## https://www.iflscience.com/china-is-now-the-richest-country-on-earth-61673

I have a lot of respect for China, and so, I decided to write a pretty long comment. When I started writing that comment, it exceeded the maximum number of characters for a Facebook comment. So, no soup for me, dude.

I'll likely post this on my wall, and put some of this document in a comment. Because of how noteworthy this article is, and China's accomplishment.

You see, I used to work for KeyCorp in 2016, and I knew that the United States would eventually fall behind China in terms of technological superiority, as well as net worth.

Back in 2016, the amount of money in China's banks dwarfed what the US had, even then... Bank of America was in like 5th place in terms of sheer capital.

The 3-4 banks above Bank of America were ALL in (China/Taiwan), and they each had like 2-3x the amount of capital that Bank of America had. Most of the "wealth" that America has, is mostly "assets".

China actually took advantage of this "becoming wealthy by having mostly assets" phenomenon, by just BUILDING A LOT OF STUFF.

And so, they started building these GHOST CITIES that look identical to places like Paris France, and New York City. They are rather surreal, and looking at them gives some people a sense of synesthesia.

So many people had no idea WHY China would do something so "senseless".

That's because people failed to see the sense it made, for China to throw so much money on building these ghost cities.

Typically, people build (buildings/cities) so that other people can live in them. Pretty foolproof way to go about it, too.

People don't go around building cities for people to NOT go and live in them, so if they're building cities and nobody's moving into them...?

Then, some people will fail to see the point, they'll believe that it's a total waste of resources, time, and money. It's that simple.

The truth is, it wasn't a senseless endeavor at all, and it kept causing their (GDP/Gross Domestic Product) to rise, and now China has officially surpassed America in terms of wealth.

However, while this was occurring, some people were pointing at them and laughing at what they were doing. That's mainly because some people (say/think/do) really stupid shit.

They don't care how stupid their behaviors are.

So, if you're like ME, and you NOTICE someone (saying/thinking/doing) something really stupid...?

Nobody can expect them to STOP doing it, by BEING NICE, and ASKING THEM TO STOP. Nah.

The point is, giving people SUGGESTIONS to STOP (saying/thinking/doing) something really stupid, doesn't work.

Not at all.

I mean, give it a shot... suggest to everybody to pay off the US National Debt. People will actually look at you, and call you insane for even mentioning that...

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| Pay off the $30T of debt that we're in...? What are you, nuts...?!? |
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So, you have to do things like I do, and use RHETORIC.

I can understand some people maybe having this line of reasoning...

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| Why would China build these ghost cities...? It doesn't make any sense... |
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Well, that is a perfect question, actually.

It probably sounds like a no-brainer, but the truth is, people make a lot of assumptions all the time.

Because, here's how it works.

If you're really nice to people, and you see people doing some of the dumbest fuckin' things people can do,

throughout the existence of all time and space...?

There is no way that they will stop doing it, and... they're just gonna keep doing it. They may even tell ya to fuck off.

They may even say:

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| Somebody: Hey...
| It's just your opinion that I'm doing something really stupid, dude.
| If anything, buddy...?
| Your FACE is really stupid, and you really need to do something about THAT...
| So...
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But, that is what happens when people make a lot of assumptions.

Nobody really has ANY degree of accuracy, AT ALL, when they do this.

They just rely on a broken foundation of "knowledge", and then they huff n' puff about how someone called em dumb.

Sometimes, people will feel EXTREMELY EMBARRASSED and INSULTED, by being told how stupid they are. If that happens...?

That's when you've lost all capabilities of being able to teach them a god damn thing... You just- flat out, passed the point of no return, and humanity is DOOMED. You called em stupid for thinking the moronic things that they think. Called their motivations, reasoning, logic, and behaviors, moronic.

It's game over.

You lost.

Nobody ever gets past being insulted to that degree...

Now they're pouting in a corner, or calling their buddies to say:

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Guy[1]: Hey, Guy[2]...
| Guy[2]: Yeah, Guy[1]...?
| Guy[1]: Listen, you better not invite THAT dude over for dinner or anything...
| Guy[2]: Uh, why...?
| Guy[1]: *scoffs* Heh... why...?
| Guy[2]: Yeah, why...?
| Guy[1]: WELL DUDE...
| It's cause THAT dude flat-out, calls people stupid...
| Guy[2]: Oh wow, that is rather unbecoming~!
| Guy[1]: It is...
| ...it is QUITE reprehensible, and unquestionably RUDE...
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The reality is this... they will spend a lot more (time/effort), being offended... ...then to ever ask themselves:

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| Ya know, is what I'm doing actually fuckin' stupid...? |
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Cause, that would be a wicked smart thing to ask themselves.

NOT asking that question means that they won't make any effort to (understand/change) the stupid behaviors they have, because those stupid behaviors have worked out so well for them so far. THAT MEANS, they can't be THAT stupid after all. Nah.

But when China eventually decides that it wants to be more wealthy than the United States, it had to adopt some key strategies that led to where they are today. "China is now more wealthy than the United States" was the necessary key moment, to JAR CERTAIN PEOPLE, with some scathing rhetoric about HOW that happened.

Here's how it happened.

China has a lot of smart people there.

More people than in America, probably more intelligent people THERE, than here in America, mathematically.

SOME people won't be insulted at all, when someone starts saying these things... because some people will see that I'm trying to be comedic here, and some people will get it.

The crux of the entire "people do/think/say stupid shit"...?

...is because people rarely think to ask questions or understand things that appear to be senseless or pointless. Nah, cause if it was worth understanding or asking questions...?

Well, somebody would've asked some questions by now, then everybody would have learned something COOL about it.

So, if nobody's asking questions or making an effort to understand YET...?

Then that means it's really stupid, and it probably sucks ass.

Cause if it WAS COOL...? It'd have been considered COOL by now, to know some shit about something that looked totally fuckin' pointless and senseless. WAY cool, NOT pointless or senseless at all.

Happened to Jesus Christ actually, about 2022 years ago.

China just passed America in the amount of wealth it has, as building these ghost cities touches on a phenomenon called "the uncanny valley".

When people see something they don't understand, it causes a sense of DREAD, ANXIETY, or UNSETTLEDNESS, and then they are AFRAID of it. Sometimes, that's just an excuse for them to keep doing something really stupid. Other times, it really comes down to PEER PRESSURE.

Not unlike when you go in the bathroom at the same time as someone else, and you're standing right next to the other guy, you're both looking forward at the urinals, and it takes a little longer to pee, cause... peer pressure. They both know, as soon as one of them hears the pee hitting the inside of the urinal...? The pressure is off.

Apply the same exact mentality to how some people really like my content and rhetoric, but- very minimal numbers of comments, and reactions to what I post.

The REAL reason that is happening, is because of the advertisement I submitted back in February 2019, to Facebook. Ever since then...? Someone has made it a point to me, that they can make it appear as if nobody gives a flying fuck about what I write or say.

However, appearances can be deceiving.

When people ASK QUESTIONS about what they're seeing, it accomplishes (2) things.

- (1) it causes people to be LESS AFRAID of something they don't understand
- (2) it causes their intelligence to rise

That's right. Asking questions causes someone's intelligence... to rise.

But, our society develops STIGMAS associated with this ideology, of asking questions.

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| Guy : Stop asking so many questions... |
| God, you're REALLY annoying with the questions, dude... |
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A lot of people don't bother to do this, they'll hear someone complain about the number of questions...? And they'll immediately feel like that's gonna piss people off... so, don't do it.

I think that really comes down to the idea of DISRUPTION. So, if people see China building megacities with no people in them...? They may point, laugh, and say:

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| Guy : Wow, that's pretty stupid, dude~! Lol~! |
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But, I'm afraid to say that people who point and laugh...?

Sometimes that's a measurement of how stupid they are. China had the last laugh there, and that's why they are the wealthiest country on the planet now.

Used to be the United States of America for such a long, long time...
But, it will never ever be the United States of America, ever again...
I could be wrong about that...? But, I'm nearly certain of it.

China didn't build those cities to populate them.

They did it because it caused an EXPLOSION in their (GDP/Gross Domestic Product), as well as training a generation of skilled laborers. I have a lot of respect for the country, China.

China is not perfect, as they have their fair share of problems too, what country doesn't...? But- China takes a lot of pride in the things they do. America, has lost its sense of pride.

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| 11/20/18 | Is war between China and the US inevitable? [Graham Allison] | https://youtu.be/XewnyUJgyA4 |
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As examined in that video, Graham Allison talks about Thucydides Trap, which is when a particular power seeks to threaten someone elses power, though he explains this ideology in greater detail.

To summarize, this dude shows a clip about how America has a theme of super-slow build times. He showcases a really good example of how SLOW and TEDIOUS it is, to be an American-based construction engineer.

A bridge that was slated to take like (2) years tops...? Took like basically (20). Who takes (20) years to build a bridge...? Uh, America does. While I'm exaggerating, I'm not really exaggerating by a lot.

The (20) year bridge, is compared in the video at the TED talk, to how the Chinese had to rebuild a major bridge which had FAR MORE TRAFFIC going over it... and, they installed this thing in a period of about 2 hours.

America could never do that if their lives depended on it.

I mean, MAYBE if everybody's life depended on it, THEN, maybe in (20) years, they could build the same bridge and install it in the same amount of time... but, not without being forced to do such a thing.

I look at it like this.

General Motors had what it took, to build a decent electric vehicle for so many years.

It just chose NOT to, until...

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A car company by the name of Tesla came along, and said:

| Hey, let's show you how to make some good fuckin' cars, dude... |

Suddenly...?

Almost as if by a mere coincidence, or perfect timing...?

Whoa. General Motors actually had the idea of electric cars and had them ready to sell as soon as Tesla started

What that means is this.

If Tesla did NOT start making electric cars, then General Motors would NOT have an electric vehicle worth a damn.

America has a serious problem on its' hands, and it's not China.

The United States of America has very old ways of thinking and social hierarchical structure, and they need a reboot. Because, the way I see it, if someone has their rich parents buy them a BMW when they're in high school, that automatically means that they're definitely gonna succeed in their life.

Because... having a BMW that your parents paid for when you're in high school...?

That's gonna flat out impress everybody that doesn't have one, and it'll attract a lot of attention from people. It might even be the key reason why that kid got laid as often as he did.

People won't really CARE, if mommy and daddy bought this kid's BMW.

Wanna know why...? Uh, cause he's got one, that's why.

That's the American way, the social hierarchy and the general way that things have always been done.

It sounds pretty fuckin' stupid when I lay it out like that, right...?

Well, think again.

It's not fuckin' stupid at all.

If OJ Simpson can murder Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman, and then not be charged with murder...?

Well, then this kid can get a fully paid for BMW to drive around in, and brag about...

Because that BMW that he didn't buy...?

Having that thing means he's really COOL, and that's all there is to it.

There's no way that some kid who worked his ass off for everything, will ever come even REMOTELY close, to being as successful as him. Doesn't actually matter if the rich kid is a moron, either... because morons sometimes join forces, and they help each other out.

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Moron[1]: Hey, I'm a moron, I need some help from another moron...
Moron[2] : Oh, bro, I've got you ALL day.
Moron[1]: Yeah so, some kid keeps banging my girlfriend...
Moron[2] : Oh, jeez, dude...
Moron[1] : I know, right...?
Moron[2] : Well, you wanna like, tell a bunch of people some shit about him...?
Moron[1]: Idk, like, maybe he should bang his OWN girlfriend instead of MINE...
Moron[2] : I know, dude...
           Obviously, she's gonna come back and hang out with ya.
Moron[1]: Obviously, I have a BMW.
Moron[2] : It is a sick BMW, dude...
Moron[1] : That it is.
Moron[2]: That makes you the coolest kid in school, by having it...
Moron[1] : *shakes head* That's not just ANY BMW, dude...
         : That's a fuckin' 20th anniversary edition 730i..
Moron[2]: Yeah dude, it is hands down, the coolest car that anyone owns.
Moron[1] : I mean, even a Lamborghini would get smoked by that thing...
Moron[2] : ...really...?
Moron[1] : Yeah, dude.
           It's got the pistons all bored out, turbocharger, port polish...
           My parents really spent a LOT of money on this fuckin' thing...
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Legally speaking, you're not allowed to tell someone who's parents bought them everything they have, that they're really stupid for talking shit to people who don't have rich parents. Not only is it really RUDE...? But- then people may just flat out, stop inviting you to their birthday parties.

Once they whip out the big guns and stop inviting you to their birthday parties...?
Then you're REAL fucked, dude.
No birthday party action for YOU, ever again.
Damned if you DO tell them they're a fuckin' moron...?
Damned if you don't.
Either way...? You lose.
That's why it's perfectly legal to have sex with that kids girlfriend, and not tell him about it.

Yeah so, I don't have anything against some kid that worked for his BMW. Nor against BMW. BMW makes decent cars. So, if it is eventually discovered, that the parents gave the kid some CONDITIONS, in order to EARN that BMW...?

That MAY alter my perception of how it was obtained. If he promised not to wet his bed for an entire month straight...? Then, that won't alter my perception at all.

Perfect way to get back at him, too.

But if he actually whipped out the tools, and actually got his hands greasy, and ripped stuff apart and put it back together, in order to build his own cool car...? Then that changes things to some degree.

You see, I had a coach named Coach Careese in high school, he always told the kids...

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| Careese: If you work hard for the stuff you earn in life...? |
| You'll learn to APPRECIATE those things. |
| Then you'll really be callin' the shots n' shit... |
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Maybe some people like this idea of going around calling some people that DESERVE to be called a moron... ...a moron. MAYBE, some people have kept the urge to call some people morons for so many years or decades...? They realize that it's a fuckin' very reliable strategy after all...

But- they may want to be much more candid in the way they go about doing that.

Maybe they aren't sure what the best way to do that is, at least, not without someone coming along to piss in somebody's corn flakes, and take off.

That sounds pretty stupid, right...?

That's actually a metaphor, but MAYBE if I just allow people to think I actually mean that...?

They'll think the idea of someone pissing in somebody's corn flakes, is such a stupid fuckin' thing to do...

...that it causes ME to be considered a really dumb motherfucker for sayin' it.

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| Guy : Buddy, nobody pisses in anybodys corn flakes. |
| You really, IDK man. |
| What the fuck is goin' on in your mind, bro...? |
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Well, I used to think that was pretty stupid too, but- I found out first hand.

Some people LIVE for the NOTION, of pissing right into somebody's fresh bowl of corn flakes...

...and then, as if they were never even there to begin with...? Taking the hell off.

Like the fuckin' phantom of the opera, just, showed up super quick...? Pissed in the bowl of corn flakes...?
And then said, "Adios, ya fuck~!"

It's pretty easy to determine when some moron pissed in your corn flakes, ESPECIALLY if you RECORD it on VIDEO. That typically gets people every time. You'll get someone who's highly respected, and trusted by a lot of people, and then they'll come along and do a real quick piss in somebody's corn flakes (while on video), and then leave.

Then, when you confront them to ask them why they would do something so stupid...? They'll immediately deny that they would ever stoop to such a low level...

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Them : You've got some fuckin' problems, dude.
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Like, why would I EVER think to piss in YOUR corn flakes, dude...?

Me : Uh, it's a pretty good question.

Them : I'm quite offended that you would accuse me of doing something like that.

Me : \*whips out the video URL\* You know, I did tape this URL to a bunch of people's doors before I came to chat.

Them : ...what's that...?

Me : Oh, it's like a link to a YouTube video of you pissing in my corn flakes.

By the way, I'm also recording this conversation we're having.

Them : ...dude, that's not me...

Me : Nah, it's definitely you, it's some real dumb motherfucker pissing into a bowl of corn flakes...

...wearing his Superman pajamas like a really good 17 year old boy does...

Them : ...they're not Superman pajamas, dude...

Me : Oh, do tell, what kind of pajamas are they...?

Them : They're Aquaman pajamas...

Me : Oh, cool.

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Most people in our society are incapable of doing something DIFFERENT than everybody else, because they FEAR being labeled as an OUTCAST, for doing something UNIQUE and ORIGINAL. But I work really hard at doing this, because I know that what I'm doing is actually pretty cool.

In reality, sometimes guys like Stan Lee, the father of Marvel Entertainment, is able to succeed at winning people over. But, people like Stan Lee or George Carlin are far and few between.

A lot of people prefer to make a lot of money by being really lazy and taking advantage of other people. For instance, Michael DeGioralmo from Team Tech in New York State. Perfect example.

Or, Bernie Madoff, chairman of NASDAQ.

Or, Sam Bankman-Fried, FTX.

Or Enron, "rolling blackouts".

Or Exxon Mobil, "World Trade Center 7".

America has been a pioneer of innovation for many years in many fields and industries, but- with every goodie two shoes that has to do something wicked cool...? There's always, inevitably, some chupacabra that goes around sitting on people's chests, causing them sleep paralysis, and nearly certain death.

I really think that there's a theme of complacency and deception, and there's also a lot of discouragement from people in society based on their ACTIONS.

Actions speak louder than words. If you want to get a lot of people's attention...? Do what China did.