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Top Biden Staffers Worked at Firm that Consults for U.S.-Banned Chinese Drone Company

Would a Biden administration answer to the American people — or to Chairman Xi?

Two high-level staffers for former Vice President Joe Biden [formerly worked for](#) the consulting firm Global Strategy Group, which represents the Chinese Communist Party-linked drone company DJI.

The Trump administration has moved to blacklist DJI from operating in the United States. Since 2017, the Department of Homeland Security has identified the firm as “selectively targeting government and privately owned entities within these sectors to expand its ability to collect and exploit sensitive U.S. data.”



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For this reason, the U.S. Department of the Interior decided to ground its entire fleet of DJI drones, “citing increasing concerns about the national security risk from Chinese manufacturers.” The Defense Department and Army followed suit.

Despite these national security concerns, Biden’s campaign hired two individuals who worked at a firm known for lobbying on behalf of DJI.

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On its [website](#), Global Strategy Group lists DJI as one of its “clients,” alongside Facebook, Google, and Twitter.

Matt Hill, who served as Biden’s deputy national press secretary during the campaign and is now a senior spokesperson for his Inaugural Committee, was an associate at Global Strategy group from 2016 to 2018. Hill was also an intern for Biden while he served as vice president.

Meira Bernstein, who was Biden’s director of state communications during the campaign, worked as an associate at Global Strategy Group from 2013 to 2014 before being promoted to senior associate from 2014 to 2015.

A *New York Times* [report](#) from 2016 noted that DJI spokesman Zhang Fanxi described how DJI “is complying with requests from the Chinese government to hand over data”:

In a briefing for Chinese and foreign journalists at DJI’s headquarters in Shenzhen on Wednesday, Zhang Fanxi, a spokesman for the company, said it was still working out how to deal with the data it collects in China. But for now, he said, DJI is complying with requests from the Chinese government to hand over data.

If Biden becomes president, will he reverse the Trump administration’s crackdown on DJI? He has a



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long and notorious history of being cozy with Communist China.

One Biden ally, Michael O’Hanlon — the director of the Brookings Institution’s Foreign Policy Research Team who served on the Central Intelligence Agency External Advisory Board under the Obama-Biden administration — has [appeared](#) on Chinese state media and visited a Chinese Communist Party-run think tank identified by the U.S. government as conducting “undercover intelligence gathering” operations to get foreign actors to follow the CCP’s “preferred policies.”

There’s good reason for Joe Biden and his circle to be so China-friendly: The Bidens’ financial ties to the communist nation.

E-mails [recently uncovered](#) by Fox News showed Joe Biden’s son, Hunter, begging a now-bankrupt Chinese energy company for money.

“I hope my letter finds you well. I regret missing you on your last visit to the United States,” the younger Biden wrote. “Please accept the best wishes from the entire Biden family as well as my partners.”

There is a symbiotic relationship between Joe Biden, China, and Silicon Valley in which all three entities are supporting and protecting one another.

The New American recently [reported](#) on the fact that executives from a number of American tech companies, including Facebook and Google, attended an annual conference held by the Cyberspace Administration of China, which leads the Chinese Communist Party’s digital COVID-19 disinformation campaign.

Not only did Chinese President and CCP leader Xi Jinping speak at the 2020 conference, but the event was attended by companies that have been identified by the Department of Defense as assisting the Chinese military for over 20 years. These include Huawei, China Telecom, and China Electronics Technology Group.

Facebook has been a regular attendee for over half a decade. In 2016, CEO Mark Zuckerberg himself took up a speaking role, as did Vaughan Smith, vice president of Facebook’s corporate development. Additionally, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Google CEO Sundar Pichai had prominent speaking roles there in 2017.

Of course, Americans saw during the 2020 race how the major social-media companies worked to suppress stories that went against the narrative from Biden’s campaign.

It’s a perfect three-way partnership in crime: Biden makes the policies, Big Tech churns out the disinformation to get him in power, and Red China provides the cash to keep it all running.



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