemic control policy, although some municipal governments recently eased controls.

The *Times* writer who hope for some revolution in China will likely be disappointed.

China's economy is doing reasonably well. The people are mostly content with reasonable health measure and everything else is negotiable.

'Western' op-ed writers like to paint picture of China as a dictatorship suppressing its people. But that is not what China is.

Posted by b on December 1, 2022 at 17:11 UTC | [Permalink](#)

Comments

Thanks for the posting b

Yes, the West is projecting all its faults on China and those projections will not stick.

I think the West is starting to suffer from all the lies and waking up to them but we are in the middle of it so its hard to tell.

What I don't understand is why China is seemingly not implementing Ivermectin and/or Chinese Traditional Medicine approaches which would further undermine the mRNA Western vector.

Posted by: [psychohistorian](#) | Dec 1 2022 17:24 utc | [1](#)

Japan Times takes a similar line to Lee's. I'm not sure that I agree but the truth s that China's ability to sustain an independent policy in a world in which borders are no barrier against the infections tolerated, if not encouraged, by those practising "herd immunity' policies.

Other factors are the relatively primitive state of the Health care system and the reality that it is to an important extent based on traditional healing arts.

This is from Japan Times

"With demonstrators having upped the pressure on Beijing to change its stringent "COVID-zero" policy, the Chinese leadership's prioritization of containing infections rather than effectively rolling out treatment for the virus has left it with only a few hard options to address the protesters' demands.

While the government recognizes the damaging socioeconomic impact of quarantines and lockdowns, it also understands that ceasing efforts to contain the virus would rapidly overwhelm the health care system and lead to a surge in deaths.

"Faced with this dilemma, the Communist Party will eventually wind down restrictions, but for now the government is likely to

follow a gradual multipronged strategy to the pandemic. This approach will see a focus on ramping up vaccinations, acquiring more effective jabs, changing the narrative about the virus, finding better treatment and improving communication.

"There is a very narrow corridor out of this conundrum," said Vincent Brussee, a governance researcher at the Berlin-based Mercator Institute for China Studies.

"Brussee said the Chinese authorities first need to create "a window of opportunity" for a reopening by continuing strategic measures and small-scale lockdowns, while curbing the arbitrary nature of measures and supporting negatively affected areas.

"During this time, Beijing would need to quickly increase vaccination rates for the elderly, improve scientific health communication to the public and prepare health care resources such as intensive care beds and anti-viral drugs.

"Opening-up should then be gradual and follow vaccination rates," Brussee noted, pointing out that this would be similar to the 20-point adjustments China's National Health Commission (NHC) released last month, which eased certain measures affecting travel, quarantine, lockdowns on businesses and testing, as well as other aspects of policy.

"However, poor communication has led to these changes being implemented inefficiently, as highlighted in the protests that have erupted across the country.

"A series of small tweaks

"There are signs that Beijing is beginning to change tack, though, with the country's top official in charge of the COVID-19 response, Vice Premier Sun Chunlan, declaring Wednesday that China is entering a new phase in fighting the virus as the omicron variant weakens and more people get vaccinated...."

Posted by: bevin | Dec 1 2022 17:25 utc | [2](#)

thanks b...

it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks, the old dog here being the usa and its regime change or destabilizing agenda...

i agree with your line here - "some 'western' color-revolution instigators are trying to hitch a ride with reasonable protests against some zero-Covid measures"

now bring on round zillion and 1 on the talk of covid.. i can see it now.. another thread devoted to talk about covid.. oh well..

Posted by: james | Dec 1 2022 17:28 utc | [3](#)

Much bloviating over a nasty flu variation of no danger to 99.5% of a population. 'Covid responses' are political/ideological tools and have zero health rationale.

Posted by: stan | Dec 1 2022 17:36 utc | [4](#)

The biggest propaganda against America and American democracy, is the fact that the Chinese government actually listens to people's grievances and immediately takes action to address them.

People in the west protest and protest and protest and protest and protest only to have the media upbraid them, politicians pay lip service and ultimately nothing changes.

What was the outcome of the protests in Europe from Netherlands farmers to France anti-NATO to German & UK cost of living and in the North America, the Canadian Truckers to everything under the rainbow in the US?

Did anything lead to actual change?

Precisely.

The two bit dullards who constitute the average population will never be able to put two and two together and realize the that the "freedom" in the west is only an illusion.

And a civilization made of such two bit dullards will not continue to prosper for too long.

The NYTimes writers and their puppet masters telling them what to write will be crying through all of their orifices in their body when US becomes a banana republic in the Asian century in the year 2040.

Posted by: FieryButMostPeaceful | Dec 1 2022 17:41 utc | [5](#)