

Values

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German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on April 12 in Tianjin, her first stop on a three-day trip to China:

*“We are currently seeing how important it is to have partners around the world **who share our values** at our side when we face our own security threats”.*

For one thing, would Ms. Baerbock mind explaining which security threats she has in mind, exactly?

Does she mean that any hostile nation is currently planning on invading the European Union, North America, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, or South Korea?

For another, which values was Ms. Baerbock referring to, that are all shared between her and her partners?

Among others, should one think of such fundamental values which would be universally acknowledged by Ms. Baerbock's partners, for instance:

- Applicability of the death penalty, as opposed to the proscription thereof;
- Unencumbered abortion rights, as opposed to the prohibition thereof;
- Unencumbered access to the justice system, as opposed to severe limitations thereof;
- Unencumbered voting rights, as opposed to severe limitations thereof;
- Unabridged freedom of speech and religion, as opposed to widespread censorship;
- Gun rights, as opposed to gun prohibition;
- Birthright citizenship, as opposed to the denial thereof;
- And many other ununiversally acknowledged Western values.

Or perhaps Ms. Baerbock's values may be epitomized as the undivided right for her and her partners' Modern Crusaders and Defenders of the Faith to endure in their sacred duty of Spiritual Director to the rest of the world?

Or is it simply that her values consist in a political system in which the silly, sometimes of kindergarten age, control the levers of government.

Is there the slightest chance that Ms. Baerbock and her partners will finally apprise us clearly of the exact nature of their shared values and, incidentally, of the so-called Rules-based Order?